

June 2008 Newsletter



President's Message

I am pleased to report that our trainer, Mr. Richard Slade, is now here in Mapleton and has begun training with our club. I encourage every parent and player to find some time to meet Richard. His love of soccer and passion for the game are truly remarkable. If you would like to arrange a time to meet Richard, please feel free to give him a call 691-9118 or drop him an email at coaching@hcstorm.org. Richard has a UEFA (pronounced you - Ay - fuh) Class A license. This is one of the most prestigious coaching credentials in the world. Additionally he has a lifetime of playing, training and coaching experiences that he can share. Please be sure your player takes full advantage of all the training opportunities presented this summer and in the future.

There is a great deal of activity happening right now within our club. Team tryouts, registration, summer training clinics and so much more. There are several items of general interest in this month's newsletter. Please read through this lengthy publication and send any questions or comments to president@hcstorm.org.

Board Changes

After more than six years of dedicated service to the HC Storm Club, Grant and Delia Madsen have asked to be replaced as club treasurers. At the annual general meeting the board and coaches expressed thanks to the Madsens and approved a sponsorship deal that will move our bookkeeping duties to Larsen & Company. We are seeking someone to fill the role of treasurer on the board and function as a communication channel between the board and the CPA firm. During the general meeting the board also welcomed Trisha Campbell as the new club secretary. We appreciate Trisha's willingness to help the club. Finally we are still in need of a Director of Fields. This role will oversee and coordinate the painting of our fields and the maintenance of our goals. If you are interested in filling a board position or volunteering in other ways, please send a message to president@hcstorm.org.

Soccer Continues to Grow - Players Needed

The growth and interest in Soccer is reaching fantastic new heights in our community. Several of our team tryouts have had record number of interested players. As a result we have had some awesome parents volunteer to coach new teams. Currently we are seeking some additional players to complete our new U12 Boys and U12 Girls teams. For more information or to refer a potential player, please contact Coach Scott Grimshaw (U12 Boys) at grimshaw@stats.byu.edu or Coach Mike Cutler (U12 Girls) at corbcut@aol.com. Coach contact information for all teams is available at www.hcstorm.org/teams.html.

Trash & Litter

I want to thank all of our players, coaches and fans for the efforts made this year to keep our fields clean. I received several compliments from city and school district personnel about how we left the fields in good condition. One comment was passed on that sunflower seed shells, although biodegradable, are still considered trash on the Elementary school playgrounds. So if you chew seeds, please make sure your shells are properly disposed.

Have you visited the Website Lately?

The club website is located at www.hcstorm.org and is a valuable communication tool for all players, parents, coaches and fans. Please take a minute to visit the website. Team Managers and interested parents can submit information and pictures to webmaster@hcstorm.org to update and enhance team pages.

Offsides Rule Explained

One of the most misunderstood rules in the game of soccer is Offsides. In an effort to help all understand this rule better, we have provided a link on our website to a helpful video presentation

about the rule. If you would like to learn more about the Offsides Rule, please visit our website and click on the link "Offsides Rule Explained."

UYSA Sideline Policy

In 2007 the Utah Youth Soccer Association adopted a sideline policy that calls for teams and their fans to setup on the same side of the pitch. Fans should be on one half and the team should be on the other. Opposing fans should be at opposite ends of the pitch. There should be a minimum of 10 yards on either side of the midline that is clear of fans and players for substitutes. For more information please visit our website and click on the "UYSA Sideline Policy" link.

HC Storm Night at the RSL

We have arranged for discounted tickets to the RSL match against Toronto FC on Monday July 28. The club has a block of tickets in the north end zone of Rice Eccles stadium. Normally these tickets are \$17, but we are able to purchase them for \$13. For those who have never attended an MLS game, this is a great way to enjoy soccer and see elite players compete. If you would like more information or to purchase tickets for this game, please visit the website at www.hcstorm.org/rslnight.html or email president@hcstorm.org. There is no limit to the number of tickets you can purchase at this price. If you have a group of family, friends or business associates that would like to attend this match, please contact us and we can arrange for tickets. The match will kick off at 7pm, but there are terrific pre-game activities at the stadium starting at 6pm.

Summer Camp Information Posted on Website

The schedule for Summer Camps has been posted on our club website. Please take a minute to visit the website and see when your team will be training with Richard Slade. A few reminders - all players should come to training camps and clinics fully prepared to play a match. Shin guards, proper attire and shoes are required. If you have any questions please send an email to coaching@hcstorm.org. We are requesting that during all training camps and team clinics that at least one adult remain. Our trainer will handle the camp, but in case of emergency we need to have a second adult available to assist. This can be a coach or rotate through parents during the camp. If you are able to help with this, please let your coach know.

Additional Training Options Provided

In an effort to provide the maximum training solutions for our club players, we are planning to offer Goal Keeper Training sessions during the summer. Please stay tuned for specific schedules coming shortly. We will also be offering clinics for Defenders, Midfielders and Forwards too. Information will be communicated to our coaches as soon as we can finalize the schedule. These clinics will be available to all HC Storm Players and are included as part of your annual fees.

Private Coaching now Available

For those players wishing to further enhance their skills, HC Storm is proud to offer Private Coaching time with our professional trainer. Pricing is \$25/player/hour. It is recommended that Private Coaching happen in groups of 3-4 players. For more information or to schedule a session, please contact Richard Slade by calling 691-9118 or email coaching@hcstorm.org.

Sportsmanship

We are entering the season of tournaments and preparing for state alignments. Excitement and pressure will be high and we need to remember that sportsmanship must be our hallmark. The UYSA recently sent out a memo to all club presidents stressing the importance of sportsmanship. We must all recognize that the referee is the authority for the game and that all comments should be focused on positive encouragement for our teams and players.

Open Call for Referees

There is a shortage of certified referees in our area (South Utah County). Referees earn between \$15 and \$40 per game. If you are interested in becoming a certified referee please visit www.utahsoccerrefs.com.

Fundraising Merchandise

We are currently offering a few fund raising items that can be purchased. We continue to offer the awesome new HC Storm T-Shirts that were introduced at the Annual Community Soccer Night. These shirts make great training shirts and are fun to wear. We also have HC Storm Proud Supporter window decals available. Finally, we have a REAL Salt Lake Discount pack. The discount pack costs \$25 and gives you multiple buy-one-get-one-free coupons for seats at RSL matches and discounts on merchandise. Proceeds from each of these items goes into the general club fund and helps us continue to improve our programs. For more information, please visit www.hcstorm.org/fundraising.html.

Thanks to everyone for your support of Youth Soccer and the HC Storm Soccer Club.