



**Sky River Soccer Club**  
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Players, Parents, and Coaches of Sky River Soccer Club,

A Happy New Year to all you Sky River Soccer fans!

As the new President I am honored to serve the Club and work together with the board, the parents and all the kids. I'm very excited about some of the new changes that the New Year has brought and have great anticipation and expectation for what is to come for Sky River Soccer. For the past 10 years I have been involved in different areas of the club, mainly as a coach. Most recently I was the VP of Equipment. What I hope to bring to the club is some new energy and some ideas for the future of the club.

Ryan Schaeffer joins us as the newly elected VP of Development. Ryan is the current Monroe High School Boys Soccer Varsity coach. He has been the head coach for 7 years. He comes to us with lots of ideas for the club.

Also newly elected to the Club for VP of Equipment is Kevin Karels. Kevin has been involved with coaching one of Sky River's select teams for the last two years.

We would also like to welcome our new secretary, Jessica Aplin.

Last season brought several successes for our teams. See page 3 for details.

The Club holds the belief that the better trained our coaches are the better they will be at installing a positive experience for the kids. We are looking forward to the adding of new clinics and training times for our coaches in the upcoming months. It's not about winning as much as learning to love to play.

We desire to continue to bring success for our teams and to continue improving our Club. The Spring Academy has been expanded to include one more year younger and older U9-U12. We will also plan include U13 and U14 in the academy as the numbers will not be enough to hold viable teams. We have added to our staff Hugo Alcaraz and Bill Umana. They come in with some high expectations for our kid's development. They bring with them a wealth of experience in training and coaching different levels of players with great success. Their resumes will be available on our website, along with registration and a training schedule for the spring. By adding them to our program it gives our coaches some exposure to a couple of highly qualified trainers, which affords us the opportunity to learn and improve our soccer knowledge.

Chris Longsine, President

Sky River Soccer Club is dedicated to the continued development of players of all ages. The Spring Soccer Academy is designed to better prepare our players for the fall season by focusing on their individual skills. This is achieved by giving them the opportunity to train under the supervision of qualified trainers and coaches.

In order to focus the training to suit the level of each individual, players will be grouped into 3 age groups. The age groups will be broken down as follows. Group 1: U9 & U10, Group 2: U11 & U12, Group 3: U13 and U14.

The focus of the 2 weekday training sessions is to build the individual skills. The Saturday sessions will be to display and apply their newly developed skills into a game like setting. In each age group there will be trainers/coaches dedicated to teaching the appropriate skills for which each age group demands. As the weeks progress, so will the intensity and level of training. The groups will be focusing on proper technique and ball control. This includes trapping, passing, shooting and dribbling. The groups will work on technique and ball control with an added focus on small sided tactics in attacking and defending.

On competition Saturday each age group will be divided into teams. These teams are not chosen based on fall league teams; rather they are chosen to challenge each individual in a game setting. The success of the Spring Soccer Academy is dependent on the trainers and club coaches. As many of the club coaches will be participating in the players training it is vital to remember that the focus is on *individual* player development rather than the development of an individual *team*. It is our objective that at the end of the 9 week academy each player will be more confident on and off ball, while gaining a greater love for the game of soccer.

Looking toward the future,  
Ryan Schaeffer  
VP of Player and Coach Development  
Director of Select

## **SPRING REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Spring soccer registration will be open online February 1 and will close March 20 for the below age groups. The Sky River Soccer Club spring league is an intramural, recreational soccer program, specifically organized to allow players additional opportunities to learn and play the game beyond the main fall season. Teams are available for players ages:

U6 (age 5) date of birth falls between 8/1/03 and 7/31/04

U7 (age 6) date of birth falls between 8/1/02 and 7/31/03

U8 (age 7) date of birth falls between 8/1/01 and 7/31/02

This is not a competitive league; no scores are recorded, and the format does not follow usual fall rules and procedures. There are 3 to 8 players per team on the field depending on the age group.

Teams may have mixed ages and may be co-ed depending on the number of players that register and the need to fill schedule brackets. The spring teams may not be the same rosters as the previous fall teams.

We strive to have all games on Saturdays April 17 thru June 12. There are no games on Memorial Day weekend; we would like to complete the season the weekend after school lets out.

We're excited to offer our Academy Program to U9 thru U14 age divisions this Spring. Please check the website for details and to register online as well. Informational meeting Thursday February 18 at 7pm. Check website for location.

In addition to online registration, we'll have on-site registration available on Sunday 2/20 and 3/7 from noon to 3 and on Saturday 3/20 from 10-1 at Fairfield County Park. Please bring your player's birth certificate with the submission of your registration form; your player may not participate until we receive his/her birth certificate and fees.

Our spring soccer season will follow the same format as in the past. Practices will begin in early April, with games starting on April 17th. We look forward to another great season with your children at a safe and enjoyable location.

**Coaches: Please note...** Attendance at a mandatory meeting is required for you to receive your roster and equipment. The mandatory coach meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on March 31st. The location of the meeting will be announced by email and posted on the website two weeks prior. New or returning coaches must register online.

To contact Sky River Soccer Club with regard to questions concerning registration, please call 360.794.1609 or visit [www.skyriversoccer.net](http://www.skyriversoccer.net); please put "Spring 2010 Registration" in the subject line and address to **srscregis-**

### **THE HOW TO'S OF ONLINE REGISTRATION**

If you have forgotten your username and password for online registration, you can request that the online system send it to you. All players from last year, spring and fall, had a user account created for them. As long as your email has not changed, the system will send you the username and password by email. If you are not sure which email has been entered, please send an email to [srscregistrar@yahoo.com](mailto:srscregistrar@yahoo.com) and the registrar will send you the information. Please include your first and last name, your child's name, phone number and new email address.

From the home page you will select **member login**. Select **Spring 2010 registration**.

Once in the registration system online, you can only register your child for the correct age group. Request for playing up must be sent to the registrar after your have registered online. Your request will be reviewed and you will be notified.

Birth certificates must be verified with the club. Upon receipt and review of the certificate, it will be shredded.

No player will be assigned to a team until fees have been received and the player's birth certificate reviewed.

In the past years, age groups have been combined as U6 and U7; there is a chance that these teams and U8 could also be co-ed. Requests for specific teams may be difficult to honor if teams are combined.

When combining age groups or making teams co-ed, every attempt will be made to have teams set up equally, whether that be age to age, or boys to girls, or both.

Please continue to watch the website for updates on information. Coaches will not receive their rosters until late March. You will be contacted by your coach shortly thereafter (approximately April 1st).

## **TOURNAMENT AND FALL SEASON ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **Recreation Teams**

We're pleased to recognize the following team for taking first place in their division for the fall season: U15 girls Darrel Saxton

### **Select Teams**

We have 2 teams competing in various state-wide championship tournaments which began in January: Karels U12 girls, and Bradley U11 girls, Good luck to all! As of printing they both advanced to the quarterfinals.

The Extreme U11 girls—White, coached by Justin Bradley, came in first place in the District league—gold division.

They also took first place in the Wenatchee Apple Cup in October.

Extreme U14 girls took first place in the Sly River Tournament in August.

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO REFEREE?**

Calling all people to become a referee! Now is the time to get started in refereeing! Our spring season is fast approaching. This is a GREAT time for new referees to get some game experience and GET PAID at the same time! We provide mentoring during both the spring and fall seasons to help all new referees gain experience with support at the same time.

This opportunity is also open to all of you PARENTS! Take a class and referee in the Spring so you will be ready to help the Club with the fall season. We especially need parent/adult referees to help refereeing our older youth teams in the fall.

Referee clinics in our area are soon to be scheduled. Once you pass the referee test, you can be certified to referee our teams and make money! The Club will buy your uniform for you too!

If you are interested, please contact either Naomi or Jane.

See you on the pitch!

Naomi Johnson – Phone: 794-7489  
E-mail: antynom@hotmail.com

Jane Johnson- Phone 805-0323  
E-mail: jtjsocfun@gmail.com

## **2010 Board Members**

Chris Longsine, President

Naomi Johnson, Vice President

Ryan Schaeffer, VP of Development

Jim Johnson, VP of Field Development

Cindy Gobel, VP of Registration

Jane Johnson, VP of Referees

Kevin Karels, VP of Equipment

Bill Coan, Treasurer

Jessica Aplin, Secretary

## **ALBERTSON'S COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Albertson's offers the Community Partnership program, giving back to youth one shopping cart at a time... For those of you not familiar with the program, they've linked the Community Partner's Card to the Preferred Savings Card. Shoppers can earn money for Sky River Soccer Club, just by using your Preferred Savings Card. If you would like to participate in this effort, please see the following instructions. For those of you who have previously participated in this program, Albertson's is asking for all former participants to "re-link" their accounts. You can follow the same instructions below.

1. Go to **www.albertsonscp.com**
2. Log onto the site
3. Enter your Preferred Card number (if you don't know our number, please call 877.932.7948 for assistance)
4. Enter our club's Community Partner ID 4900012393

***Thank you for your continued support of Sky River Soccer Club!***

Calendar of upcoming events to watch for

- Onsite registration dates at Fairfield County Park Sunday 2/21 and 3/7 noon to 3. Saturday 3/20 10-1
- Spring academy registration closes 3/1, training begins 3/9, games begin 3/20
- Spring soccer registration closes 3/20, training begins 4/1, Games begin 4/17
- Fall soccer registration open 4/15
- Select tryouts in May– dates to be determined and posted on website
- Sky River Soccer tournament Aug 26-29

### ***GOOD SOCCER PARENTING...***

If you're interested in helping your child with the fundamentals of soccer, as well as teaching good sportsmanship, the following are a few great sites to check out...

- [www.ResponsibleSports.com](http://www.ResponsibleSports.com)

- [www.soccer-for-parents.com](http://www.soccer-for-parents.com)

- [www.soccerparent.com](http://www.soccerparent.com)

- [www.fundamental soccer.com](http://www.fundamental soccer.com)

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