

October 2008 Newsletter



President's Message

The big news this continues to be the incredible performance of our soccer teams. As of this newsletter, our district teams are a combined 50-47-8 and our state teams are a combined 49-21-10. Congratulations to our superb players and coaches for the effort. The dedication and determination of our players and coaches is very evident. I would like to thank all of our parents and fans for their support and for the great examples being set for sportsmanship and support. I have received numerous compliments from other clubs and from people in the community about our program and this is a great reflection on all of us.

We are preparing for our 10 year anniversary celebration - I want to encourage every parent in our club to attend this evening of celebration, socializing and planning. It will be a chance for us to celebrate our successes over the past ten years and a chance to talk about plans for the next ten years. During the evening you will have the chance to speak with board members and other parents about the club and share ideas on how to improve our club. We will present our ideas and plans for the future and open the floor to questions about these plans to gain feedback and input from club parents. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

This month marks one year of our club newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has contributed content and ideas for the newsletter. We are now using an online system to handle our newsletter distribution. Please encourage other parents and fans to sign up for our newsletter. You can sign up on our website.

10th Anniversary Celebration

Tickets are now available for the anniversary celebration. The event is scheduled for November 1, 2008 and will be held at the Hobbie Creek Elementary school in Mapleton from 6pm to 9pm. The purpose of this evening will be to allow us to celebrate the club's accomplishments over the past ten years and to give our board a chance to share the vision for the coming ten years. We are anxious to have all of our parents come and interact with each other and with the board. Please mark this day on your calendar and plan to attend. Tickets are available through our coaches or by contacting me at president@hcstorm.org. Ticket prices are \$25 per couple or \$15 for an individual. This evening is planned as an adult evening. Parents and other adult fans are welcome to come and celebrate. Please come and join us in celebrating and planning for our club.

Extra Uniform Parts

We have some extra black Diadora shorts and red Diadora socks. We also have several red Diadora backpacks and duffle bags. If your player needs extra practice gear or replacement game gear, please visit the website for a listing of what is available or send an email to president@hcstorm.org

Seeking Coaches for Next Season

We are receiving an increasing number of inquiries from players and families who are interested in becoming part of the HC Storm Soccer program. With this increase, comes an increased need for coaches. In order to coach you simply need a desire to work with the players. We can provide you with instruction on the game and on coaching techniques. We will continue to hold coach training sessions to help all of our coaches find new and better ways to train our players.

ODP Tryouts Starting in November

US Youth Soccer's Olympic Development Program (ODP) is a national program that has been in existence since 1977 and is considered the finest soccer program in the country. ODP is designed to identify and develop talented youth soccer players throughout the country to represent their state association, region and the United States in soccer competition. ODP is offered as a compliment to club programs and as an additional resource for player development as they prepare for state, regional, national and international competitions. Utah ODP represents the highest level of youth soccer offered in the state of Utah and is available to all youth soccer players born in 1998 or later and registered with Utah Youth Soccer. This November Utah will hold the annual tryouts for the Utah ODP program. In Utah, the ODP program is directed by UYSA State Technical Director, Greg Maas. Registration is done online at the UYSA website and there are 4 tryout sessions. Players register once, but can attend any or all of the tryout sessions. Players are encouraged to participate in more than one tryout session. This year tryouts will be held November 1 in St George, November 8 in Layton, November 15 in Sandy and November 22 in Orem. For more information please visit the UYSA website or contact Mike Goodman at training@hcstorm.org.

We Need Referees

With the price of gas, it is difficult to get referees from Provo and Orem to come to Springville and Mapleton. Our need for certified referees is reaching a critical point. Almost every night we have games where a single referee is handling the whole match. This causes frustration for coaches, players and fans. In order to achieve certification and participate as a referee you need to complete the UYSA referee course. This course requires about 18 hours of instruction and is usually offered on 2-3 weeknights plus 2 Saturdays. You need to be at least 12 years old to get certified, and referees are assigned to games based on their age and experience. We need adult and youth referees. If you have questions about the experience of being a referee, please feel free to contact Mike Goodman by email at training@hcstorm.org. We are planning to host a referee clinic in our community in early 2009. If you are interested in taking the course sooner, there is a course is being offered in Park City November 7,8,14 &15. Referees are paid for each game they officiate. Center Referees can earn between \$20 and \$40 per game and assistant referees can each between \$15 and \$20 per game. Money is paid in cash before each game.

State Cup

The Utah State Cup competition tournament is held during the Fall for the boys and in the Spring for the girls. The top two teams from each age bracket advance to the Far West Regional Tournament in June. Winners of the regional tournaments advance to the national tournament. HC Storm is proud to have 4 boys teams competing in the State Cup this Fall. They are U11-Lewis, U14-Klauck, U16-Schultzke and U18-Goodman. Each team competes in a round-robin bracket and the top two teams from each bracket advance to the quarter finals and then it is win or go home through the quarter, semi and finals. State Cup games will be played between October 11 and 25.

Albertsons Community Partners Program

The HC Storm Soccer club is a member of the Albertsons Community Partners program. This means that the club can receive money based on our purchases at Albertsons. Depending on the items purchased, we can earn as much as 4% of the total shopping bill. To participate, you can print the form on our website (<http://www.hcstorm.org/albertsons>) and take it with you the next time you shop at Albertsons. You need to have your Preferred Savings Card number in order to register. Please help us take advantage of this fundraising tool.

Sponsorship Drive

The HC Storm Soccer Club is a great collection of families and individuals within the Mapleton, Springville, Salem and Spanish Fork communities. We represent a great communication and marketing opportunity for local businesses. In an effort to create a win-win opportunity for both local businesses and our club, we are offering a sponsorship program. The goal of this program is to give local businesses a cost effective channel to communicate with potential customers in our club, while generating some additional funds for our club operations. If you know of a local business that would be interested in our sponsorship program, please invite them to visit our website at www.hcstorm.org/sponsorship.html or to email president@hcstorm.org.

Thank You to Our Current Sponsors

We are very fortunate to have corporate sponsors who are supporting our club. Currently Neways International, The Junction, D&S Fabrication & Machine, UCCU and Larson & Rosenberger are sponsors of our club. I encourage everyone to visit our sponsorship page on the website and to learn more about these businesses. If you have opportunity to do business with any of these companies, please thank them for their support of our club.