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Guise Honoured with BC Soccer Award of Merit!



Colin Guise receives his Award of Merit from BC Soccer Board Member John Charlton at the BC Soccer AGM, June 9th, in Burnaby.

BC Soccer recognized the outstanding service that Colin Guise has given to youth soccer in the province at its June 9, 2018 Annual General Meeting. Guise, who has served in a voluntary capacity in about every position there is on the KYSA Board of Directors, including the last five years as chair

of the Discipline Committee, has been one of the most conscientious and dedicated individuals to have sat on the board in recent memory. He has announced that this will be his last year as a KYSA board member, though he will continue to enjoy his first passion—refereeing!

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From the desk of Technical Director, Ciaran McMahon...



With the Spring season coming to an end I want to take this opportunity to highlight some of the soccer specific opportunities that exist out there for you and your child to continue to enjoy the beautiful game over the summer, fall and winter.

Watching the World Cup...

The World Cup begins on June 14th and runs until the final on July 15th. With 32 teams competing for one cup there will always be a good game to watch over the next month. Perhaps you can create a friendly "pool" with your team, or all get together to watch a game; there are some games that are being shown at a reasonable hour in the morning (8am, 11am, 12pm kick-offs - PST).

Playing Recreationally...

This is one of the best ways to maintain one's skills over the summer months. The KYSA will again be hosting a weekly drop-in for players and parents of all ages—free of charge.

We will be hosting nine drop-in sessions: Tuesday, July 3, Monday, July 9, Monday, July 16, Monday, July 23, Monday, July 30, Tuesday, August 7, Monday, August 13, Monday, August 20 and Monday, August 27.

All sessions will occur from 4:30pm to 6pm at various locations around Kamloops (fields are not yet confirmed). This is open to players of all ages and parents are welcome to join when appropriate too. Full details can be found on our website at kysa.net.

Girls Provincial B Cup...

The KYSA is hosting the Girls Provincial B Cup, July 5-8 at McArthur Island. Keep an eye on our web site for schedules that will be posted shortly. Kamloops will have at least five entries in the tournament in the U13 to U18 age groups.

Joining a Summer Camp...

The KYSA is again hosting 3 weeks of camps this summer, one in July and two in August. KYSA will run a camp for keepers, goalkeepers and strikers on July 23 to 27 and August 20 to 24. In addition, the hugely popular Stoke City FC coaches will be returning for their sixth season. These A license coaches from the UK blend an excellent teaching style and unique brand of humour for an overall fantastic week of learning for those committed players in the U10 to U17 age groups. Again, full details are available on our website.

Sign up for our Fall League...

New this year is our fall league. This is a separate and distinct season from the spring. With over 800 individuals registered to play through September and October it is looking to be a great opportunity to touch the ball after a summer off. The program will run for 6 weeks beginning mid-September. Players will have a choice of training day and time (Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday at 4:30pm, 5:30pm or 6:30pm) with all games occurring on Saturday's. This offers a lot of flexibility during the busy back-to-school



time. All training sessions will be supported by our trained and certified staff coaches, and players will be grouped with friends for practices and games. More information is available on our website. Sign up before July 1st to take advantage of the low \$60 per-player resignation fee for this program.

As I sign off I want to thank each of you for the tremendous amount of work you do each day over a very busy season. Your efforts help to create a fun and positive experience for those in your charge. It is often a challenge to manage your team, your parents and to work with those coaches your teams compete against, but I do know that so many of you do this job for the right reason—the players. Thank you and I look forward to getting to work with you again.



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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.

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



Former Kamloops soccer referee (and former FIFA referee instructor) **Michelle Pye** was awarded the *In Her Footsteps Award* at the Sport BC Awards Banquet held March 28 at the West-ern Bayshore Hotel in Van-couver. Michelle just

stepped down from the FIFA list as one of a handful of Canadian women who have achieved that level of officiating.

Speaking of awards, it gives me great pleasure to report that KYSA director **Colin Guise** was chosen to receive an Award of Merit at the BC Soccer Annual General Meeting, June 9th. A BC Soccer Award of Merit is presented to individuals in recognition of contributions to soccer, during a period of ten or more years, as a player, manager, coach, official, or administrator at a club, district, or league level. As most of you will know, Colin's commitment to the KYSA for more than a decade has been truly outstanding. At one time Vice-President of the association, Colin has also served in just about every position there is on the KYSA board and presently chairs the Discipline Committee, which he has done for the past five years. Some of you will also be aware of the challenges Colin has faced as a result of a life threatening brain abscess he suffered in January of 2015. Colin underwent two major surgeries to treat the abscess and spent many months in rehabilitation to get himself back on his feet. The soccer community rallied round him in the wake of this serious issue and raised a significant amount of money to help the Guise family (wife **Jody** and daughters **Briana** and **Kaitlyn**) through a very tough time (congrats to colinguisse_soccer@hotmail.com).



A total of 110 teams took part in the new Ice Breaker Jamboree, April 21/22, including Mason Lougheed (left), Kale Larson (center) and Ezekiel Newport (right) in the U11 division.

Some of you may have heard that I am retiring as KYSA ED at the end of November. It's true!!! After 10 years at the helm of KYSA, and a total of 38 years in soccer administration, it is time to take my leave and tick off some of the many items that have been sitting on my bucket list for quite some time. The Employment Committee of KYSA is in the process of hiring my replacement. If you would like to find out more about this job opportunity please check out the notice on the home page of our web site (kysa.net). The application deadline for the position is June 25th.

Our soccer camp schedule is now on our web site and registration is open. Once again, the high-light of our offerings this summer is the return of Stoke City Football club coaches to run our high

performance camps, August 7-10. Regular in-structor **Mick Murphy** will be joined by **Darren Beech**, who has been in Kamloops before as an assistant coach with the Moreton School Soccer Academy team, and **Steve Chamberlain**, making his first trip to Kamloops. This year the girls' sessions run from 9:00am to 11:30am, while the boys camp runs from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. In my humble opinion, this is certainly where our select players should sign up. [What a wealth of experience in these gentleman, who work with aspiring professionals day in and day out back in the UK.] We are also offering two other weeks of camps— July 23-27 and August 20-24. Please

visit kysa.net for details and registration fees. Our thanks to Umbro Canada, Kamloops This Week, CHNL & K97-5FM, The Printing Place and our friends at Menchies Frozen Yogurt for once again sponsoring our camps.

The 2nd Annual KYSA Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Dinner is fast approaching. Follow-ing the success of the inaugural event, the func-tion has been moved ahead this year to co-in-cide with the season-ending Errol Wild Active Start Memorial Mini-Soccer Fest and the House League playoffs, on Saturday, June 23rd. Once again the venue is St. Ann's Academy. This year you can register on-line on the KYSA web site; tickets are just \$30 per person for what is an in-credibly good Italian multi-course meal. TRU head coach **John Antulov** is the keynote speaker and TRU PR man and local radio host **Larry Read** will be acting as MC. Amongst all the fri-volity and fun, KYSA will be handing out 15 different awards to some of the association's tremendous volunteers and outstanding play-ers. We'll also be recognizing the contributions of two game officials as well. If you'd prefer to pay for and pick up your tickets in person, they are going to be available at the KYSA office dur-ing regular business hours, Tuesday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm, and at Hansport on 8th Street. Here's a great opportunity to get together and celebrate the end of another spring season and to regale some of our truly dedicated and generous volunteers as well as some of our blos-soming players and referees. There will be bar service, a silent auction, and a 50-50 draw. There will also be some wonderful food cooked by La Cucina Catering, served by members of our U18 girls select team!



Michelle Pye



Darren Beech



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