

January 2008 Newsletter



I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and tell you that 2008 is going to be a fantastic year for the Hobbie Creek Storm Soccer Club. We are preparing for our Spring Competition Season and welcome our older girls back from their successful High School season this past fall.

HC Storm Adds Professional Training Resource

The big news for our club is the addition of a professional trainer. We have contracted with Universal Sports Group to provide us with an experienced soccer trainer from March through October. This trainer will be dedicated full time to our club and will be available to help with all of our teams. His role will be to help develop our players and our coaches. During the spring and fall seasons, we will schedule times for each team to workout with the trainer and to get team specific instruction. The type of instruction and the timing will be coordinated with each coach.

During the summer each team will have a 15 hour camp with the trainer. Many of our players attend summer camps at local universities. The advantage of having a team specific summer camp is that our players will get more individualized instruction and it will be with their HC Storm team together. This will greatly improve each of our teams and will give our club a winning advantage.

In addition to working with our players, the trainer will be available to help our coaches evaluate team performance and come up with new ideas, drills, programs and methods for coaching. We are so grateful for each of our volunteer coaches and we hope that this resource will improve their confidence and their abilities and help them to have a better experience along with their players.

Player Fees for Coming Year

HC Storm is one of the most economical soccer programs in the state and we are very proud of that fact. Our club has been and is being run with the goal of providing the best possible soccer experience for a reasonable price. For the coming soccer year (June 2008 thru May 2009) we will have an increase in the player fees. This increase will help us cover the costs of a professional trainer and the increased expenses associated with running a successful program. With the exception of our new training resource, our club continues to be staffed entirely by volunteers and this helps us control costs. Next year the fees will be:

- \$375.00 - Full Year AAA Player
- \$300.00 - Half Year AAA Player
- \$300.00 - Full Year AA Player
- \$250.00 - Half Year AA Player

These fees help cover the cost of referees, insurance, registration fees (state and district), team equipment, field maintenance and field use charges. Also, this year our fees include a 15 hour summer camp for each HC Storm Team. By offering a summer camp through the club, we hope to save parents the cost of outside summer camps. The cost of the typical BYU Soccer Camp is \$300. We believe that the quality of our summer camps will be better and more beneficial to the club teams.

Family Night Friday April 18

Please mark your calendars for the Annual HC Storm Soccer Club Family Night. This is our chance to get everyone together and introduce new families and players to our club and our programs. This year we will hold the family night on Friday April 18 at the Ira Allen Sports Park in Mapleton. If you are interested in helping with this event, please email Barbara Wilson at fundraising@hcstorm.org

High School Boys Teams

District 5 of the UYSA will offer competitive soccer during the Spring Season for those young men who are not on the Springville HS Varsity or Junior Varsity teams. This team will play other teams within the district (Utah County) and will consist of boys age 15 to 18. If there is enough interest, we will form two teams.

MRSA Information

We have received some information about a treatment resistant strain of bacteria called Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA). There has been a spike in sports related cases and this has some health professionals calling for improved sports hygiene. For more information, please click on this link and read the article or do a "Google" search for MRSA.

http://bluesombrero.typepad.com:80/the_administrator/2007/12/mrsa-threatens.html

Volunteers Are Needed

The HC Storm Soccer Club is a wonderful example of how a volunteer organization can come together and build something important for our kids and our community. At the core of this success is the need for many hands to help operate the club. We are constantly looking for those who can volunteer their time to help with the club. We still need a Director of Fields, someone who can organize and oversee the care and upkeep of our playing fields. Every year we need to find new coaches for our youngest teams and additional coaches to help with our older teams. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering please send me an email at president@hcstorm.org and we will get you involved.

Thank you,
Mike Tippets
President, HC Storm Soccer Club