



Newsletter – January 2009

On behalf of the Port Moody Soccer Club, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy and successful 2009.



Many, many thanks to all the coaches, referees, coordinators, executive members and other volunteers that make

PMSC the best little soccer club in the lower mainland!! Hopefully, the snow will soon be gone and our kids will be back playing the Beautiful Game.

PMSC Player Development Program Update

The recently completed Fall Session of the Port Moody Soccer Club's new Player Development Program has been an unmitigated success. Almost 200 boys and girls took part from our keen U-9s to our Metro U-17 girls and Select U-18 boys over 10 Monday night sessions. Mother Nature was kind to us as well as we managed to avoid the inclement weather this fall. We reached maximum capacity in all three of our offerings prior to the start of the Fall Session. The Player Development Program focuses solely on the player development of boys and girls in the U-9 through U-18 age groups. It is designed for self-motivated,

determined and committed players to achieve an advanced level of technical skills matching like-skilled players for intensive and personal training with our coaches to achieve rapid development of skill. The program focus is, above all, on individual player development with access to professional, qualified staff through our association with Coerver Coaching BC. The Coerver Coaching method has been endorsed and recommended by FIFA and UEFA along with several professional clubs, coaches, players and national federations.

The Winter Session of the Player Development Clinics runs on nine Monday nights from **January 26 to March 23**. Registration for the Winter Session is now closed but people may still join the waitlist. The winter training provides an excellent opportunity for players to jump back in following the Christmas break, to get ready for crucial Cup games and to tune up their skills in advance of Tryouts. Please visit our website at

www.portmoodysoccer.com/Clinics.html for more information and registration information. If you have any questions, please contact:
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Top Port Moody prospect Marnie McMillan commits to Clan



Burnaby, B.C. – Top Lower Mainland women's soccer prospect Marnie McMillan

(Port Moody, B.C.) has committed to the Simon Fraser University Clan women's soccer program for the 2009 season. The senior at Heritage Woods High School has long family ties to the Clan athletics program; McMillan's mother Taimi competed on the SFU women's swimming team from 1981 until 1983, earning NAIA All-American status.

McMillan was a member of the Under-16 Girls Provincial Team in 2007, while also competing for the Under-14 and Under-15 Vancouver Whitecaps Super-Y teams in 2005 and 2006.

The SFU Clan women's soccer program has won two NAIA National Championships (1996, 2000) in their 21-year history and reached the NAIA National Championship Final-16 in 2008.

(Above article excerpted from a Clan Soccer news release Dec. 12, 2008)

Coaches Corner



Friday Night Coaches Clinics

The Friday night coaches' clinics/games have been very successful. Thanks to Larry Moro who has assembled an impressive list of guest coaches. The sessions are usually held once a month on a

Friday night at Heritage Woods Turf. This is an excellent opportunity for all coaches, both non-competitive and competitive, to join your fellow coaches to learn from some of the best coaches in the lower mainland. The next Friday night coaches clinic will be held on Feb. 27 and will feature Alan Errington.

Tony Waiters Goaltending Clinic a huge success



On November 11th, our Club was fortunate to have Tony Waiters put on a BCSA goalkeepers coaches clinic for 20 PMSC coaches. Based on the feedback from the coaches who attended the clinic, Tony did a fantastic job and the clinic was exceptional.

Coerver guest coaches

All U-13-U18 teams have the opportunity to have a Coerver coach run one of your regularly scheduled practice sessions. This is **not mandatory** but an option if you'd like a different voice leading your team thru a training session once in a while. If you are interested, please contact Larry Moro at coachdevelopment@portmoodysoccer.com and provide the following information:

Team & Gender:

Practice time & location:

Preferred date(s) of guest session:

Preferred number of guest coach sessions:

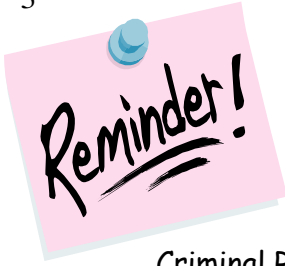
Coach & email:

Evaluations for our U11 & U12 boys and girls 2009/2010 Select and



Development teams will commence in March, shortly after the Club's mini windup tournament. U13 and older teams will begin in April. Watch

the Club's website and local newspapers for dates and times.



Coaching applications

for 2009-2010 competitive teams are due by the end of January, 2009!

Criminal Record Checks (CRCs)

are required to be submitted annually. Coaching application forms and CRC forms are available under the Coach's Corner box at www.portmoodysoccer.com

**Please note that the Club is now requesting that all persons planning to coach non-competitive teams next season are required to submit a coaching application form and a CRC by March 9, 2009.

Parents make Great Coaches! Without volunteer coaches, there can be no soccer league. Please think about being one of them if you aren't already.

Coaching a team of young players can be very rewarding. The time commitment for a non-competitive team averages one practice and one game per week, and some time making phone calls/emails. If you lack experience, our pre-season coaching clinics will give you tips and suggestions.



The Clubs Annual General Meeting will be held on MARCH 10TH @

7:30PM at the Inlet

Park Clubhouse. The AGM is an excellent opportunity to meet your new executive as well as sharing your views on the key issues facing the Club in the future. We need new volunteers who have the positive enthusiasm, dedication, patience,

and caring nature to support the youth in our soccer programs. Please contact any member of the current executive if you are interested in volunteering for the executive for the 2009/2010 season.

The annual Port Moody Soccer Club Awards night will be taking place in April.

This is the annual event in which our club recognizes and celebrates the community service and volunteer contributions of its players, coaches and volunteers. Please stay tuned and mark your calendars once the date is set. Also, start thinking about your nominees for this year's awards. This event is always a great success due to the input we receive from all of our registrants.



The Club will be hosting its fifth annual Spring Soccer Showcase (previously known as the Slurpee Cup) in late May and early June, 2009. The tournament will again feature our top-level U11 - U16 girls and boys teams playing against the best local and international competition.

Aaron MacDonald will be the tournament Chairperson this year, replacing Johnny Millin who did a fantastic job over the past few years. Volunteers and tournament sponsors are needed, so if you can help please contact Aaron at tournament@portmoodysoccer.com