

SPACE COAST UNITED SOCCER CLUB

13 in 2013!

Space Coast Hosting Annual 3v3 Tournament in December

Our 13th annual Space Coast 3 v 3 Challenge is on Saturday, December 7 at Viera Regional Park and we will need volunteers to help make it another great day of soccer for the contestants. The tournament is open to players 5 years old to adult. Each roster can have up to 6 players and each team plays a minimum of 4 games. The teams simply check in at the soccer fields an hour before their first game.

That time of year the weather will probably be gorgeous. Why not enjoy the fresh air at the fields helping young athletes in a fun and competitive environment. Can you help set up the fields and goals the night before? Perhaps manning a registration table or functioning as a Field Marshall is more your style. At the end of the day, you can help hand out trophies or join a field breakdown team.



2012 Space Coast 3 v 3 Challenge

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, [Danica Blanchard](#), or visit the [Volunteer Option](#) under the Our Club tab on the Space Coast website. Enter a team in the competition at the link below.

[Register a Team!](#)

Where Does The Money Go?

Why Events Like Casino Night Are So Vital To Our Club

Most of us know how much it costs to buy a soccer ball at Target or a pair of shin guards or cleats at Sports Authority. We soccer mommies and daddies seem to have it made compared to parents with children competing in sports like hockey, football, and lacrosse. Except a quality soccer program requires more than a ball, shin guards, and cleats.

The registration fees we all pay are put to very good use. Consider just a few of the things our club has invested in over just the last year:

Goals/Nets/Equipment: \$8,000 Rec/YDP/Coach Uniforms: \$31,100
Lighting the Fields: \$15,300 Referees: \$33,100
Register/Insure Players: \$27,900 Field Paint: \$11,600

That's only 6 items and doesn't include the continued investment we make in professional training and coaching. (cont. on page 3)



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Remember!

FALL FUN DAY

**For All Members of
Space Coast United**

**Saturday, November 02
1:30–4:30**

Contact

[Carol-Ann Zaroogian](#)

for more information and to offer your help with the event.

Raffle tickets are available at the concession stands beginning October 19.

Upcoming Events

November 2
Fall Fun Day
1:30 — 4:30 p.m.
Viera Regional Park

November 9
Spirit Night
7:00-11:00 p.m.
World of Beer

November 16
Casino Night
7:00—11 p.m.
Holiday Inn Viera

December 7
3 v 3 Tournament
Viera Regional Park

January 18-19
Space Coast Cup
11 v 11 Tournament
Viera Regional Park

TOPSoccer: Do You Know Someone Who Has What It Takes to Be A Buddy?

Space Coast United's TOPSoccer season, a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, begins on Saturday, November 2 and potential buddies have until October 20 [to apply](#).

The program usually has at least 10 sessions that run for an hour and 15 minutes. Buddies are asked to arrive 15 minutes early to meet and greet and stay a little afterwards to help clean up. So buddies typically qualify for at least 20 community service hours for the full season.

Matt Lannon, a buddy earlier this year, said of the experience, "When I first learned of TOPS I wasn't quite sure if it was really something that I wanted to do, but after getting the feeling of helping people, it made me want to keep coming back every week. I am really glad I chose to participate in TOPS and will continue to move forward with it."



His younger brother Josh, also participated for the first time and offered these words of encouragement, "The program is well done, allowing breaks and games, and it never feels overwhelming, showing me that volunteering can be fun."

The program enables kids who don't get to play on a team have the chance to play soccer with others, and as Matt says, "I learned just as much from the players about myself." Win! Win!

"A champion is someone who does not settle for that day's practice, that day's competition, that day's performance. They are always striving to be better. They don't live in the past." ~ Briana Scurry, U.S. National Goalkeeper (World Cup winner and Olympic Gold Medalist)

Suds and Space Coast Spirit on Saturday, November 09

No reservations or tickets necessary for this event! Just show up at World of Beer at the Avenues in Viera between 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. and join in the fun.

According to their website, "At World of Beer, we want you to feel right at home while enjoying our extensive selection of craft beers, whether you're a beer aficionado or a casual beer fan. Join us to partake in the best beers from around the world and pump up your beer knowledge with the help of our friendly staff of experts in a great atmosphere." That sounds like a great place to gather and swap soccer tales of triumph and woe.

If you're not a fan of the brew, they also have an extensive cider selection and soft drinks are available.

We will have a 50/50 raffle and perhaps offer a few gift baskets for auction. A portion of the proceeds benefit our club, so come out and show your Space Coast spirit for a good cause!



Adidas Columbus Day Classic Tournament

CHAMPIONS

- ◆ U16 Boys: Coach Dean Flexton
- ◆ U13 Boys: Coaches James Phillips and Bob Robidoux

FINALISTS

- ◆ U17 Boys: Coach Cory Collins and Mike McGonagle
- ◆ U12 Boys: Coaches Kevin Murtha and Rich Stein

Brevard Fall Challenge

FINALISTS

- ◆ U12 Girls: Coach Lew Storum



U13 Boys: Coach Phillips and Robidoux
Photo by Alicia Booker



U12 Boys: Coach Murtha and Stein
Photo by Susan Eaton



U12 Girls: Coach Lew Storum
Photo By Gwen Tegart
They look ready to start the match!

Visit our Facebook Page
for more Pictures and
Video from the
Tournament!



Speaking of Tournaments....

Very exciting news!

We are indeed hosting our own 11 v 11 tournament this winter. The Space Coast Cup will be held at Viera Regional and Palm Bay Regional Parks over the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend.

More details to come in the next newsletter.

Some of Our Wonderful Team Sponsors!



U13 Boys Select



U16 Girls Travel



U15 Boys
U9 Girls Academy



U13 Girls Travel



U15 Girls Travel

Where Does the Money Go?

(Cont. from page 1)

Take a look at our Mission Statement on page 6. Our club is absolutely committed to making this the highest quality soccer experience possible for all skill levels and abilities. Meeting and exceeding this goal requires a dedication to employing excellent staff, providing scholarships to players from families in need, and maintaining safe playing fields.

The Club strives to keep player registration costs reasonable for our member families which means we require additional sources of revenue including Corporate Sponsorships and Fundraising Events.

If you know of a local business that would be honored to assist us in serving our community, please contact a member of the board or direct the sponsor to the link below.

Sponsorship Package

The donation can be designated for a team or the club as a whole. This is a non-profit donation and therefore tax-deductible.

Please join us at World of Beer for Spirit Night on Saturday, Nov. 09. A percentage of the proceeds benefit us directly!

But even more important...have you bought your ticket to Casino Night yet? Have you sold any to family and friends?

Saturday, November 16
7:00—11:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Viera
\$40 per ticket

Great evening of fun!

See your team manager, stop by the concession stands on Saturdays or email Lisa or Ann for tickets.

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Did You Know?

- ◆ You can [log your volunteer hours](#) to make sure you get proper credit.
- ◆ The wooden kick walls were built by Eagle Scouts.
- ◆ You can follow us on Twitter [@scusc](#)
- ◆ The '97 U14 Boys team were the President's Cup State Champions! (commemorative sign can be found at the Wickham Fields)



Toby Gutierrez: Director of Recreational Programs



Toby was born in Argentina where it may very well be required to be a fan of the beautiful game from birth. He grew up on Long Island, NY and played as much as he could, even in rain, sleet, or snow. Toby insists, "If you never played in the snow, put it on your bucket list, so much fun!"

Toby began coaching when he first registered his daughter with Space Coast United in 2005. They have not missed a season since. He is currently coaching two recreational teams— U14 Girls and U16 Coed squads as well as serving on the club's Board of Directors.

He considered joining the board to be a way to give back to a club that has given his children so many great memories and opportunities. Toby says, "We are always striving to build a better, stronger recreational program which gives children an opportunity to strengthen their skills on and off the pitch." He would like to see the club implement an after school tutoring/homework program in which our older

players can take some time to tutor younger players in need of help with their studies. Such a mentoring program would certainly benefit everyone involved.

Toby, other Space Coast parents, and some older children of all skill levels play pickup games on Friday and Sundays evenings for fun and exercise. Anyone interested is welcome to join them! You can email Toby at redirector@spacecoastsoccer.org for more information. Come out and experience the game your children and the world love to play!

What is YDP & the Academy and Why Do We Care? (Part 1)

Rob Dinnie, Director of Academy, explains the concept and goals of the Space Coast United Youth Development Program.

When returning to Space Coast United in 2009, Rob says the objective was for a youth development program that would provide a fun and positive learning environment resulting in the best possible soccer experience for our youngest members. The goal was to offer something different from other local clubs by implementing two distinct elements. Every age group would work on the same age specific professional curriculum and professional Club Trainers helping to implement it, from U5/6 and up. In the long term, we want to produce a greater number of young players with the basic skills and ability to progress to a competitive level in order to compete against the best clubs in Florida.

The YDP program currently includes Microkickers (3 years old), Minikickers (4-5 years old), and team play up to the U12 level (11 years old).

Rob Dinnie sees the program fitting into the Club's comprehensive programming this way:

- ◇ YDP (3-8 years): Fostering the desire to play
- ◇ YDP/Academy (9-12 years): Learning to play
- ◇ Rec/Comp (13-16 years): Developing the player
- ◇ Rec/Comp (16-19 years): Preparing to compete



The Academy Program, a transition from YDP to competitive soccer, is a natural result of a program geared towards instilling a love of the game in a learning based environment designed to focus on age appropriate player development. The Academy approach will be featured in-depth in the next issue of the Space Coast United newsletter.

Mike McGonagle: Director of Select Teams

Mike played soccer a bit as a kid, but he says it was nothing like what we have for clubs now. He also played little league baseball and in high school played lacrosse. In college, he played whatever intramural sports his friends were into at the time, but insists he was never a top player in any one sport, being much more into martial arts.

He started youth coaching in t-ball and then joined Space Coast United in the spring of 2001. He began coaching recreational soccer a season later once he'd been identified as a "helpful parent volunteer." Mike credits Rob Dinnie's passion for the game, his player development ideals, and youth coaching philosophy for attracting his family to Space Coast United and wooing them away from baseball.

Since that first season, Mike has coached many boys and girls from U6—U14 on Rec teams and even coached three teams, one for each of his children, in a single season a few times. Mike has been a team manager and also coached competitive U9-U17 teams. He is currently the assistant coach for his son's U17 Select team and his daughter's U14 Travel team. Mike has had formal coach training with FYSA youth modules, and has F, E, D, and NSCAA GK Level I and II licenses. He is also a trainer for the YDP/Academy program and serves on the club's Board of Directors. He does all of this while working for Harris Corporation as well!

Mike joined the board as Director of Select Teams because he wants to help with some of the new ideas Scott Armstrong, Rob Dinnie, and the board are looking to implement over time. "I really like what we're doing with the younger Academy groups and training pools of players instead of having a more traditional separate team structure. Ideally, I would like to see the whole club take on a more unified feel."

Mike wants everyone to know they can always approach him or any other board member with questions or concerns. "The only way we can address issues and make things better is to have people involved and engaged."



The rules of soccer are very simple, basically it is this: if it moves, kick it. If it doesn't move, kick it until it does." -Phil Woosnam, Welsh soccer player and manager

Stephanie McMinis: YDP U6 Head Coach and U10 Assistant Coach (Wickham)

According to Stephanie, she "played the game before girl teams were even thought of in the leagues." She has now coached youth soccer for five years starting at Rockledge Soccer Club and then joining Space Coast United. She became a youth coach for the children and to show them love for the sport. She hopes the kids she is working with will develop not just a love of the sport, but passion, confidence, self-esteem, teamwork, respect, and discipline.

Coach Stephanie likes a challenge and constantly strives for improvement. She says, "Soccer is more than a game, more than a ball and players, it is a family...With hard work, practice, and the willingness to try, anyone can play soccer." Stephanie's oldest is a special needs child and plays with heart. So she understands that it can be hard and sometimes past the breaking point of frustration, but she never gives up. She's dedicated to making sure each child has the time, patience, and understanding they need. She encourages them to try something new that might help make it all "click," so they can play and understand like everyone else. No one should be singled out just because they don't "get it." Stephanie gets it!

She says her teams this season have been wonderful and she can't wait to see how much they will grow further with the club. She's confident these children will succeed and knowing she might have helped — even better!



SCUSC PROGRAMS

Micro/Mini-Kickers
Ages 3-5

Youth Development and
Academy
Ages 4-11

Competitive
Select/NPL
Ages 9-19

Recreational
Ages 13-18

Goalkeeper Academy
Ages 9-19

TOPSoccer
Ages 4-19

CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

Established in 1984, Space Coast United Soccer Club is a non-profit organization run by volunteers dedicated to families who wish to enjoy the sport of soccer and to provide opportunities to play at all levels from ages three to eighteen with the highest quality of programs available in the State of Florida. Our efforts and energies are directed to the following objectives:

- We strive to develop players at all levels of play – recreational and competitive – by building and improving their skills, confidence, fitness, initiative and a sense of teamwork.
- We are committed to developing coaches and referees to the highest level through a quality instructional, licensing and mentoring program.
- We aim to ensure all of our players' personal goals are met whether they be enjoying recreational soccer, playing on an elite or premier competitive team, playing on your high school team, playing in college, or on an U.S. National team someday.
- We promote and encourage high standards of sportsmanship and fair play and strive to ensure all players are doing it "For the love of the Game!"

Photos of AGDC tournament in Tampa, Columbus weekend. Trent running, Jason header, Kieran in goal, and Coach Flexton.



U16 Boys

**Coach
Dean Flexton**

**Champions
at the Adidas
Columbus Day
Classic**

**Tampa, FL
October 12-13**

The trophy, Ryan, Brandon kicking, Ryan again, Dean w/Trophy, Dean/Ryan, Nick defending, The Team



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