



Braden River Soccer Club
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Greetings BRSC Members!

First and foremost, thank you for the time, dedication, and support to the Braden River Soccer Club this past fall and winter. We have introduced several new ideas and operational changes in our continual mission to improve the soccer experience for players, parents, coaches, and trainers alike. Some ideas have exceeded our expectations, while others may not have turned out the way we intended them to. Constructively looking at our areas of weakness allows us to measure where we need to focus future energies on. Secondly, we would like to bring your attention to some important topics.

1. PCA Coach of the Year Award:

Many times in our 'sensationalized, media-driven' world, we often hear the negative side of life. We rarely hear the good stories that impact our lives or recognize those unique and special people that help shape the lives of our youth. The club has been adopting many operational principles of the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) program the past two seasons. One key component of our Positive Coaching Alliance program is to recognize those coaches that demonstrate leadership and positive coaching traits that we can be proud of. The club is actively seeking nominations from both our **Recreational Program and our Select (Competitive) Program**. We encourage you to visit our PCA web page of the club's website (i.e., www.bradenriversoccer.org) to learn more about this award and consider nominating that special coach. If you do not have access to a PC and the internet and would like an application form, please contact Cathy Weronik at 727-1689.

2. TOPSoccer Program:

We are in our second season hosting an area soccer program designed to serve the disabled youth in our community. The single largest factor in making such a program a success is through the volunteer efforts of our soccer community. We had a great turn-out of special athletes at recent registration events and are looking for volunteer coaches and 'buddies' (e.g., players or parents to pair up with each athlete) to help us in this special program. This is an 8-week program that takes place at our home fields every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – noon, beginning January 26th. If you are a coach, player or parent who may have some time to help us in this special program, please visit our TOPSoccer page on the club website for more information or contact Dave Robinson at: drobison018@msn.com.

3. 2008 Spring Soccer Season:

Our spring season will run on Sundays for 8 weeks from March 16th - May 11th with a break on March 23rd. This year our Spring Soccer format will consist of small-sided games; 3v3 for U6 and U8, and 4v4 for U10, U12, and U14. Check out our website for more information.

4. Upcoming AGM Meeting:

Our clubs' **Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for April 21, 2008**. This is the time of the year we provide an annual report to the general membership on our operations and future goals, inclusive of voting in any modifications to the club Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. The committee responsible for these important modifications have worked very hard all year to address the needs of the club and we thank them for their efforts. Per our current Bylaws, the draft versions of these documents are now posted on the website for your review at <http://www.bradenriversoccer.org>. The AGM meeting is also where we thank our out-going board officers and vote in new officers. Several board positions will become open (i.e. President, VP of Recreational Programs, Registrar, and Treasurer) and we welcome any interested individuals to consider these important roles to help our club. We encourage you to mark your calendars accordingly and look for further information on the time and place for the AGM via our website.

Regards

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