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Sport Chek National Club Championships - U16 Cup A Successful Undertaking

Twenty-two provincial cup-winning teams encountered tremendous fall weather and immaculate playing surfaces at the 2013 Sport Chek National Club Championships – U16 Cup, which was held in Kamloops from October 9-14.

The tournament was held at the McArthur Island Sports Complex.

Some 55 games took place on the island's four best fields over six days of competition.

Twelve of the country's top girls teams and ten of the nation's best boys teams took part in the championships.

Emerging as champions in the girls division was Brampton Brams United Bandits of Ontario. They defeated Calgary South West United Premiers by a score of 3-0 in the girls' final.

BC's Surrey United were the victors in the boys division, edging Vaughan Azzurri of Ontario 1-0 on an overtime goal scored by Liam McIlvenna.

Both the boys and girls finals were played in front of large crowds, who appreciated the high caliber of play in both matches.

It was the first time in the KYSA's history that the Association has played host to a national youth club championship.

"Everything seemed to go off without a hitch and all the participants were where they were supposed to be, when they were supposed to be there," says

KYSA Executive Director and local organizing committee chair Keith Liddiard. "There are always glitches in events of this nature, but generally the participants would not have noticed as everything seemed to run smoothly."

"The excellent facilities we have here in Kamloops were the envy of all the visiting teams," adds Liddiard. "All the provincial reps and team officials were just in awe of our set-up. A number of the coaches who've been involved in national championships before said it was



BMO Bank of Montreal Fortune Shopping Centre Branch Manager Troy Fenrich (second from left), presents the Sport Chek National Club Champs-U16 Cup to Surrey United captains Kerman Pannu (red jersey) and Aman Thind. Assisting with the presentation is KYSA President Graham Cope (far left) and BC Soccer Director Michael Bradley (far right).

the best they had seen."

Kudos must go to the staff in the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department for doing an outstanding job in preparing the fields and providing all the infrastructure required to host such a major event!

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KYSA is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to offering youth in Kamloops a positive, fun soccer environment, at the recreational and competitive levels, with coaches who are dedicated to the players and their development, while at the same time promoting sportsmanship and fellowship amongst all its members.



Canada's Tournament Capital

From the desk of Executive Director, Keith Liddiard...



The dates and locations of the 2014 Youth Provincial Cup tournaments have been set by BC Soccer. The *Premier Cup*, which is being opened up this coming year to any team that wishes to compete at

this level (rather than just BC SPL teams, which has been the case for the last two years), will be hosted by Coquitlam Metro Ford at Town Centre Park in Coquitlam. The *Premier Cup* services boys and girls from the under-13 age group up to the under-18 division. The champions at this level in under-14, under-16 and under-18 qualify for the National Club Championships. The *Provincial A Cup*, which is open to teams in the boys under-13, under-14, under-15, under-16 and under-18 age groups and girls in the under-13 through under-18 divisions, will be hosted by the Burnaby Youth Soccer Association at the Burnaby Lake Soccer Complex. The 2014 *Girls Provincial B Cup*, which services girls teams from the under-13 age group to the under-18 division, is being hosted by Chilliwack FC at Townsend Park, while the *Les Sinnott Memorial Boys Provincial (B) Cup* is being staged by the Richmond Soccer Association at Minoru and Hugh Boyd Parks. The *Les Sinnott Memorial Boys Provincial (B) Cup* is open to teams in the under-13 up to under-18 age groups.

The KYSA extends its congratulations to both the men's and the women's soccer teams at TRU on a very successful 2013 season. The men's team captured the Silver Medal at the CCAA Nationals in St. John, New Brunswick in mid-October, while the women's team won the Bronze medal at their tournament in Surrey. The men's team contains eight players and three coaches who are "products" of the KYSA. The women's team boasts twelve roster play-

ers and four "red shirts" who are "graduates" of the youth association. Two of the women's team coaches also have connections with the KYSA.

The 2014 BC Summer Games is being held in Nanaimo from July 17-20. The soccer component is open to players born in 2002 and 2003 only (U12). In the past the TOYSL organizing committee has looked after fielding teams for this zone and they are doing so once again for the 2014 competition. The Committee is now receiving applications for prospective coaches for both a boys and a girls entry. If you are interested in submitting an application, please contact me at kysaed@telus.net and I will be pleased to forward an application form. This is a voluntary (non-salaried) position. Applicants must have a Community-Coach Senior (CCS) qualification or equivalent. The application deadline is January 30, 2014.

There will be three new faces on the board of KYSA following the election of officers at the KYSA AGM, November 28th. The newly elected directors are: **Art McDonald**, a Rep team coach in the KYSA, **Chris Wilkinson**, the father of two mini-soccer aged players, and **Ryan Susheski**, who is also the father of two KYSA players. Ryan is also an active member of the Kamloops Soccer Referees Association. These individuals are replacing: **John Moon**, who served on the board for the past two years as the chair of the Rep Program Committee, **Laura Leadbetter-Fuoco**, who served for the past two years and acted as the supervisor of the Youth-Girls (U11-U18) Division, and **Chris Butcher**, who resigned from the board halfway through a two-year term. Current KYSA President **Graham Cope** was also re-elected to the board for another two-year term. For the full board of directors for the 2013-2014 season see the photo gallery opposite.

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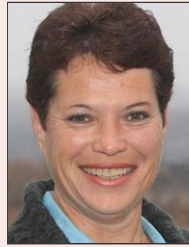
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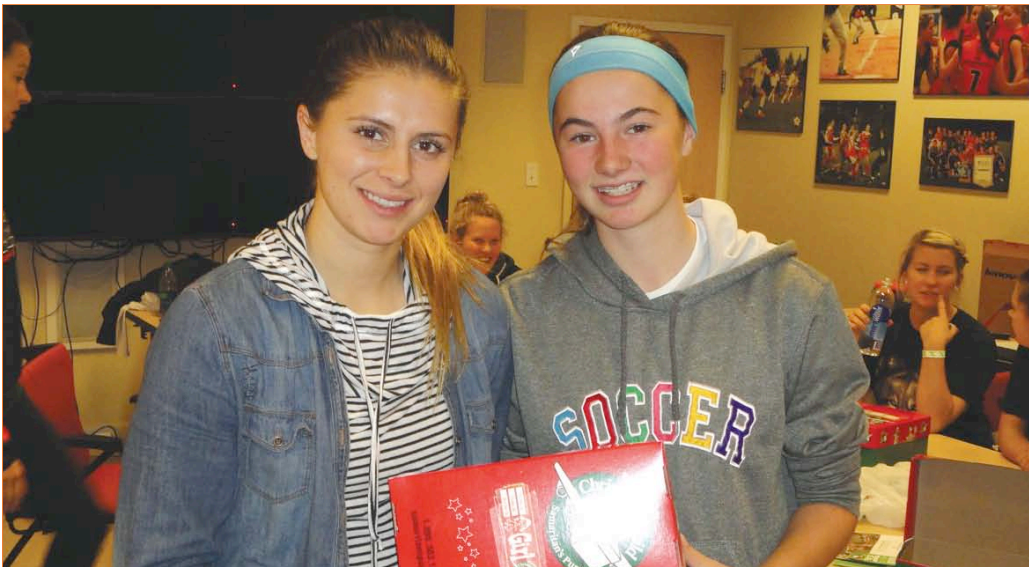
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For the 5th year in a row, the TRU WolfPack women's soccer team, along with some KYSA rep players, put together boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Pictured is WolfPack Women's Team captain Laura Smylie (left) and Nevada Woods.

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KSRA Members Share Their Experiences!

The Kamloops Soccer Referees Association (KSRA) has a diverse membership united by a passion for the beautiful game. Three of them share some of their referee experiences.

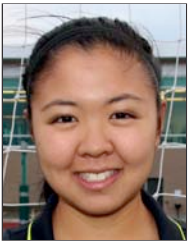
Leah Flor on her first year of refereeing:

"This year I decided to join my husband and become a district soccer referee, with hopes of helping to encourage our youth's love for the game. 2013 was full of diverse and eclectic experiences. Right away, as a new referee, KSRA offered guidance, grass roots training, support and promotion at the local level. As I look back, being new to refereeing, I could not have imagined the year that I was privileged to have. Little did I know how taking that course would ignite my passion for the game even more. The level of skill and respect that I encountered as a referee from youth soccer in the province and nationwide, was outstanding to say the least."



Emiko Ohama on her First CSA Appointment To The National All-Stars:

"I was very fortunate to be appointed to referee at this year's National Championship U15/U16 Girls All-Stars in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Little did I know that I was about to endure the most mentally exhausting week of my life, and love every minute of it! We had one match a day, with referees alternating between a refereeing day & a fourth official day. I got to referee U16 rivals Ontario vs Quebec, and cool enough, those two teams ended up making it to the finals. In five days, I became close friends with twenty-two



other aspiring female referees. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and came away feeling and knowing that my life has been greatly enriched by it."

Nathan Smith on his experiences:

My name is Nathan Smith and I have been a KSRA member since I was twelve years old. I have been officiating at a high level for about three years, which includes many assignments around the province. This year I have been chosen to be a provincial referee candidate. This is big for Kamloops because we haven't had one in so long. The KSRA has done so much for me over the years. All I had to do was ask and so many people would come to my aid. They are the sole reason that I am where I am today in refereeing. The KSRA runs many programs throughout the year such as off-season training during the winter months and also a seminar where many national and FIFA referees come to Kamloops from around the province to share their knowledge with us. Refereeing is one of the best and coolest things I have done in my life so far. I have met so many new friends and get paid to travel and do what I love to do! This is all possible because of the support I got when I was younger and the great mentors we have at KSRA."



The KYSA and KSRA will be offering two Small Side referee clinics in 2014 for newcomers aged 12 to 14. The clinics are planned for April 5 and 12. Registration is through the KYSA website.



Congratulations to the 2014 KSRA executive, elected at the Association's November A&M:
 (Left to Right) Treasurer/Allocator: Fahrudin Djelmo, President, Mario Salituro, Vice-President, Brian Flamank, Secretary, Neil Farber, Director Jo McKenna, Small-Sided Allocator, Ali Campmans, Directors Trevor Johnson and Claudio Klarich.