













# ALASKA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION Affiliate Members

### Affiliate Members – Anchorage

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- **► UAYSL**

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#### **OPERATIONS**

#### "Where the Trails of Passion and Purpose Meet, Begins the Path to Victory!"

	DATE	MEETING NUMBER
CLUB REPORT	10.28.17	

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Technical Report for Alaska Youth Soccer Board of Directors	
- October 2017 AGM	

#### **Player Development Pathway:**



#### Alaska Rush Soccer club has the following programs:

- 1. Premier Soccer (Competitive)
- 2. Academy (Pre-Comp)
- 3. Recreational Youth Soccer League (RYSL)
  - a. Summer, Winter 1, Winter 2
- 4. Fairbanks Rush Premier
- 5. TopSoccer
- 6. Futsal
  - a. Goldstrikers Futsal Cup in December
  - b. Futsal Training and Game Play for Academy/Premier Players during winter
- 7. Small ball training
- 8. FAST (Fitness.Agility.Speed.Training)
- 9. Goalkeeper Training
- 10. Functional Training
- 11. Rush Select
- 12. Alaska Airlines Cup
- 13. Alaska Airlines ID Camp

#### **Facilities:**

Summer- We train at Lloyd Steele Park between May and October Winter- We train at Fox Hollow Dome October-April

#### **Notable Club Happenings:**

Multiple Premier Players and coaches attending international and domestic tournaments with Rush Select National Teams

Spooky 3v3 Shootout Tournament October 29, 2017



#### **OPERATIONS**

3 Region IV Pool ODP Players Goldstrikers Futsal Cup December 2017 Portland Timbers Camp Spring Break 2018 Alaska Airlines ID Camp Alaska Airlines Cup

#### **Club Board of Directors:**

## **Board of Directors**

	Term Expires	Position
Joey Caterinicho *	2016	Vice President
Don Castle *	2016	Member at Large
Charles Fedullo *	2016	Member at Large
Brian Farrell	2017	President
Lynne Young	2017	Member at Large
GayNel Cardwell	2017	Secretary
Scott Habberstad	2018	Member at Large
Chris Hoke	2018	Member at Large
Mikel Christopherson	2018	Treasurer

<sup>\*</sup> Board members all agreeing to stay on the board for another 3 year term



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## **OPERATIONS**

#### **Teams and Coaches:**

Team	Coach	Assistant Coach
09G Academy	TBD	
09G. Academy	Ron Kruse	
08G Academy	Julie Shields	Maryann Hoke
08B Academy	Christ Hoke	Chris MacKay
07G Premier	Dan Rufner	
07B Premier	Tyler Jeffres	Eli Ulvi
06G Premier	David Gonzalez	Ben Ramos
06B Premier	Robert DeVassie	Tyler Jeffres
05G Premier	Tyler Jeffres	Melanie Luiten
04B Premier	John Oliver	Dan Rufner
04/058 Premier	Mike Montgomery	Mike Naylor
02G Premier	Brian Farrell	Kylie Street
01/02B Premier	Eli Ulvi	Chris Hoke
00B Premier FBKS	Justin Racette	
01G Premier	Mike Montgomery	
98/99G Premier	Mike Montgomery	Mike Naylor

#### **Rush Core Values:**

Core Value	Description
Accountability:	Be accountable for your actions and hold others accountable for their actions.
Advice:	Seek out advice and aspire to be the best. In order to learn, we must be open to learning and consider the advice of others.
Empathy:	Empathy is at the core of solid relationships.
Enjoyment	Enjoy your work, this is a gift. The desires of diligent workers are satisfied.
Hamilitys	Apologize when you make a mistake. Forgive others and do not look back.
Leadership	Leaders strive to be trustworthy, honest and sincere. They possess traits such as integrity and honor. They are willing to serve others and sacrifice their own interests.
Passion:	Passion always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres. Passion never fails
Respecti	Respect everyone. Respect the opponent, the rules, your colleagues, your superiors and subordinates. Be thoughtful and considerate.
Safety:	Our environment is safe. This includes the office, our travels, the fields and our bodies. Safety is not only physical safety from harm, but safety from ridicule and attack.
Tenacity:	To be successful, persevere persevere but do not be anxious. Fear no one. Be strong and courageous. Work when no one is looking, even when the circumstances are not right and everyone else quits.
Unity:	Together all things are possible. When your teammates are down, bear each other's burdens; conversely, celebrate your teammate's successes.

## ANCHORAGE YOUTH SOCCER CLUB



Developing Youth Football Players in Anchorage Since 1986

#### **AYSC 2017-2018 REPORT**

#### **CLUB PHILOSOPHY**

AYSC focuses on educating players and coaches while maintaining a positive environment. The club promotes sportsmanship, respect, and hard work while teaching the technical, tactical, physical and psychosocial components of the game.

Creating a positive club culture is as important to us as creating a highly skilled and competitive player. In order to stay true to our philosophy, the club has placed great emphasis on the following:

- Long term development of all players, not just the better ones.
- Providing opportunities for our players to participate at all levels of play.
- Implementing age-appropriate training sessions by educated & licensed coaches.
- Encouraging our coaching staff to further their soccer education.
- Promoting teamwork that encourages personal discovery in players.
- Encouraging players to become well rounded athletes that love to compete.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ➤ **Arsenal 01/02 Boys** finished 2nd in the U19 Division in the Alaska Airlines Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Far North Invitational, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U19 division in the UAYSL League, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in State Cup. They plan on attending President's Cup in June.
- ➤ **Arsenal 03 Boys** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 02/03 division in Alaska Airlines Cup, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Far North Invitational, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 02/03 division in UAYSL and 1<sup>st</sup> in State Cup. They will be attending Far West Regionals in June.
- ➤ The **Arsenal 04/05 Girls** traveled to Finland in June and experienced the largest all girls tournament in the world with over 350 teams from all over Europe. They were the only team from the U.S. They had 7 games total and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their division of 7 teams. They also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Far North.
- ➤ The **Arsenal 04 Boys** 1<sup>st</sup> in the Far North Invitational and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 04 division in the UAYSL League and advanced to the quarter finals at President's Cup 2017.
- ➤ The **Arsenal 05 Boys** finished 1st place in the Alaska Airlines Cup, 1st in the Far North Invitational, 1<sup>st</sup> in the UAYSL League, and 1<sup>st</sup> in State Cup. They will be traveling to President's Cup in June.

# ANCHORAGE FOUTH SOCRE CLUB

## **ANCHORAGE YOUTH SOCCER CLUB**

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- ➤ AYSC hosted the 3rd Annual **Alaska FootGolf Classic** at Fox Hollow Golf Course with over 50 competitors
- ➤ AYSC hosted the 31st Annual **Far North Invitational Tournament** with over 60 Teams...Far North 2018 will take place at Kincaid July 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.
- ➤ AYSC is on the 5<sup>th</sup> year running an in house **Recreational League** with over 200 players and 22 teams, offering age groups U6 U16. We are also offering a fall & spring recreational league at Fox Hollow during the indoor season.
- ➤ AYSC is entering the 5<sup>th</sup> year offering a **Futsal League** with seasons running September May with 12 teams playing in our fall season.
- AYSC had 2 coaches further their education with in State licensing and we plan on having 4 coaches participate in the new **USSF education courses** when registration is open.
- > AYSC awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships to AYSC players in need.
- ➤ AYSC offered a **Preschool Academy** in the fall, spring & summer seasons with over 60 kids registered.
- ➤ AYSC offered our 7<sup>th</sup> season of **TOPSoccer** with our TOPSoccer Director, Megan Coleman. Megan is an Occupational Therapist at Kincaid Elementary and she is very passionate about TOPSoccer and hopes it keeps growing across the State.
- ➤ AYSC had over 30 players selected for **Alaska Development Program** with several selected to travel to ODP events and represent Alaska.
- ➤ We had 1 player selected for the Region IV pool and he was also selected for the REGION IV Interregional team competing in November.
- ➤ We had 3 players invited to attend a tryout for the Portland Timbers in August, they gained valuable experience trying out in a high level environment.
- AYSC hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Sterling Performance Soccer Camp** July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> with over 60 players attending. We had the camp coaches' talk to the high school players about college prep and how to communicate with college coaches.
- AYSC is works with the Refugee Assistance Immigration Services to **help bring soccer to refugee players in the Anchorage area**. We help by providing coaches and providing scholarships for 4 refugee players to participate year round in competitive soccer.

We appreciate all of the commitment and involvement from our members and we are looking forward to see what 2018 brings AYSC and the State of Alaska.

# Cook Inlet Soccer Club 2016-17



#### THE CLUB

2017 represents the 35th Year that Cook Inlet Soccer Club has successfully provided soccer programs in the Anchorage area.

Cook Inlet Soccer Club (CISC) is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization that provides both Grassroots (Recreational) and Competitive soccer to the Greater Anchorage community. The club provides scholarship opportunities for those players who have financial need and works with a variety of organizations to help grow the game throughout the Southeast Alaska area.

CISC established a new website and social media presence in 2017, the website is: <a href="https://www.cookinletsc.com">www.cookinletsc.com</a> and connect Facebook @Cook Inlet Soccer Club Twitter @CookInletSC Instagram @CookInletSC

Similar to coaches working with players and parents to develop a successful team, the CISC Staff and Board interacts with our wonderful volunteer coaches, Alaska Youth Soccer Association, Alaska ODP, Anchorage Parks & Recreation, Anchorage School District, UAYSL Representatives and many other volunteer groups to provide the "best soccer experience" for Anchorage families. We are proud of our club and hope this Annual Report provides a glimpse of our activities and accomplishments during 2016-17. Looking ahead to 2018, we are excited at what it has to offer as we 'Forge A Pathway To Excellence'.

#### GOVERNANCE

CISC has been constituted as a non-profit corporation governed by a seven-person Board of Directors: President - Tim Haworth; Vice President - David Wight; Secretary - Cathy Stone; Treasurer - Dale Shaw and At-Large positions held by Pete Diemer; Justin Atteberry; and Mike Lash.

#### **PROGRAMS**

CISC provides a multitude of opportunities for youth soccer players of all ages and abilities:

- Kiddies Soccer (Ages 2-3 Years)
- ➤ U6 –U19 Grassroots Program (Ages 5-18 Years)
- ➤ U10 Developmental Academy (Ages 7-9 Years)
- Academy (Ages 10-14 Years)
- ➤ Elite Academy (Ages 15-18 Years)

Alongside our successful programs we offer, the club also offers a full range of Recreational, Competitive, Team-Based and College ID Camps including the following:

- CISC Recreational Camps
- UK International Soccer Camps
- Seattle Reign ID Camp
- CISC Elite Team Camp
- College ID Camp

#### **COLLEGE ADVISORY PROGRAM**

Through the implementation of a hugely popular College ID Camp, attended by Men and Women's NCAA DI, D2, D3, NAIA, JC & CC coaches from illustrious programs such as: Santa Clara, Oregon State, Air Force Academy, Eastern Washington, Northern Colorado, Concordia, Pacific, Southern Oregon, NIC, Clark College and with over 100 PSA's (Potential Student-Athletes) in attendance CISC continues to provide an avenue to playing college soccer and beyond.

The club also recently hosted a College Prep Night, with over 120 attending. The aim is to help further their knowledge on the myriad of processes related to college recruiting, athletic and academic scholarships, the NCAA Eligibility Center, Player Profile construction and the whole college recruiting process.

CISC College Player Placements:

The following players have graduated from the CISC program and signed National Letters of Intent or have gone on to play collegiately:

Talon Stanley Colorado School of Mines

Azzam Azzam Whitworth

Andrew Depaepe Southern Oregon University
Lucas Wagar Southern Oregon University
James Curro Pacific University - Oregon
Daylan Barganier Tacoma Community College

Kelsey Eagle Seattle University

#### STAFF

CISC currently employs 25 coaches, 7 Full-Time staff and hired a new Technical Director January 1 2017. We as a club are striving to involve more female coaches in the game as good role models for our female youth players and currently have three, with three other female coaches on our Summer Camp staff.

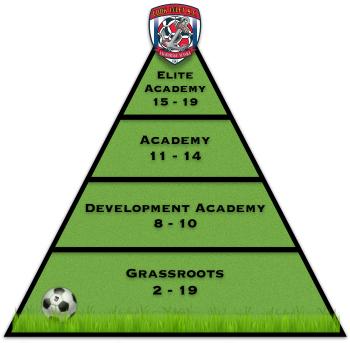
#### **ADMINISTRATION**

CISC currently has a full time Registrar/Bookkeeper with six staff who all support on club administrative needs.

#### **DEVELOPMENTAL PHILOSOPHY**

In 2017 CISC adopted a new Developmental Philosophy, which was implemented by the new Technical Director to allow the club to come in line with US Soccer PTI's, and reiterate the clubs purpose of Development. It is available at: <a href="http://www.cookinletsc.com/AcademyPhilosophy">http://www.cookinletsc.com/AcademyPhilosophy</a>

Our 'Pyramid of Success' is outlined below in our 'Pathway To Excellence'



FORGING A PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE

#### **COACHING DEVELOPMENT**

CISC had three coaches attend the NSCAA (now USC) National Convention in Los Angeles, CA in January 2017 attending coaching clinics and classroom sessions to further their soccer knowledge.

In our strive to keep building the quality of our staff, CISC helps fund coaches attending USSF and NSCAA (now USF) Coaching Courses, and the following coaches were successful in achieving the following licensing:

- Barat Killian obtained his USSF A License, New York, NY
- · Brad Horton obtained his USSF C License, Portland, OR
- Obed Vargas obtained his USSF D License, Anchorage, AK
- Justin Atteberry obtained his USSF D License, Anchorage, AK
- Mackenzie German obtained her USSF E License, Tucson, AZ
- · Alexis Rogers obtained her USSF F License, Anchorage, AK

CISC continues to support the AYSA programs in Coach Allocations and Clinics, with the following coaches involved with the Alaska ODP staff in the last year:

- Pete Showler
- Matt Froehle
- Tim Valesko
- Barat Killian
- Brad Horton
- Mackenzie German
- Greg Bacchetti
- Kaleb Kuehn

We also had 15 coaches attend the recent AYSA Futsal Coaches Clinic held at Mears MS.

#### TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

CISC had a fantastic year at the 2017 AYSA State Cup in Fairbanks, AK. The club had 7 State Cup Winners, 2 Finalists, and one Semi-finalist. The State Cup Winners were:

- 2000 Girls
- 2001 Girls
- 2002 Girls
- 2002 Boys
- 2003 Girls
- 2004 Boys
- 2004 Girls

Two teams will be representing the club and AYSA at the USYSA Far West Regionals in Hawaii, and five teams will be representing the club and AYSA at the USYSA Presidents Cup in Salt Lake City in June 2018.

Playing in travel tournaments is a huge part of the player development program we have in place; this is where individuals and teams can be measured against 'outside' opposition, and giving a barometer of the learning processes and where they are at, and help fine tune their soccer needs in terms of tactics, technique, psychology and physiology.

We also had the following teams compete at the USYSA National Series Far West Regional Tournaments in Temecula, CA and Redmond, WA respectively:

- 2005 Girls
- 2004 Girls

With several teams also competing very well at the USYSA National Series President's Cup in Salt Lake City:

- 2003 Girls Quarter Finalist
- 2002 Boys Quarter Finalist
- 2002 Girls Quarter Finalist
- 2001 Girls Quarter Finalist
- 2000 Boys Quarter Finalist
- 2000 Girls Finalist

Team	Tournament	Location
2006 Girls	Schwan's USA Cup	Blaine, MN
2005 Boys	Beaverton Cup	Beaverton, OR
	Presidents Day Tournament	Phoenix, AZ
2005 Girls	Far West Regionals	Temecula, WA
	Lake Oswego Nike Cup	Lake Oswego, OR
2004 Boys	President's Day Tournament	Phoenix, AZ
	Crossfire Nike Cup	Bellevue, WA
2004 Girls	President's Day Tournament	Phoenix, AZ
	Far West Regionals	Redmond, WA
2003 Boys	President's Day Tournament	Phoenix, AZ
	Sounders Cup	Seattle, WA
2003 Girls	Ahwatukee Classic	Tempe, AZ
	Presidents Cup	Salt Lake City, UT
2002 Boys	Presidents Cup	Salt Lake City, UT
2002 Girls	November Nights Showcase	San Diego, CA
	Player's Showcase	Las Vegas, NV
	President's Cup	Salt Lake City, UT
2001 Girls	November Nights Showcase	San Diego, CA
	Player's Showcase	Las Vegas, NV
	President's Cup	Salt Lake City, UT
2000 Boys	President's Day Tournament	Phoenix, AZ
	President's Cup	Salt Lake City, UT
2000 Girls	November Nights Showcase	San Diego, CA
	Disney Showcase	Orlando, FL
	Player's Showcase	Las Vegas, NV
	President's Cup	Salt Lake City, UT

CISC continues to support all of the local Alaska tournaments, sending teams to the Alaska Rush Alaska Airlines Cup, Alaska Rush Futsal Cup and AYSC Far North Tournaments respectively.

#### INDIVIDUAL PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

CISC continues to support and encourage players to partake in the Alaska ODP program with many players attending the USYSA Regional Championships, Phoenix, AZ; the respective Boy's and Girls Regional ODP Camps in Moscow, ID and Fort Collins, CO and the Sub-Regional event in Fairbanks, AK.

CISC had both the Girls and Boys 'Gatorade Player of the Year' for 2017, they were:

- Kelsey Eagle
- Bubacar Touray

We also had the following players progress onto Major League Soccer Youth Academy Programs:

Jake Stone
 Hunter Sulte
 Jack Green
 Seattle Sounders
 Portland Timbers



#### 10/12/2017

Over the past year Crossfire Alaska has continued to develop an ongoing Youth Academy Program that has routinely trained in excess of thirty young players peaking with more than fifty in some session blocks. This training has proven to be popular with the younger athletes and has led to increased interest in the potential formation of teams at a later date.

We had two dozen participants in a winter Premier Futsal League consisting of five teams that proved to be very well received.

In preparation for the local high school season, we operated an open technical and goalkeeping training which reached out to more than thirty local athletes' otherwise not specific participants in organized soccer programs.

Throughout the year, we held technical training/Coerver sessions for our elementary/middle school aged players.

In the summer we hosted a camp run by Coerver NW.

Crossfire Alaska expects to establish two new teams in the near future. Additionally, our established teams participated in league play and had the opportunity to travel. The 99 Girls traveled to Wags last fall and PDT in February, the 01G competed at the Crossfire Challenge in July and our 02G team is slated to be at President's Cup in 2018.

As winter approaches we continue to run our Youth and Performance Academy trainings interspersed with specific goalkeeper instruction. The open training is to prepare for local high school seasons and is scheduled in early 2018. We expect to build on the collaboration with Chugiak Soccer and hope to reach further into the community to provide technical opportunities for kids and coaching instruction as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Latta

Crossfire Alaska President

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## Annual Report for Eclipse Soccer Club2017 Submitted to Alaska Youth Soccer

The club continues its strategic focus on comprehensive player development. This season, Eclipse has grown by adding U9 teams to the mix. We have built a system whereby U9s and U10s play 7-a-side on a smaller field, the U11s and U12s play 9-a-side on a medium sized field, and the U13s and older play 11-a-side on a full sized pitch. We have experienced steady growth over the past year with near 300 at tryouts and approximately 270 players rostered on teams. We are sporting an all time record number of teams and a record number of member/players in the club. Eclipse is currently fielding the full spectrum of 16 competitive teams---8 in each gender. This is the first time in many years we have a team in every age group for both genders—U9 through U18.

#### **Coaches**

Our coaching ranks have grown as well. On staff we currently have: Howard Maxwell, David Powers, Charlie Parr, Danny Dominick, Damon Crutcher, Shannon Staiger, Steve Shaner, Patrick Evans, Rob Martinez, Peter Shurr, Fabio Mariutto, Kenny Hoop, Logan Lyle, and Lexus Jaramillo. The club-wide coaching leadership staff includes Howard Maxwell as Director of Coaching, David Powers as Technical Director, and Damon Crutcher as Keeper Trainer.

#### June Team Camp

Our annual team camp held in June at the FYSA complex was a great success once again. We had 7 strong high level club and college coaches come in and work our teams and our keepers with great enthusiasm and success. Several of the coaches had direct collegiate coaching experience and ties. Their expertise culminated in several initiatives including a town hall style college prep night and a boys and girls show case game one evening.

#### **College Players**

In addition to the Team Camp College night, we had several other initiatives directed at helping our college bound players navigate the process and get linked up with schools that may have opportunities for them. We currently have numerous alumni club players on college teams throughout the country and we have at least five current club players who have nearly cemented their specific plans and locations to play collegiate soccer. We anticipate implementing several other initiatives directed at helping our athletes find places to play the game they love after high school.

#### Academy

In addition to our 270 current members, we are building a group of young boys and girls who will participate in our soccer Academy. These players in pre-comp ages U9 and below focus on fun foot skills and building passion for the game. Our academy is currently run by our new Technical Director, Coach David Powers.

#### **Special Programs**

In addition to our regular team training environments, we have also provided our members access to several key supplemental training programs throughout the year. These have been

well received and include: *Mastery Mondays*: a program designed to promote foot skill development; *Strikers and Finishing Sessions*: designed to improve our players technical skills and tactical decision making in the attacking third; *Jumpstart Boot Camp*: offered in late May to facilitate strength, conditioning, agility, and balance moving into the outdoor season; and, we are also actively looking to set up a venue to provide dynamic strength & conditioning sessions for our older players.

#### **Future**

The future of the Eclipse Soccer Club is very bright indeed. Our relationship with FYSA and the Executive Director, Colt Chase, has never been better. The Club has office space in the FYSA offices and our two-way communication has improved dramatically since the hire of Colt three years ago. The quality and durability of our great field complex is in no small part linked to the FYSA leadership and membership. We enjoy working with the recreational base of players in Fairbanks and we anticipate exploring numerous opportunities for partnerships with FYSA and the Fairbanks soccer community going forward.

## **Fairbanks Youth**

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## **Soccer Association**

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Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association had a great year. Our participant numbers have continued to increase with last year's unique registrant count just under 2,500. Each season has had an increase in participation numbers, including Tundra TOPSoccer involvement and our referee pool continues to grow and strengthen.

The past year included including several highlights, such as:

- The addition of 14 acres of newly playable field space on our south complex.
- Co-hosting small-sided mini-tournaments
  - The Northern Lights 3v3 Tournament in January
  - o Our first ever Soccer-Tennis Tournament in May during our Kickoff to Summer Event
  - The 'Let's Make Some Goals!' Back-to-School 5v5 Tournament in September
- Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food Truck rally brought over 4,000 individuals to check out 2 dozen vendors at the field complex on a blazing hot Friday night.
- Our soccer community proved that its willing to do whatever it takes to get on the pitch. When the borough
  was unable to clear the turf fields, with 3-4 feet of snow still present on 2 full size fields, hundreds of
  volunteer hours cleared the snow, by hand, within a short time in early April.
- Our aging summer field office was budgeted to be replaced, only to have an entire small building donated by the local Laborers Union.
- Summer camp plans were overhauled to include more 'in-house' options for younger, recreational players through lower-cost mini 'Boot Camp' programs. Higher-priced 3<sup>rd</sup> party camps were still available and overall camp participation, between both varieties, increased.
- While our summer programs see over 2,000 participants, our indoor seasons are smaller in scale. But the joy of our in-house futsal league continues to grow and in just 3 years we've see Fall Indoor registration increase from 430 to now over 750 participants.

State Cup hosting was a wonderful opportunity for us to share our incredible field complex with the rest of the Alaskan competitive soccer community. We were thrilled to see more and more teams participate despite the travel to the Interior. We're excited to host again in 2018 and look forward to improving wherever we can.

Previously, plans to 'resurrect' the Midnight Sun Soccer Tournament in 2018 had been announced. For many years, this was a fantastic event for all of those in the competitive soccer community who weren't participating in regional tournaments to enjoy soccer late into the night under the midnight sun during the solstice weekend in Fairbanks. We were not expecting to host State Cup two years in a row and are sensitive to the tolerance of travel to Fairbanks during the course of one summer for soccer events. As such, we have revised our plans to instead only look to hold this event during years where State Cup is NOT in Fairbanks. This way, teams can still enjoy the benefit of our large, all-in-one-place (!) field complex each summer, without the expectation to make the trip again just a handful of weeks later.

Still, our desire to hold a special soccer event during the summer solstice has not waned. There has long been talk to see an opportunity for recreational players to have a chance to play against teams from other recreational leagues across Alaska. So with the competitive teams returning to Fairbanks in August 2018 for State Cup, our goal is now to host a Midnight Sun Tournament in June solely for recreational level players/teams. We hope to have more details shared later this winter.

## Juneau Soccer Club Highpoints from August 2016 to September 2017



Juneau Soccer Club (JSC) offers a wide-range schedule for all age-groups with year round opportunities.

Academy:
Age groups (U4-U6)
Developmental Academy
Age groups (U7-U9)
Pre-Comp Program

(U9-U11)

Competitive Program (U11-U15) Competitive Program (U16-U19) Goal Keeper Training (U11-U19)

JSC accomplishments during the 2016-2017 season.

- The club had 353 registered players participate during the 2016-2017 season.
- Two competitive teams traveled to tournaments competing in the Mt. Hood Challenge and the Clash at the Boarder. The JSC 04 Boys team took first place in the bronze division at the Mt. Hood Challenge while the JSC 03-04 Girls took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the gold/silver/bronze division at Clash of the Boarders.
- JSC attended the annual Whitehorse Exchange in spring 2017. A total of 87 players (U7) and older played in this annual soccer event.
- Two annual 3v3 World Cup tournaments were held this past season; fall of 2016 and spring of 2017. The fall tournament had a total of 182 players that consisted of 145 JSC and 37 non-JSC. The spring tournament included 136 JSC and 28 non-JSC players.
- In December the Holiday Cup is a popular Juneau tournament for all age groups that guarantees teams at least five games. While we don't run Holiday Cup, we offer quite a bit of support organizing all teams for two of the divisions (Elementary and Middle School). We also help provide some financial support through a grant we receive. Great to be involved in an event that is completely free for players from 9-35+, has over 400 players, and close to 90 games played over the Holiday Break.
- Took part in the TopSoccer program fall of 2016.
- Contracted by the City and Borough of Juneau to provide youth soccer camps for the municipality totaling 176 participants. Three camps were offered; Wee Camp 68, Intermediate Camp 42, and Advanced Camp at 66 participants.
- The club had a total of 13 attendees at the Youth Referee Development clinics.
- JSC hosted the Tetra Brazil Soccer Camp during summer 2017. A total of 135 players attended the camp.
- Five JSC coaches received there E License in 2017.
- John Newell was awarded the Recreational Coach of the year by AYSA.

Hello from KPSC,

This year KPSC was able to field 9 teams. This is one more from where we were last year, but shy of our 10 team goal. We had 5 boy's teams and 4 girls' team. This was the first time in the history of KPSC that we had two U9 teams. What a great age group to watch develop!

Our U9 girls team only attended one tournament, spending their time instead here locally working on skills and developing as a team. They went to Far North and came home with two big wins! They were incredibly fun to watch. I expect great things from that group. Many of our teams had team goals that they met or acceded.

At KPSC our players strive to be competitive, but also learn to push themselves to get better with every practice and game. Our U13 boys team played their hearts out and left everything on the field. While they never came away with a win at a tournament, many of them played in middle school soccer and took first place in our School District Boroughs. It is fun to see all the KPSC players bring their soccer talents to our local schools. The pictures from both boys and girls Borough Championships are filled with KPSC players.

One of the main goals we had at KPSC this year was to bridge the communication gap between the State and KPSC. I am happy to report that this has been a great year and we have had great communication and dialogue with the state. It is so important for us to remain working together to grow soccer in our community and the State. We appreciate all the hard work they put into making this program a success.

At KPSC we strive to foster a lifetime appreciation of the game of soccer, teamwork, individual player progress, fun and sportsmanship. It is more than just a game here in Kenai. Memories and lifelong friendships are built on our fields. We pride ourselves on bringing together kids from all walks of life to play the game they love, win or lose.

Thank you for the opportunity to be involved in this program,

Misty Hamilton

**KPSC President** 



#### PALMER SOCCER CLUB 2017 Annual Reports

#### 2017 PSC Annual President Report Submitted by Kathy Logan

Palmer Soccer Club began their 2017season with an annual board meeting to close out the previous season. We were able to fill several board positions and, after a review of the just ending season, felt that it had been a good year. So on to the planning of the next season.

We had our usual Indoor Season which began with practices the week of March 20, 2015. This was a 7 week program this year. We have been fortunate to obtain school gym time for our practices and rent PJMS for the games on Saturday mornings. That has worked very well. All went well and we had some pleased players and parents.

#### Highlights of the Outdoor Season were:

- Began our Outdoor season the week of May 23, with ages U6 to U19, a total of 37 teams in a 9 week program.
- Our total count for both indoor and outdoor was in the 420 player range.
- Our Annual Picnic was yet again a success, with families staying and playing and visiting with each other.
- We offered a soccer camp the third week of June, bringing up Charlie Carlier from the Mt. Rainer Futbol Club.

This year we added a 4-week Fall Season. We had a number of players participate in this. Our Winter Open Play is continuing, with interested players able to play one night a week from Sept through April.

We are looking forward to the future. We continue to have coaches return and are welcoming new coaches who began playing with our club years ago so that is exciting to see. We also continue to work to involve more of our parents/guardians.

One of the most exciting things for me this season was having a board of very involved volunteers – this made the season a joy to be part of. I commend the entire board of Palmer Soccer Club, as well as some of our other volunteers, for a job well done.

As this is my last year on the PSC board, I feel confident in the future. There is a great group of people in our club and they have focus on where we need to improve, what works well, and getting it done.

#### 2017 Annual Secretary Report Submitted by Gerrie Deal

This year started by organizing all previous years' information and separating by year and Treasurer and Secretary information. All un-necessary paperwork/items were distributed to the other board members. All meetings and working groups were scheduled thru the MEA scheduler. There are agendas and minutes on file for all PSC Board meetings in 2017, to include the PSC Annual meeting. All pertinent information about the PSC has been filed for 2017. Improvement could be made in the following areas: following Roberts Rules during meetings, following up on tabled items or unfinished business and a centralized location for all club files. The board is working on these to improve these items.

#### 2017 Annual Treasurer Report Submitted by Gerrie Deal

The 2017 Treasurer Report starts with the draft of the PSC Budget in November 2016. This draft was reviewed and accepted for use for by the PSC during the 2017 calendar year. Planned annual income was \$41,712.00 and planned annual expenditures were \$49,234.00. As of August 31, 2017, actual income is \$51,729.63 and the actual expenditures are \$33,540.00. There are a few remaining outlay's remaining for this year to include, but not limited to, the AYSA payment and fall season expenditures that will close this gap between income and expenditures. The monthly bills (MEA and UPS) and all seasonal bills were paid on time and all coach refunds and referee payments were dispersed for the 2017 indoor and summer outdoor seasons. The PSC has an invoice process for all refunds provided to volunteers who personally paid for budget items and all expenditures are support by an invoice or receipt. Our largest expenditures are for uniforms and equipment and our greatest income is from registrations. The PSC received two grants/donations from outside organizations equaling \$450.00. The PSC taxes were submitted and received by the IRS for calendar year 2016. I recommend an audit of our 2017 financial records be conducted in the early months of 2018.

#### 2017 PSC Annual Registrar Report Submitted by Michele Kirton

The registration for the 2016-2017 Season and Soccer Skills camp is as follows:

#### • Indoor Registration:

The indoor player count was 125 registered and confirmed players and was arranged into 16 teams. Teams were arranged by age group registration totals. Coed, U7 had 4 teams with a total of 30 players. Coed, U9 had 4 teams with a total of 36 players. Coed, U12 had 4 teams with a total of 33 players. Coed, U16 had 4 teams with a total of 26 players.

#### • Outdoor Registration:

The outdoor player count was 370 registered and confirmed players and was arranged into 41 teams. Teams were arranged by age group registration totals. Coed, U5-U6 had 12 teams with a total of 73 players. Coed, U7-U8 had 12 teams with a total of 106 players. Coed, U9-U10 had 8 teams with a total of 82 players. Coed, U13 had 6 teams with a total of 72 players. Coed, U19 had 3 teams with a total of 37 players.

#### • Summer Skills Camp:

Registered players for camp 109 players, schedule for players was arranged by age groups.

#### • Fall Developmental:

The Fall Developmental player count was registered and confirmed of 59 players and was arranged into four age groups of U6 with a total of 12 players, U8 with a total of players 16, U10 with a total of 16 players, and U13 with a total of 15 players.

Registration for the year was initiated in December of 2016. Registrants could choose from an "ala cart" of events. This allowed the club to offer discounts for multiple season events and family discounts. All teams were based on numbers of registrants for each event and no child was denied playing. PSC had 420 unique registrations for the year.

#### 2017 Annual Program Director Report Submitted by Sabra Sturgis

2017 began with the addition of some new board members and some changes to current board member positions. I moved from coaching director to program director, but after the resignation of the new coaching director I found myself completing many of the duties of both of the positions. I am fortunate to have been able to fulfill the basics needs of both, but would like to make finding a new coaching director a top priority for 2018.

Our indoor season yet again proved to be a challenge with the constant shuffling of teams due to school gym usage. This definitely had a negative impact on several of our participants and gave several people an impression that we were not organized. I believe continuing with this pattern will prove to be detrimental to our organization and would like to put it as a top priority to be addressed for our 2018 season. Perhaps moving to an Academy style session would alleviate some of the challenges.

Outdoor was kicked off with a pre-season skills clinic. Once again this was well attended and our volunteer coaches did a wonderful job introducing players to many of the basics of soccer. This also proved to be a good training ground for some of the newer coaches to be able to observe more experienced coaches.

During our first week of practices we were pleased to welcome Charlie Carlier from Mt. Rainier Futbol Club as a guest coach. He provided coach support and player skill sessions from May 30-June 22 along with running our four-day soccer camp with the help of two coaches from his club in Washington. Charlie's time up here was shorter than we would have liked but it was a good opportunity for him to get to know us and us to get to know him. There was a lot of positive feedback about him. He provided us with valuable information on several of the recent changes within US Youth Soccer such as the ruling on heading and the use of the build out line. He is very interested in continuing his relationship with PSC next summer. If this is to take place we will need to work with him to create a better plan to enable him to work more effectively with our players and coaches.

Finding coaches was incredibly difficult this year. We certainly did not have the quality that we would like to see and had some coach attendance issues that led to several children dropping out midway

through the season. The willingness of parents to be involved also seemed to be down this year. Several coaches said for the first time they had teams where no parents would help. Encouraging and motivating parents to get involved should be another area of work for 2018.

Roster size proved to cause some problems this year. When we first created our rosters, many teams were close to their maximum size. We added several more players after the original rosters. After much discussion it was decided to add teams in our U10, U13 and U19 age groups to avoid having large numbers of players sitting on the sidelines during games. Overall, I believe this was the correct decision. We did run into some problems as many Alaskans like to take vacations in the summer which left some teams short. Complaints about team additions were minimal and most parents seemed to prefer the chance for their child to play more. Charlie has suggested that we consider using an Academy Style of training for our U6 and possibly U8 age groups. This would eliminate the need to create rosters and teams would be formed based on the number of kids present on each day. This idea is certainly worthy of being explored for our 2018 seasons.

Josh Hejl once again was our photographer. His pictures are always high quality. It was suggested that we consider a picture schedule that has times during practices as many players did not show up to the earliest picture times.

For the first time we added a four-week Fall Season to our activities. This was well received by several participants. Cory Cole and Caesar Marciales headed up the U6 and U8 groups and Troy Malstrom took charge of the U10 and U13 groups. The first week was 1.5 hours of stations based activities and the other three weeks consisted of some skill building followed by a game. Players were not rostered on teams but rather divided up just before game time. This made it possible to create even teams and opportunities for success for every child. This session was also a great development opportunity for our referees. The games were conducted in a more relaxed manner which enabled us to give the referees some immediate feedback and encouragement. The Fall Season is certainly work developing into a consistent yearly offering by PSC.

A final area that needs to be improved upon is the communication between the State association and our organization regarding changes in the State and overall changes within US Youth Soccer. We spent a bit of time at the beginning of the season scrambling to make sure we had the proper understanding of the new heading regulations and the usage of the build out line. Since we are 100% Rec soccer we do not have a large number of parents and coaches that are in touch with the competitive side within the state that must keep up with the changes. Having more of a voice in and from the State association would greatly improve our ability to offer our players the most up to date and relevant soccer experience.

A survey was sent out to our 2017 participants. Results will be included with this report. Overall people are very pleased with what we can offer the community.

#### 2017 PSC Annual Referee Director Report Submitted by DayLa Leffel

This year proved to be a bit slow in getting the correct information out from (ASRA) Alaska Soccer Referee Association to our potential new referees. Their website on general requirements has not been updated since November 2015. To speed the process up I went ahead and got certified as a referee Grade 8 in order to properly assist PSC referees and provide them with the correct tools and information.

There was one class this year in the Matanuska area available for referee certification. This made it difficult for those living in the valley. Due to half of them being under the age of 18. I would like to see more training available in the local area this upcoming calendar year of 2018.

While ASRA has raised the bar to make the minimum referee certification of a Grade 8 and the minimum age of 14, I feel that we are missing out on bringing in younger linesman. The minimum at the start of 2017 was Grade 9 and age 12. This works very well for recreation soccer and fits well with PSC. I would like to see us be able to offer Grade 9 module training for linesman.

PSC was able to provide 18 referees between the spring indoor and outdoor soccer season. We currently have 9 certified referees.

I hope to continue to bring on new referees and be able to provide training support and resources easily available in person or on-line.

#### 2017 PSC Annual Uniforms & Equipment Director's Report Submitted by James Brewster

2016-2017 went well for uniforms. I started off with a good list of what was sold in previous years, and ordered inventory to match that. The indoor season went a bit better than expected, so there were a small number of items that needed to be purchased and given to the players later. The main things missing were really small shin guards and the largest size jerseys.

Because I was new to the process, I learned a lot as the season progressed when it came to inventory, necessary items, purchasing, and sales. Initially, when it comes to inventory, the storage process we have is adequate, but could be improved. The other members of the board worked well with me on making sure that if they sold items, or replaced a player's broken equipment, that they marked the board, but having multiple people adjusting quantities is never good for the overall numbers. I also ran into issues with having items in the inventory from different brands, sometimes 3 or more brands of the same size item. I worked as quick as possible to try and get the items to be all of one style.

For purchasing, shipping, and sales, working with DTI Sports was amazing. Their reps gave me a lot of info, and helped me to know what types of consolidation I needed to do when it came to sizes and brands. Next, shipping was amazing with them because they offered the drop ship to Alaska. This allowed us to receive 3 large boxes from the lower 48 within a day, because they were shipped Alaska Air Cargo and arrived the next day.

My biggest recommendations have to do with sales. I recommended it, and know we didn't have the infrastructure to handle it, but there needs to be an online sales option. This will allow for families to purchase their items before the season even starts, and if there's a payment option, there's less money to deal with later. Next, it would be easier to just package the items ordered before the sales date, and when the individuals show up, they can just pick up their uniforms which are already bagged and ready to go; no messing with credit cards, checks, or cash and the line will process smoother and more quickly.

My final recommendation is to have the sales date on a different date than the starting day of soccer season. I appreciate the help I received from the other board members, but I missed some of my son's games on those dates. Having the initial sales date earlier would have alleviated this, and I would not have missed those games. Thanks for allowing me to handle the PSC uniforms.



### **AGM Report**

Wasilla Youth Soccer Association Executive Director, Lisa Catlett Technical Director, Michael Green WYSA Board Chair, Kim Carver





All WYSA programming is thriving and growing. Each program has quality content and is coached and administered by quality staff and volunteers. Our prices are low but the quality is very high, so our families (members) appreciate the value of their players' experience.

WYSA Programs affiliated with Alaska Youth Soccer, US Youth Soccer

- WYSA TOPSoccer Program Summer & Fall
- Valley Revolution Travel Program: 12 teams
- Technical Training Clinics & Camps

One of the biggest obstacles to growing as a state and as a club, is the "pay to play" system. The WYSA board of directors is actively addressing the financial obstacle by seeking grants and sponsorships to provide programming to all kids with the desire to play.

Additionally, we have been increasing our collaborations and involvement in our community in a deeper and more deliberate way. WYSA Executive Director, Lisa Catlett, received a scholarship from the Mat-Su Health Foundation to attend the Triple Impact Leadership Seminar, a 10 day comprehensive educational experience for directors of non-profit organizations, instructed by Kennedy and Associates over the course of 5 months. She also attended the PLAAY Summit in February in Anchorage held at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. WYSA Technical Director, Michael Green, attended the Leadership Summit hosted by the Foraker Group in April.

Since Valley Revolution (competitive/travel program) was founded and began competing in 2013, we are now enjoying the fruits of our hard work. At WYSA, we believe that winning is a by-product of playing the right way. The quality training, quality coaching, and quality matches are paying off and we are developing versatile, well trained players, as evidenced in the following situations/tournaments:



In 2017, USYS Region IV Championships for 12U (9v9) Divisions were held in Temecula, CA. Both of our young teams played hard in the 100+ degree heat and showed the heart and determination that Alaskan athletes are known for.

Valley Revolution 2005G started strong with a 2-3 loss to Albuquerque United, the New Mexico state champions. The girls then accomplished another club first and won their regional match 1-0 verses City FC 05G Academy, the state champions from Nevada. They concluded the tournament with a tough loss to Beach FC, the team that ultimately won the finals and are the new U12 USYS Region IV Champions.

Valley Revolution 2005B fell to Spartans FC Pumas from Cal-South and USA Premier from Utah. They battled hard against Barcelona USA Neon getting an early 1-0 lead, but ultimately lost 2-4 to the Nevada state champions.

## **AGM Report**



Valley Revolution 1999G drew a tough bracket and played the state champions from Arizona and Washington, as well as the champions of the Far West Regional League - California Division with several national team players on their roster. The girls played quality soccer, adjusting to the level, and substantially improving in each half. Our matches were well attended by college coaches recruiting for their soccer programs, NCAA Division I, II, III and NJCAA. The girls proved that they belonged and could compete at this level.

While other clubs and teams in Alaska often choose to forego Regionals and attend other Tier II / III events, we believe the true path to excellence requires experiencing the highest level possible. Though this may be difficult, ultimately the challenge results in growth and creates better players.











WYSA Valley Revolution had one of their own Alaska grown players identified and invited to the US Soccer Development Academy, not once but twice this year. The DA is a partnership between US Soccer and the top youth clubs around the country designed to provide the best players in the country with an everyday training environment. The goal of the DA is to produce the next generation of National Team players. The Academy's programming philosophy is based on increased training and less games in total with a higher standard of competition.

John Sava Catlett is a Valley Revolution 2006B player that has been participating in WYSA programming since 2010. He has played soccer in the WYSA Summer Recreational League, WYSA Spring Futsal Developmental League, WYSA Fall Outdoor Developmental League, and with Valley Revolution teams. He also played with Loudoun 06B Red team for 7 months in the Club Champions League (against the top club teams in the DC, Virginia, Maryland metro area) as well as the top tournaments in Region I, including Jefferson Cup. Sava was one of the few players selected for the DA program while attending the DA Talent ID Center in Loudoun, VA. He declined this invitation due to location and logistical issues and returned to Alaska. A few months later, Sava was invited to play in the US Development Academy with FC Portland Academy after being identified by ODP Region IV coaches while attending the Alaska ODP Sub-Regional Camp this August in Fairbanks, Alaska. We are grateful for the Alaska ODP program and ODP director, Joe Wentworth, for providing environments for Alaskan youth players to be seen and facilitating quality play opportunities.

#### College Soccer

Additionally, we have now graduated our eldest players from our Valley Revolution 99G team in the class of 2017. Three players are currently playing college soccer: Marissa Carroll at St. Olaf College (DIII), Alia Donley at Lane College (NJCAA), and Ally Hull at Concordia University Wisconsin (DIII) as a dual sport athlete also playing hockey.

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