

# December 2008 Newsletter

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## President's Message

Happy Holidays to everyone in our club! It is a great time of year for reflections and for giving thanks. As I think about our Soccer Club, I wish to give thanks to our coaches. These men and women dedicate time and energy to our players and do it for their own love of the game. I would also like to say thank you to those who referee our games. Without the time and dedication of these people our program would not work.

As we discussed at the Anniversary celebration, one of our key objectives as a club is the development of our players and our coaches. In November we hosted a USSF licensing clinic for Utah County coaches, this is one of many such activities planned for 2009. We are already planning player development for 2009. We are searching for a facility where we can host pre-season training in February and we are busy planning for Summer Camps, Youth Soccer Academies and more. Stay tuned for announcements in January about the many things we will be doing to develop players and coaches in 2009.

As reported in last month's newsletter, the US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (ODP) tryouts for Utah occurred in November. UYSA reports that more than 1600 talented soccer players attended the four tryouts. I am pleased to report that 11 HC Storm players were selected to participate in the Utah ODP program. These players will have the opportunity to train with some of the best players in the state. They will receive instruction from some of the best coaches and have an opportunity to further develop their soccer skills. I attended three of the four tryout sessions and watched closely as the players were given instruction and a chance to demonstrate their skills. Based on my experience with ODP I would strongly recommend that all of our players consider participating in the tryouts next year. For a one-time \$30 fee, your player has the chance to workout during 4 three-hour sessions with some of the best players and coaches in Utah.

Finally, I am thrilled to report that two of our teams went to St George and competed successfully in the Dixie Invitational. Our U12 Girls (Coached by Dave Bailey) took first place with an impressive 4-0 record. The girls scored 10 goals while holding opponents to shutouts in all 4 wins. In the U11 bracket Coach Agüero's girls captured second place and also represented our club with pride and class. Way to go girls!

## Coaches Meeting on January 16

We are planning to hold our winter coaches meeting on Friday January 16. If you have any feedback or items you would like discussed, please contact your coach or email me directly at [president@hcstorm.org](mailto:president@hcstorm.org)

### **Coaching E License Clinic Results**

We are pleased to report that 5 of our club coaches attended and completed the US Soccer Federation E License course. In addition to the HC Storm Coaches that attended this course, several other District 5 coaches also attended. We are planning to host a USSF D-License clinic in February. For those who are interested, the E-License clinic requires 18 hours of instruction. The D-License Clinic requires 32 hours of instruction. After completing the D-License course, coaches take an examination and based on the results they achieve either a State or National certification.

### **Club Growth Plans**

As part of our club development plan we want to have at least two teams in every age group for both boys and girls competition. To start this growth we are looking for volunteers who are willing to coach. Please take a moment and think about someone you know who would be a good soccer coach. We have the training and support system to help them get started. A great way to start is to become an assistant coach to one of our current teams. Every one of our coaches would appreciate the help and it would be a great introduction to our club and coaching. Our commitment to every coach is that we will provide the necessary equipment and training to field a team. Please help us spread the word to soccer families throughout Utah County.

### **Annual Community Soccer Night**

Mark your calendars the Annual HC Storm Community Soccer Night will be April 24 from 6-9pm at Ira Allen Park. The objective of this evening is for every player and their family to attend and to invite friends, neighbors and others who are interested in Soccer. Interested families can come and meet parents, coaches and board members. They can ask questions, get general information and understand more about what we do. Please plan to attend and invite your friends to come as well.

### **Annual Spring Golf Tournament**

One of the primary fundraising activities for our club next year is the Spring Golf Tournament. This tournament represents a chance for players to earn some of their club fees and helps us create awareness for the program. In addition to teams of golfers, there are also hole sponsorships available. As a Sponsor, a business is able to setup a table and tent on the tee and talk to the golfers as they play the hole. The committee is forming and we are planning for a date in early May. Please start talking to friends and businesses that may want to participate.

### **U15 Girls Team Being Formed - Players wanted**

We are pleased to announce that Steve Williamson is planning to coach a U15 Girls State Competition team this spring. There are still some open roster spots for this team and if you know of someone who would be interested in joining this team, please have them contact Steve directly at 489-5906. Please help us spread the word to any young lady born August 1, 1993 or later.

### **U17 Girls Team needs additional players**

Our U17 Girls will be playing in the Premier division this spring and they are looking for some additional girls to complete their roster. If you know a young lady born on August 1, 1991 or later that would be interested in playing for Coach Lamont, please have them contact him at 489-8767.

### **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](http://www.hcstorm.org/sponsorship.html) or to email [president@hcstorm.org](mailto: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, Larson & Rosenberger, Mike Klauck Construction, The Junction, D&S Fabrication & Machine, Mike Klauck Construction and UCCU** 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.