

SPACE COAST UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Mark Your Calendar: Spring Fling Is Coming!

Please join us on **Saturday May 3, 2014**, for the Space Coast United Soccer Club Spring Fling Day. It's a chance to come together as a Club community and for the Club to thank our players, coaches, and volunteers for a phenomenal Spring season. The Spring Fling Day will be held at the **Viera Regional Park** fields from **1:30PM to 4:30PM**. This afternoon of fun includes inflatables, food, beverages, field games, a raffle, and now will include a vendor market place.

Would you like to promote your business or service and help support Space Coast United Soccer Club at the same time? This year we are adding a market place where vendors may set up a table to promote their business and sell their product or service, while helping support Space Coast United Soccer Club. A table costs \$30 and can be reserved on-line. Simply go to the [Registration page](#), log in, and choose "Spring Fling - Table Space". This is an ideal opportunity to support Space Coast United Soccer while promoting your business to over 1,000 players and their families, trainers, coaches, and volunteers.



Volunteers needed for a successful event. Please see the [Club website](#) to sign up and volunteer for a shift or donate supplies.

You definitely don't want to miss this event. The Club will be making an exciting announcement during Spring Fling in honor of our 30th anniversary year!

For more information and to help sell raffle tickets at games the weekends of April 19-20 and 26-27, please email [Carol-Ann Zarogian](#)

Space Coast Well Represented at Pilot PDP Event

Space Coast United had nine girls invited to join the player roster for a Player Development Program (PDP) pilot event held in Jacksonville the weekend of March 22-23 where our Director of Coaching, Scott Armstrong, was appointed to the PDP training staff.

217 top boys and girls players from 34 clubs in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina participated. The event is the first PDP to include a full scope of youth age groups and will be held multiple times per year to provide an ongoing developmental experience.

The newly expanded PDPs are part of US Club Soccer's commitment to expand the Player Development Programs from primarily the U-13 and U-14 age groups once a year to additional age groups and more frequent training opportunities. The programs are being piloted in selected locations across the United States this year. *(cont. page three)*



M. Burton, V. Dorr, F. Espinoza, K. Haig, L. Jackson,
A. Kloeppel, M. Redito, C. Santos, and K. Zangenah
named to PDP Pilot Roster



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Remember!

To Submit Game
Results and Pictures

They'll be posted to
Facebook and included
in future Newsletters!

[Media Email](#)

Select Teams Tryout Dates Released

NPL

Sunday, May 18th

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Thursday, May 22nd

(Make up dates May 23-24)

State/Region Cup Teams

Thursday, May 29

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Sunday, June 1

**Teammates are critical
to your success
The reality is no matter
how good you are,**



Alex Morgan
Olympic Soccer
Champion

**You can't score if THEY
don't pass you the ball.
You can't win if THEY
don't stop the other team.**

Space Coast Alumna Signs with L.A. Blues and Called for National Duty



The LA Blues announced they have signed forward Katie Stengel for the 2014 W-League season. She recently finished her NCAA career at Wake Forest, where she was the most decorated player in their program history, a three-time All-American who holds career records for goals and assists. She ended her career with 50 goals scored and 25 assists for the Demon Deacons.

"I could not be more excited to have Katie for an entire season," Blues Manager Charlie Naimo said. "She spent limited time with us down the stretch

last year and made major contributions to the championship run. Many would agree that Katie is the absolute best forward coming out of college this year and the fact that she is playing with the Blues makes us all feel great that we have built a program worthy of her decision."

"I am honored to be offered a spot back with the Blues this year," Stengel said. "I enjoyed getting to play with them last year and am looking forward to training and playing this year. It seemed like a no-brainer to stay in beautiful Southern California all summer preparing for our next professional step in our career. I'm looking forward to playing with this great group of girls and coaches."

Read more at <http://wleague.uslsoccer.com/home/783908.html>

U.S. Women's National Team head coach Tom Sermanni has named 24 players to a training camp roster, including Stengel, for the USA's upcoming matches against China PR on April 6 and April 10. Stengel has participated in U-16, U-18 and U-23 US Women's National Team training camps and games, and won the U-20 FIFA World Cup in 2012.

Read more at <http://www.nwslsoccer.com/News/796972.html>

We are so excited for Katie and her family!

Space Coast Offers Sponsorship Opportunities for 2014-15

The Club strives to offer the highest level of service to our members and our community while attempting to keep individual costs down for our member families. One way we are able to do that is through the generosity of our business sponsors. We take their contributions seriously and make an effort to provide benefits that make their sponsorships worthwhile to them as well.

Depending upon the level of giving, sponsors may receive any or all of the following benefits in exchange for their part in helping us continue to improve operations and programming.

- ◆ Prominent Signage at Wickham Fields and Viera Regional Park
- ◆ Logo placement on training apparel and uniform jerseys
- ◆ Reciprocal link on the Club website, generally utilizing a logo or other identifying image.
- ◆ Free ad placement in the Club newsletter.
- ◆ Social media promotion via the Club's Facebook page and Twitter account.
- ◆ Press Release campaign with local media
- ◆ Team plaque for lobby/storefront placement.

If you know of any business that might be interested, please email our [Board of Directors](#) and someone will follow up with the opportunity.

Player Development Program (cont. from page 1)



Each expanded PDP program will include four events over the year for players in U-13 through U-18 age groups. By including multiple age groups with multiple events, the developmental and identification impact of the PDPs is significantly enhanced, and provides opportunities for top youth players throughout their entire career. As is the case for all id² and PDP events, there is no cost, aside from travel expenses, to participate in these expanded PDPs.

US Club Soccer's PDPs are regionally based identification and developmental programs conducted within the [id² Program](#) umbrella and focused around National Premier Leagues and other top leagues in specific geographic areas. PDP invitations are based upon scouting within NPL and other top clubs and leagues, as well as objective recommendations from Directors of Coaching. Each PDP event includes a training session, an internal competition and periodically an off-field educational component.

id² Program staff are on-site at PDP events to scout players for potential inclusion in id² Training Camps. Both the id² Program and PDP events have been granted Olympic Development Program status.

What an exciting opportunity for our Space Coast players to gain recognition for their abilities and performance and showcase Space Coast as an elite club in our region!

McHUMOR.COM by T. McCracken



"I don't get it. You can make a goal from one end of the field to the other, but you can't hit the laundry basket six inches away."

What Comes After MiniKicker? YDP U6 Kicks Off the Next Stage of the Soccer Journey



Space Coast United's Youth Development Program is designed to offer an alternative to the traditional recreational program in that it provides a development pathway to the next levels of Select Academy (U9-U12) and Competitive Soccer (U13 & above). It includes a progressive weekly age-appropriate curricula that focuses on ball mastery, 1v1 situations, passing, shooting/striking, defending, and overall individual player development.

The focus is to develop the player rather than a team. Professional Club Trainers are available at every session to help and oversee our Parent Coaches deliver the weekly lesson plan. Space Coast United offers this foundational approach to the sport because we believe in providing each child with the "Best Possible Soccer Experience."

The youngest members of our Youth Development Program are the U6 age group. They needn't have participated in either the MicroKicker or MiniKicker Programs and can register for U6 Youth Development simply by being 4 or 5 years old by August 1. Our registration process provides guidance with respect to placing a player in the proper age bracket.

U6 practices one evening a week at Wickham Fields, Viera Park, and Indian Harbour Beach and have eight games at 9:00 a.m. Saturday mornings throughout the fall or spring season. The games are 4 v 4 on a 30x45 yard field with no referees. Coaches manage the game and step in to deliver information on kick off, kick ins from the side, and other basic game rules. Our aim is to make the game a learning and teaching environment.

Registration fees include two uniform shirts (red and white) and one pair of black shorts and socks. Parents need to provide a #3 soccer ball, shin guards, and soccer cleats.

Parents interested in learning more about becoming a U6 Parent Coach should contact Director Rob Dinnie at ydp@spacecoastsoccer.org.



Consistent Performance

By Sam Snow

Consistent match performance is a never-ending effort for players. One can watch a professional team and see dips and rises in the performance of highly talented players. This 'ebb and flow' of performance is a natural human characteristic. One must also consider the age and soccer experience of a player. The younger and/or the less experienced player will naturally have more obvious peaks and valleys in game day performance.

To achieve consistent performance a player must be self-motivated. Only intrinsic motivation leads to expert abilities!

A soccer club can help establish the right environment for peak performance by continually educating the coaches, administrators and players' parents on a proper developmental soccer culture, by providing free play (pickup game) opportunities at the club, by hosting skills school evenings, by playing small-sided games, etc.

A parent can help guide a player toward peak performance by teaching and modeling best off-the-field practices; i.e., good eating habits, proper sleep routines, deep hydration habits, personal exercise routines, etc. The parent can encourage the child to practice soccer skills at home.

But the most important motivating factor for parent to child is for the parent to let the child know that you love watching them play soccer....

Read the full article at
[US Youth Soccer.org](http://USYouthSoccer.org)

Amateur Team Photographer: What does It Take?



Our Facebook followers may have noticed photo credits for an S. Eaton. Susan Eaton is an amateur photographer who also assists our Communications Team. Her son, John, joined Space Coast Fall 2005 as a Minikicker. Susan coached three YDP seasons before John moved to Select Teams .

She began seriously photographing games two years ago and now takes hundreds of photos at each match, edits them and posts the best for all the U12 Boys' parents and

players to view on a Shutterfly website. At the end of each season, she creates a video keepsake for each family. We wanted to know a little more:

SCUSC: Why did you begin photographing all the games?

Eaton: I started taking pictures at Florida Tech matches about four years ago when John's U10 YDP trainer played for them. I posted them on Facebook and instantly received Friend Requests from most of the team and some of their parents. I got a kick out of watching the boys tag themselves, comment, and share with family overseas. I realized a moment captured in time, particularly when it's a photo of you doing something you're passionate about, can mean so much. I also wanted to stay involved with the team, but no longer coach. Photography has been a tremendous way to keep that connection.

SCUSC: What equipment/software do you use?

Eaton: I have a Canon Rebel T3i and use an inexpensive zoom lens for most games. For special occasions, like the Disney Junior Showcase, I rent a pro lens and it does make a difference! To edit the photos, I use Microsoft Office 2010 and MovieMaker for the videos. It's all very basic stuff.

SCUSC: What are some of your favorite photos you've taken?

Eaton: (Laughing) You would think pictures of my own son, but my favorites are of special moments like when Ryan Walsh got his first goal this season. It meant the world to me that I could share those with his parents who weren't able to be there in person. His mom told me she was in tears when she saw them later that day. Preserving unique moments - that's the power of photography. I also love the photos of the boys celebrating their goals. Often, you can't tell who scored, it's just a group of kids with big grins on their faces enjoying a wonderful moment.

SCUSC: What advice would you give someone interested in doing this for their team?

Eaton: Just do it. Take your camera to the field and start shooting. If you're a beginner, it definitely takes time and practice to learn your camera and the timing required to get good action shots. Unless it's a goal celebration, I try to make sure the ball is in the frame with at least one of our boys and an opposing player. Don't get discouraged. I can take up to 600 pictures per game, get 75 I'll share with others and only two I'm really proud of. Whatever you manage to capture will have meaning. I recently heard Southern Photo gives Sports Photography classes. I'm thinking of checking that out myself.



Great advice! We'll add one thing for budding amateur photographers to keep in mind. The amazing sports photos you see in magazines and on-line are the result of not just the skill of the photographer behind the camera, but the post-production work they do to create the final image. Cropping, sharpening, color enhancement, etc. all contribute to the impact of the best images.

2014 Summer Camp Dates Released

DATES

July 14 – 18: Crespino Fields Indian Harbour Beach

July 21 – 25: Viera Regional Park

July 28 – Aug 1: Viera Regional Park

DAILY SCHEDULE

9:00 – 9:30 Small Sided Games

9:30 – 9:50 Footwork and Coordination

9:50 – 10:50 Topic of the Day

10:50 – 11:15 Striking Technique

11:15 – 11:55 Small Sided Games with Goal-keepers (World Cup)

TOPIC OF THE DAY

Day 1: 1 v 1 and breakaways

Day 2: Power and Finesse

Day 3: Crossing and Finishing

Day 4: Attacking Games



- ◆ 4-6 years 9:00 – 10:30 for \$79
- ◆ 7-18 years old 9:00 – noon for \$110
- ◆ Family discount of 10% for families of 2 or more players.

Register on-line

“A good soccer player knows where the ball is. A great soccer player plays where the ball is going to be.”

— Wayne Gretsky (okay, he was really talking about hockey and pucks, but it makes an awesome soccer quote with a few words changed)

What makes a good teammate?

- A player who encourages teammates when they make a mistake, and doesn't say, "that was stupid."
- A player who celebrates teammates' accomplishments no matter how big or small.
- A player who thinks name calling is wrong and will never put teammates down.
- A player who doesn't tolerate anyone else making teammates feel like they aren't a valuable member of the team.



A player who welcomes new kids to the team as if they've played together for ten years.

A player who understands some "playful banter" is hurtful to others and refrains from engaging in it, especially words that target the vulnerable.

A player who takes responsibility for having an off day and recognizes that teammates have those too.

A player who treats guest players like teammates and understands guest playing is a privilege to enjoy the camaraderie of another team.

Region Cup Results

Finalists! Coach Restivo's U17 Girls beat Orlando City 4-1 in the Semi-Final match before unfortunately falling to South Orlando in the Finals. The team moves on to the President's Cup in Auburndale, Florida the weekend of April 5-6. Sunday's championship games will be [streamed live!](#)

Semi-Finalists! Coach Mills' U18/19 Girls fought hard in their Semi-Final match, losing to Melbourne United in a close match followed by a draw against Clermont FC in the third place match. The ladies had a great run in the Region Cup tournament and deserve a hearty congratulations for their hard work, concentration, and dedication. We are proud they represented Space Coast well.

State Cup Action Begins

Space Coast United is excited to field 12 teams at the 2014 Florida State Cup tournament. All of our U13-18 Boys and Girls Travel squads get into the action the weekend of March 29-30 throughout the state.

Round One is hosted in twelve locations from Jacksonville to Miami and Palm Bay to Naples. The teams that progress to Round Two will play on April 12-13. The Round of 16 is scheduled for May 3-4 with the Finals to be held in Auburndale May 17-18.



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!"

MicroKickers and MiniKickers

It's not just about giving rambunctious toddlers and preschoolers a time to "run off their ya yas," though that happens too. These adorable little tykes are the foundation of our club and often its future. What the kids gain here helps foster a love of the game and provides them with the basics to progress through YDP and on to Academy, Recreation, and Select programs.



Youth Soccer Websites

[Florida Youth Soccer Association](#)

[National Premier Leagues](#)

[US Youth Soccer](#)

[Brevard Youth Soccer League](#)

[Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer League](#)

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