

# HILLWOOD FOOTNOTES NEWSLETTER

## From the desk of the Hillwood Club President....

On behalf of the kids playing youth REC soccer in the greater Shoreline area, I thank you for your participation. Without the combined energy of this entire soccer community the Hillwood soccer club would not be as successful as it has been since 1968. Through our collective efforts kids from all walks of life have been able to experience “the beautiful” game. My vision is such that once these “kids” leave our friendly confines and blossom into well balanced adults they will look back upon their youth soccer experience with many positive and fond memories or life experiences. Please keep in mind, Hillwood soccer is just for kicks!

A quick update - only GU9 teams will be playing in an Inter-City league this year; we’ve again teamed up with our sister club Shorelake from the eastern side of Shoreline, for the upcoming season. In the past these age groups would continue to play a house league within the club until U10. With shortages in teams within both clubs we have decided to work jointly within the city of Shoreline to develop a more positive soccer experience for these age groups, and we can continue to build cross-club friendships with our fellow Shoreline soccer families. Also, this year the club has had a large increase in the number of kids wishing to play soccer at the younger level. With that, many age groups have waiting lists for kids to join, while other age groups are closed due to a lack of coaches. I highly encourage anyone who is interested in coaching a new team next year to get the jump on some coaching education, either through the club or various online resources. Just contact the club at the Hillwood email address and we’ll gladly lend a hand.

Families are again reminded to follow all school and park field rules about **no dogs** on the field on game day or during practices. Both clubs have this priority rule in effect for the safety of all parties. PLEASE LEAVE FIDO HOME!

Many thanks to all of our club and team volunteers as we get ready for the upcoming season, without their efforts we would not be able to continue to provide cost-affordable REC soccer to the youth of Shoreline. Please remember

to thank your team volunteer(s) when you next see them! Best of luck to everyone as we kick off another great year of Hillwood soccer!!

And as always, remember, Hillwood soccer is just for kicks!

*D.J. Yasui, President, Hillwood Soccer Club*

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## Player's Pitch (Parents and players)

### **Fall Season is Here**

Dig out your shin guards, dust off your cleats and start those foot drills; fall soccer has arrived! Coaches have their rosters and are busy calling and emailing players about team placement and practice times. If you haven't heard from anyone yet, contact Sue at the link below.

Early practices are a time to condition, get in sync with your teammates and prepare for upcoming games. Even though competition hasn't officially begun, these workouts are important preparation for the season. Mark your calendars and make practices a priority.

Parents, as the kids are running laps and drilling, consider how you can contribute to the team. Whether lining fields, setting up goals or organizing picture packets, coaches need your support.

High school students, consider assistant coaching. If you're interested, but don't have a specific team in mind, contact us. Coaching is an enjoyable way to get to know the kids, stay in shape and fulfill those community service hours.

Contact Sue [sbrangwin@gmail.com](mailto:sbrangwin@gmail.com)

### **Birth Certificates**

We are still missing birth certificates from some of our registered players. For those who don't have one on file, mail a copy to Hillwood PO Box 60226, Shoreline, WA, 98160. If, for some reason, your personal copy has gone missing, one can be ordered through the Department of Public Health at the link below.

[kingcounty.gov/healthservices](http://kingcounty.gov/healthservices)

## Game Schedules

Coming soon to a field near you - Hillwood Soccer's first fall games. See the schedule below for initial kick off dates.

September 8th for U6-U9 (micro), U11, U13, U15 and U16

September 9th for U10, U12, U14 and U17 plus girls

Micro season runs approximately 8 weeks with games on Saturday mornings. Specific times and locations for U6-U9 players should have been emailed to you at the end of August. If you're still waiting for that information contact your team's coach.

Specific game information for older players (U10+) will be available in early September on the SYSA website under GAME SCHEDULES.

[www.sysa.org](http://www.sysa.org)

## Reminders:

**Keep Fields Clean. No Dogs Allowed** on any fields during practice or games.

**No Jewelry Allowed.** This is not the time to pierce ears. You will need to remove earrings to participate; covering with tape is not accepted.

## Sunset School Fields

Be considerate and avoid dropping players off via the dead end road or parking north of the school on 8th. The neighbors are very sensitive to additional traffic and activity on their usually quiet street. Parking can be found in the school's parking lot, accessed on the southwest side of the building.

## TOPSoccer Kick Off Jamboree

Looking to start the TOPSoccer season off right? Washington Youth Soccer is inviting you to join us September 9, 2012 for a fun-filled afternoon of soccer at Starfire Sports (Tukwila, WA) from 2-5 PM! Be sure to register online today!

Highlights: Player Medals, Activities, Games, a Surprise Guest Speaker and a TOPSoccer Match on Starfire Stadium Field!

[register on line](#)

## **Welcome Shawn!**

We are pleased to introduce our new treasurer, Shawn Van Horn. Shawn has been working as a CPA for the last 14 years and is the mother of two of our Hillwood players, Isaac and Ellie. She resides with her family in the Echo Lake neighborhood and has been active with their local elementary school.

Both Shawn and her husband, Jeff, are native north westerners. She grew up in Bothell and Kent and studied accounting at the UW. Jeff graduated from Shorecrest High, went on to Shoreline Community College, eventually landing at the UW.

Shawn is currently a senior manager with Bader Martin, a local company which encourages community volunteerism. Although the announcement for treasurer had been in the newsletter for some time, Shawn wanted to be sure her son would continue with the sport before she committed to the position - and continue he has.

Isaac, 7, will be starting his third season this fall with the Jedi Knights. His sister Ellie, 4, will be joining some of the younger siblings from the Knights, to play for the Tinkerbells.

If you run into Shawn and her family on the field, be sure to say hello, and thank her for stepping forward to contribute her time and expertise to the club.

## **Volunteer**

Join the Hillwood family by volunteering. From ordering and distributing pictures, to kicking it up with players on the field, there are a variety of opportunities for getting involved. Your little bit makes all the difference in the caliber program we offer. Glance at the options below and ask your coach or manager how you can help, or contact Sue Brangwin at the link below. Hillwood soccer is in the business of shaping strong, energetic and balanced youth. Go ahead, take the plunge and join the Hillwood village.

## **Parent Representative**

Are you a bit of a diplomat who likes things to run smoothly? Consider being a Parent Rep. During the last few years, Hillwood Soccer has experienced very few issues requiring arbitration, but all the same, we need someone available should the need arise. This position involves board meeting attendance, observation of an occasional game and communicating via email.

## **Coach Representative**

Like the parent rep, the coach rep is a problem solver and liaison between coaches and families. In addition to arbitrating, you will have the honor of running the coaches' meetings and serving as a resource for questions. This position requires a few more hours than the parent rep and is a much needed service.

## **Micro Coaches and Assist. Coaches**

This is a great opportunity to get with the kids, run around a bit and lead a team. High School students can accrue community service hours as well.

## **Field Lining and Nets Coordinator**

Create a schedule for teams to set up nets, goals and line fields prior to game day.

## **Adopt a Field to Line or Set Up Nets**

This position would adopt a soccer field to line or set up nets each week before weekend games during the soccer season. The field will be lined the first week with correct measurements to get you started. You could even coordinate with another volunteer to work together or on alternate weeks.

## **Registrars**

Help our kids and families on board by volunteering a few hours in late spring. Here's a simple, fun job that can be done from home.

## **Board Positions**

Help us plan and maintain a future for local rec soccer. If you would enjoy working with others in planning and shaping our club, consider becoming a board member. Here's your chance to participate in keeping neighborhood soccer fun and accessible to all. Meetings are held nine times a year.

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## **Hillwood Soccer Fundraiser**

It's raffle time! Chevrolet and local Chuck Olson Chevrolet are sponsoring the Raffle for Youth Soccer field maintenance and improvements.

The Grand Prizewinner drives away with their choice of a Chevy Equinox or a Chevy Cruze. Second Prize winner will receive a Home stereo system. The

drawing will be held Dec. 15, 2012. In addition to the above prizes, Hillwood has incentives for teams and players who sell tickets.

U10 + team that sells the most tickets will win a Pizza Party.

U6-U9 (micro) team that sells the most tickets will win an Ice Cream Party.

Other prizes include soccer goals, t-shirts, equipment bags, etc.

Coaches received ticket bundles at their August meeting. Tickets cost \$3.00 apiece. Raffle participants will fill out the right side of the ticket for you and keep the left side for themselves. All ticket stubs, unsold tickets and money must be turned into Hillwood by Monday, Oct. 29, 2012. Drop off site and times to be announced. All raffle tickets must be accounted for prior to the drawing.

This is a great opportunity to reseed the money in our field improvement fund to the benefit of all our players!

Contact Toni McSorley: [tonimcsorley@gmail](mailto:tonimcsorley@gmail.com) with any questions or to get extra raffle tickets.

*To make this a success we need your help.*

*Thank you!*

## **Reusing Jerseys**

The following micro teams are reusing their jerseys this fall. Money saved will be donated to the Hillwood Scholarship Fund.

Wolf Spiders (U7B), Fireballs (U7G), Fireflies (U7G), Wildcats (U8B), Angels (U8G), Sounders (U9B), Stingrays (U9B), Mud Monsters (U9G), Panthers (U9G)

Thanks for doing your part to make rec soccer accessible to all!

## **Celebrate Shoreline Parade**

The Celebrate Shoreline Parade was a success. Although our group of participants was small in number, they were brimming with enthusiasm as they entertained the crowds with ball handling skills and their wonderful personalities. Well over 200 flyers were passed out and tons of candy. Thank you to everyone who came out to participate. Our volunteers and parents are the best!

## **Shorewood Soccer Mentors Hillwood Players**

The Shorewood High School Girls Soccer Team held a free training session on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Fifty four players attended this one hour clinic, held in the evening at the Shoreline B Field. Thank you to the Shorewood Girls Soccer Team, the U9 Panthers who served as ball managers and of course Bill Wilkins for putting on this great event!

## **Keeping Your Cool on the Sidelines**

It's a chilly fall day. The rain is drizzling. Your feet are numb, but you hardly notice because the score is tied 2-2 and every goal has been a fight. The team you're rooting for is playing their hearts out and it's the beginning of the fourth quarter. There have been questionable calls. A kid from the opposing team has gotten away with cheap shots, and now he's provoking a mudi on the field. Your sense of fairness is aroused; indignation isn't far. Then your smallest player, the one who never scores, finds himself within inches of the ball. He possesses it and dribbles toward the goal. "Man on!" You shout. An opposing player is gaining on him. He runs faster, faces the goalie and shoots. It's beautiful, straight and strong, right into the corner of the net. "That's what I'm talking about! Way to go!" you yell. Everyone is cheering. Then the whistle squeals and the ref motions 'no goal'. "What? Come on Ref!" You feel the heat rising.

## **DEEP BREATH**

It could be any combination of factors that turn us loyal, usually positive parents into frustrated fans. Our sense of fairness, enthusiasm for competition, desire to encourage our kids and protect them are all good things that can morph in a moment.

Consider your role on the side lines. Why are you involved in sports? What lessons are you hoping to teach the kids? Your reactions in these moments speak volumes and many eyes are watching.

Here are some guidelines to keep things in perspective.

- Keep it positive
- Be encouraging
- Be respectful to ALL - coaches, parents, players, fellow fans and officials
- Stay off the field during the course of the game
- If you need to, take a breath and walk away

Frank Workman wrote an article in the Shoreline Area News called A High School Senior's Letter to Mom and Dad. As we start our fall games, his words from an athlete to his parents serve as a good reminder to us all.

*“Everybody’s always saying how playing sports builds character. You’ve told me that yourself on several occasions. My coach says that while it’s true, there is a greater truth to be said about sports. He says ‘sports reveal character’. As my last year of playing sports begins soon, I hope that the character I reveal will make you proud of me. **And I hope that I’ll be proud of you.**”*

[Letter to Mom and Dad](#)

## Coaches’ Corner

**Please note the following:**

- Only players on the roster can participate in practices and games
- All players need a medical release
- U10 and above teams be sure there are no duplicate jersey numbers

**Look online for coaches clinics [www.sysa.org](http://www.sysa.org)**

## Heads Up

**Smile, Click!**

Pull on your shorts and warm up your smiles, picture day is around the corner. Teams meet at Einstein Middle School on their scheduled day. If you’d like to preorder pictures online, go to [www.hillwoodsoccer.com](http://www.hillwoodsoccer.com) and select Picture Day. Once the packets are ready, coaches/managers will distribute them.

U6-U9 (micro) September 22nd

U10-U19 September 29th

## Shout Outs

Thank you to Tony McSorley for coordinating our participation in the Celebrate Shoreline Parade. What a great way to reach out to the community and enjoy a few kicks off the pitch!

We'd like to send out a big thank you to Catherine Filling and Patty Austin for ordering and organizing team uniforms.

Thank you also to -

Josh Harrisking for ordering balls and other equipment so our players could get off to a strong start this year

Micah and Jess for setting up the micro game schedule

Eric for scheduling practice fields for the season

...And all board members for getting the season off to a great start!

## Your Turn

Has your team received an award or won a tournament? Do you have an interesting story, or announcement to share with the club? Email news and announcements to Carolyn at: [stoebe2newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stoebe2newsletter@gmail.com)

Would you like to see your team's picture on the website? Email it to Ron Norton, Hillwood Webmaster at: [Ron@A-Tech.info](mailto:Ron@A-Tech.info)

### **Sounders FC VS Portland Timber**

Don't miss out on seeing the biggest Cascadia Cup game this year on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM! The entire stadium will be open for this showdown – so let's sell out Century Link Field! Get your tickets today for \$15. Use the password: Youth.

[Washington Youth Soccer Special Offers](#)

### **Seattle Super Soccer Dribble**

Come out with Sounders FC and Seattle University to break the Guinness World Record for the most soccer balls ever dribbled at one time!

Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM at Seattle University's Championship Field Stadium

[Washington Youth Soccer Special Offers](#)

### **Borrowed or Used Equipment**

If you have equipment, soccer literature, uniforms, nets etc. no longer in use, please return or donate them to Hillwood Soccer Club. Drop items off at 20136 23rd Pl NW or at the next coach/manager meeting.

### **More Information:**

Hillwood website - [www.hillwoodsoccer.com](http://www.hillwoodsoccer.com)

Maps to fields - [www.sysa.org](http://www.sysa.org)

Coach and player clinics - [www.sysa.org](http://www.sysa.org)

Tournaments - <http://www.wsysa.com/>

Referee clinics - <http://www.wasrc.org/>

## **Hillwood Soccer Club**

**Investing in our kids, creating memories and  
cultivating a love for the  
"beautiful game"**