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Happy Holidays & Happy New Year from the... KYSA Board of Directors & Staff

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Change To Online Registration Planned for 2019!

There will be a new online registration program in place when team officials and players sign up for the 2019 season!

The new software will simplify the registration process and provide some significant benefits to members in the future.

The software also retains family profiles, which means when you create a profile, it's both yours and your children's through their entire involvement in youth soccer. The new software will also make accessing match schedules easier on any computer or electronic device. You will be able to log-in and view your team's schedule at anytime, anywhere! Tax receipts will also be readily available to download. You will not have to contact the KYSA office to request a copy.

Due to the implementation of the new software, the opening date for registration has been delayed. While registration typically opens in early November, the opening date this year is expected to be November 27th.

Members are asked for their understanding as the association undergoes this major change. You will be contacted as soon as the system is up and running.

To reflect this new direction in the KYSA's operations—and several other changes—the KYSA board of directors approved minimal fee increases for 2019. House players will be

paying \$10 more this year for the spring season, while select players are being asked to pay an additional \$25 per player.

Family discounts will still be available for parents of

three or more children. Additionally, returning House players will continue to be permitted to request a placement on the same team they were with last year, provided they register before February 1st, 2019.

It will be necessary for all team officials who plan on returning to manage or coach, to re-register using the new system.

For more information, contact Carolyn in the KYSA office.



KYSA TO HOST GENDER DIFFERENCES WORKSHOPS

Facilitator: Dr. Vicki Harber, Professor Emeritus at the University of Alberta from the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport & Recreation.

Building Positive Physical Activity & Sport Experiences for Youth

When: Sat./Sun., Dec. 1st & 2nd (9:30am-12:00pm each day)

Where: Tournament Capital Centre

Who: Coaches, mentors, and leaders working with youth

No cost to attend the workshops • For more information <http://www.kysa.net/news/kysa-to-host-gender-differences-workshop/>

Navigating Your Child's Journey in Sport

When: Tuesday, December 4th (6:30pm to 8:30pm)

Where: Henry Grube Education Centre, 245 Kitchener Crescent

Who should attend: Parents

SPECIAL THANKS TO KYSA'S OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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



As we close-out 2018, I would like to extend the warmest of wishes to each and every player, coach, parent, referee and volunteer who helped the KYSA run another great season this past year.

In our endeavour to provide you with the best possible programs, we went through

some significant changes this year. We truly appreciate your understanding and guidance in helping us reach our full potential. We cannot run our programs without your support, and we welcome all stakeholders to send us their comments and suggestions while we continue to grow and adjust to meet the many needs of our membership.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to our retiring

Executive Director, Keith Liddiard. Many of you already know about Keith and his history. He's been involved in the game of soccer for donkey's years as a player, coach and administrator. In addition to shaking hands with soccer greats, including THE legendary Pelé, he was the Executive Director for the BC Youth Soccer Association (now BC Soccer) and helped grow the game across the entire province before deciding to step into the club environment, eventually making his way to the KYSA. Kamloops has been in-

credibly lucky to have an individual of Keith's knowledge and experience at the helm of our club for the past decade and I feel incredibly fortunate to have had the benefit of his guidance in my time here.

I owe Keith a deeper thanks as he is the reason my life has taken the positive turn it has. The world of professional club coaching is still in its infancy and can be a challenging world indeed. One's livelihood is in the hands of volunteer boards who's appointments and agendas can change significantly

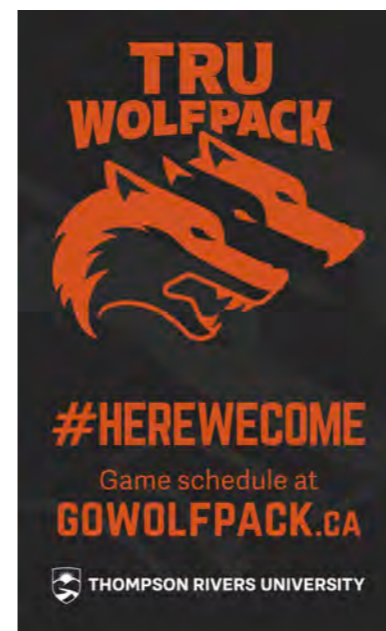
year over year. When I was presented with the opportunity as TD with the KYSA, the prospect of picking up my life in the lower mainland to move to the "unknown" that was Kamloops and all the challenges that I could possibly face, was an unnerving reality to be sure. It was my knowledge of Keith's past, the position to where he had taken the KYSA to, and his sound counsel with respect to his experiences with the



Keith with the great Pelé, just a "few" years ago.

broader Kamloops community, that ultimately made my decision a simple one.

With that decision and so many others since, Keith's counsel has never steered me wrong. The community of Kamloops is an incredible one and the desire among our membership to support and grow the club is unlike any I have ever experienced. I have made a life for myself here and finally feel at home for the first time since leaving my parents house for university. I have Keith to thank for that. Thank you, Sir!



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MISSION STATEMENT

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 (Retiring) Executive Director, Keith Liddiard...



So here we are. A little more than ten years ago I started my job as the Executive Director of KYSA. Where did the time go? What an experience it has been. I am very proud of what we accomplished in that decade and as I reflect on those

achievements I am constantly reminded of how much we packed into each of those years. Thanks to a terrific team of dedicated and passionate employees and board members, I think we managed to raise the bar with respect to the delivery of our programs and services. Yes, we made a few mistakes along the way, but as my former boss and past-president **Graham Cope** would often say, “don’t dwell on the negative, try and correct the errors moving forward and focus on what we are doing well.” It was Graham who hired me back in September of 2008 and he was pretty honest about what I would face if I took the job. There was lots to be done and an unlimited number of challenges before me that, I must confess, almost provoked me to head back to Pitt Meadows. But again Graham would remind me of what I said in the job interview about needing a fresh challenge. Despite his reminders, there were a few occasions when I would drive up to Staples and see the road sign that said “Vancouver 350 kilometers” and thought to myself, *keep driving*. What a mistake that would have been. It wasn’t long before I sunk my teeth into the challenges that lay before me and we started to turn the ship around. It didn’t happen overnight and it took some perseverance, sweat and in many instances, long hours. Looking back, I firmly believe I made the right decision!

One of the aspects of our organization I am proudest of is our relationship with our many sponsors. The individuals who own or represent these businesses are not only cherished for their financial support, but also because they are wonderful people who I have enjoyed getting to know and, more often than not, befriended. On these pages I have included photos of those individuals I have worked with over the past few years and some who I have dealt with since I arrived (missing Lisa Kurenoff, 7-11). Collectively, these folks have helped me raise close to a \$1 million for the association. I am going to miss the interaction with these folks, though I trust their friendship will last well beyond my departure.



Brenda Chornohus
Chopped Leaf

They are both our equipment suppliers and sponsors of our coach and player development programs. They are **Hansport**—brothers **Chris and Andrew Hansen**. What a terrific partnership and what a conscientious and cost-conscious team they are; always suggesting ways to do things less ex-

pensively, always caring about the KYSA’s bottom line. Chris is a former coach with a very successful track record in provincial cup play. Andrew and his wife **Terri** continue to coach and all four of their children are registered with KYSA. Many a night I have driven by their shop and observed the lights still on in the back room, meaning they are burning the midnight oil trying to meet delivery deadlines (usually for KYSA). It is with the utmost sincerity that I extend my gratitude to these two gentlemen, their wives and their children for ten great years of service. Your efforts on our/my behalf have never been taken for granted. Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do, for KYSA.



David Hughes
Forward Law

have on McArthur Island in tip top condition—everyone works for the common good. Teams that come to our city to compete are always impressed with the quality of our fields and our recreation facilities. When a BC Soccer director was in Kamloops for this year’s Girls Provincial B Cup in July, he

facetiously said that the KYSA would not have to bid to host future competitions, such was the impression that was made at that tournament. Or maybe he wasn’t joking! That may also be the reason why, when decisions are made as to where the TOYSL playdowns will take place, everyone wants to come to Kamloops. Thank you **Mike DeCicco** for the unbridled support you and your staff have given me and KYSA over the past ten years. Whatever our needs have been, your first response has always been “how can we make it work”. Thank you **Byron McCorkell, Sean Smith, Jeff Putnam, Shawn Cook, Linda Stride**, and all the city employees who I have come into contact with—you are all first class!



Angela Seymour McDonald

The local media have been extremely responsive to the news releases we distribute and have on many occasions given us great coverage of the events we host on an annual basis. I am particularly grateful to the sports reporters at the old **Kamloops Daily News** (greatly missed) who gave us coverage from just about every release we sent. In addition, I would like to thank the media folks I dealt with most during my time with KYSA: **Marty Hastings** of Kamloops This Week, **Chad Klassen, Earl Seitz** and **Adam Donnelly** at CFJC-TV, as well as **Susan Edgell, Tanya Cronin** and the other hosts of **Midday**. My appreciation also to former CHNL Sports Director, **Rick “The Bear” Wile** and sports reporter **Jon Keen**. My gratitude also to NL announcers **Howie Reimer** and **Paul Graham**. Special mention, too, to the scribes at **The Kamloops Echo**, who printed many of our releases over the years, **Bill Currie**, editor of bcsoccerweb.com and TRU Sports Information Officer, **Larry Read**, who also hosts NL’s weekly Sports Scene program!

Over the past ten years I have been very fortunate to have worked with some very passionate and dedicated staff and contractors. I cannot thank the following individuals enough for their tireless efforts in the delivery of all our programs and services and for the support they have given me: **April Asuchak, Donna Marshall, Tom McManus, Sarah Johnson, Clive Lovett, Mark Bell, Ciaran McMahon**, web master **Dave Harestad**, bookkeepers **Kym Hoffman, Barb Yakubowich** and **Justine Rinaldi**, and the lady who has been with KYSA longer than anyone, and the person who has been the backbone of our day-to-day operations, **Carolyn Birch**. I shall be thinking of you often over a glass of Scotch or two while admiring the beautiful sunsets in Hawaii!



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