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WHAT JUST HAPPENED? STATE CHAMPS!

Congratulations to the **U19 Girls** for bringing home a **State Championship**. This team was coached by Mike Rosso and Jim Cote' and are now headed to the Southern Regionals. Good Luck girls, bring home our third Gold Star!

AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held in May and two significant things were accomplished:

1. The Board of Directors for the coming year was elected.

First of all, Patti Hartlage stepped down from the Board and we all need to thank Patti for her many years of service and devotion to the Club. **Thanks Patti!**

While the remainder of the Board remained intact we did elect one new Board Member to replace Patti, **Jeff Yarish**. Jeff is married with 2 young children at the club. The remainder of the Board was re-elected for another year. Those returning Board Members are (in alphabetical order):

- o Maryann Bishop
- o Joe Cepelak
- o Bob Clifford
- o Jay Dee Hackney
- o Wendy Huntzinger
- o Audrey MacDonald
- o Chrissy McCarron
- o Mike McLachlen
- o Wayne Miller
- o Chris Parker
- o Eric Partlow
- o Katie Schantz

2. The annual budget was approved! After extensive discussions in both the preparation of the budget and in approving it the **Registration Fees for our Competitive Players were reduced "across the board" by \$50 per player.**

Recreational Fees were also reduced. For players U5-U6 the cost will be \$125 (no volunteer fee) and for all players U8 to U19 the fee is \$150 (+ \$50 volunteer fee). This fee includes team entry into the Gasparilla Cup. Although our expenses have not been reduced, the decision was made to reduce our Reserves, we projected to make more money on field rental and we will do without a few purchases this year. This was all done because the Board recognizes the difficult economy we are in and believe that our families will benefit from such a fee reduction.

COMPETITIVE TRYOUTS

Tryouts were completed on June 2nd and by almost any measure these tryouts were a huge success. All year, our theme has been to improve communications to you and we hope this was accomplished throughout the tryouts.

Special thanks go out to **Jeanne Ristad and Beverly Clifford** who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to put together the packages that were given out before, during and after tryouts. There is still some room for improvement but we are working towards continual process improvement.

From a results perspective the number of players who tried out was up from last year, the number of players chosen was up from last

year and the total number of projected teams is **43** which is an improvement over last year. More importantly we believe the quality of our players and our teams will be significantly improved.

To better serve those players we also have a great group of coaches. New to the HCU family of coaches this year are:

- o Alen Kozić
- o Bob Bauman
- o Steve Alexander
- o Brian Dunleavy
- o Derek Backman
- o Cindy Schofield
- o Ken Endicott
- o Scott Sims
- o Kate Thibault
- o Erin McGauley
- o Kyle Crawford
- o Jean Luc Eckstein

We believe that HCU has a terrific senior staff and coaching group and with our returning staff and the above noted new additions we are all excited about the good things happening at HCU.

We all need to take some time off to heal up our bodies and recharge the batteries (and to let the fields heal up) but we can't wait to start this coming season.

WISH LIST THANK YOU:

- **Jill Thompson and family for building a trophy case for our new building; it is a work in progress**
- **Tony Calvo for getting all our Tryout printing needs completed**
- **Lynn Hoxie for making the signs we used for Competitive registration**



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If you can provide or obtain any of the following goods or services please contact Eric Sims:

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- Laptop Computer(s)
- Printer Paper
- Conference Chairs
- Carpentry
- Turf Care
- Legal Aid

SURVEY SAYS!

We don't know what the **survey** says....yet, but look for the survey. It is being sent electronically to each HCU family. Please tell us how you feel, good or not so good. We want to hear from you and we want to get better at everything we do, so look for the survey and give us your opinions!

MARK THE CALENDAR

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- ⊗ July 1
- ⊗ July 29
- ⊗ August 19
- ⊗ September 16
- ⊗ October 21
- ⊗ November 18
- ⊗ December 16

All meetings start at 7:00 PM and are held in the Portable. Please be sure to check the website for any changes to these dates.

REFEREE'S WHISTLE

"SUBSTITUTIONS"

Youth leagues and tournaments usually allow "unlimited substitutions" (which means the coach can "sub" players as many times as he wants).

If "unlimited substitutions" are allowed, you can sub: after a goal kick is awarded to either team, after a goal by either team, after a throw-in is awarded to your team (not the other team), at halftime, and at an injury stoppage if the other team replaces a player (but you can only sub as many players as they do). You cannot sub on corner kicks or free kicks.

Substitutions may only occur with the Referee's permission. Players entering & leaving the field are often required to do so at the Halfway Line. The rules say that a player must leave the field first before the sub can enter the field. Many referees don't enforce this in youth games because there are so many substitutions. However, if the Ref says "call them off first," the sub must wait.

At older age groups in some leagues, NCAA, International League and MLS contests substitutions are more limited with restrictions on re-entering the game once you leave.

WHO AM I?

This person grew up playing soccer locally at such clubs as Blackwatch, Tampa Bay Kickers, Northdale Rangers, Clearwater Chargers and the Tampa Arsenal (remember this was before the birth of HCU or this person would have certainly played here). This person graduated Chamberlain HS in 1992 but not before leading the team to a runner up finish in the State Championship. This person went on to star at Mercer University where in freshman year they won the Conference Championship. After college, this person played professional soccer for 7 years in Portugal. During a distinguished playing career this player accomplished plenty:

- Won 4 Florida State Championships,
- Played in 3 Southeast Regional Championships, winning twice
- 2-time National Championship Finalist
- Florida State ODP Player 89-92
- Southeast Regional ODP Pool 90-92

The first three correct responses (players only) will be given an HCU T-shirt. Please e-mail your guess to Eric Sims.

WHO AM I? - SOLVED!

Congratulations to Agustin Zenker, Brian Hoxie and Daley Donigan who guessed last month's "Who Am I" – The correct response was ERIC SIMS. Please contact Eric to claim your HCU T- Shirt.