



# The Storm Watch

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## 'Tis the Season: Toys, Tourney, and Taps

On **Saturday, December 06**, our club is hosting the 14th Annual Space Coast 3 v 3 Challenge. We look forward to a large turnout again this year and hope to see lots of volunteers help make this a wildly successful event. Please visit VolunteerSpot to see what you can do to make that happen. You can also bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas by donating an unwrapped new toy at the tournament. We are an official drop spot for Toys for Tots again this year.



Later that evening, we have a world of fun waiting for our members at World of Beer at The Avenue Viera. Chuck and MaryBeth Liska have offered the WOB for the SCU fall season fundraiser. A percentage of all proceeds will be donated back to the club. Come out and meet the coaches, bring your friends, and let's all get together and celebrate a great fall season and support Space Coast United's fundraising efforts

This event will be from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. We will have raffle drawings and a silent auction. If you would like to donate something to raffle please contact Jeff Leonard. Raffle drawings will be held every hour. Teams wishing to make a gift basket for the silent auction will receive 75% of the winning bid. Teams just need to bring their baskets to WOB by 6:00 p.m.



We appreciate the wonderful staff at World of Beer for hosting the event. Let's give them a phenomenal turn out to say thanks!

## U10 Academy Girls Win Brevard Fall Cup

On October 11-12, Space Coast United's U-10 Girls Academy team competed in the Brevard Fall Cup and placed first, dominating group play and performing extremely well in their finals against Melbourne United. The tournament began with a 5-3 win against Florida Rush followed by a crushing 7-3 victory over Devine Mercy, ending the day with 7 points after tying Melbourne United 1-1. The girls played Melbourne United again in the finals, this time resulting in a 3-0 shut out.

Their coaches are incredibly proud of the girls' performance in the team's first tournament championship. They said the team played their absolute best and were developing with every single practice and game. No doubt they will continue to perform well as the team transitions to competitive play.

Academy Director, Rob Dinnie, pointed out that Space Coast does not typically participate in too many tournaments at this age bracket. The team was a last minute addition being asked by Port St. John to fill in for their team. So it was a real bonus that the girls did so well.



# Goalkeeper Page Gets a New Look



Space Coast United is proud to have an exceptional Goalkeeper Academy as part of our programming. We have made quite a few changes to the [Goalkeeper page](#) on the club website to showcase this program.

Goalkeeper Director Mike Potier has assembled a crack team to work with our competitive keepers. Assistant Director Jonathan Frazier and U9/10 Academy Director Emma Ahlmstad have worked tirelessly with Coach Potier this fall preparing our young keepers for game day. We have added photos and bios of the staff to the page.

It also includes the training schedule, photos of our keepers during training and in action on the pitch, and a video prepared by Coach Potier to help team coaches warm up their keepers before a match. For more information about the Goalkeeper Academy, email [Coach Potier](#).

Ms. Green began a job as a school counselor and was eager to help. One day during recess she noticed a girl standing by herself on one side of a playing field while the rest of the kids enjoyed a game of soccer at the other.

Ms. Green approached the girl and asked if she was all right. The girl said she was.

A little while later, she noticed the girl was in the same spot, still by herself. Approaching again, Ms. Green offered, "Would you like me to be your friend?"

The girl hesitated, then said, "Okay," looking at the woman suspiciously. Feeling she was making progress, Ms. Green then asked, "Why are you standing here all alone?"

"Because," the little girl said with great exasperation, "I'm the goalie!"

## Space Coast Hosts A Cold Windy Blast of Fall Fun

The Club endeavors to deliver a fun end of season event each Spring and Fall to thank our members for their support. Our Fall Fun Day at Viera was held on Saturday, November 01. Our members were treated to games, food, raffle prizes, a vendor market place, and a visit from two Orlando City pro players.

We held our first ever Fun Fall Day Coach Game. Our YDP coaches treated us to a superb soccer match loudly supported by their families and many of the players on their teams. The game ended in a 1-0 win for Marcos Obermaier's Athletico Melbourne against Mike Lord's Real Brevard. We hope we can carry on this tradition and increase the size of the fan section each season. We like it LOUD! Thank you to all who participated and we truly appreciate the game concluding without the need for a stretcher or oxygen masks.

It took a lot of hard work on the part of event coordinator, Carol-Ann Zarogian, and all of the volunteers who pitched in to pull it off. As Carol-Ann said, "The children's smiling faces throughout the day make the effort more than worthwhile."

The following organizations contributed to Fall Fun Day's success. Thank you!

- ◆ Orlando City Soccer
- ◆ Parisi
- ◆ Astro Jump Inflatables
- ◆ Papa Johns Pizza
- ◆ Panera Bread
- ◆ McDonalds
- ◆ Viera Pizza
- ◆ Goodwill



**Orlando City MLS players Darwin Cerén and Rafael Ramos taking to the pitch with some of our up and coming Space Coast stars.**

# U14 and U19 Girls Win Bazooka Fall Classic

Our U19 and U14 Girls won the Bazooka Fall Classic held over the Columbus Day weekend. These were great wins since the rain over the last month meant very few practices, and the U19 team was missing six players. They won their first game 2-1 over Lakeland, tied Clermont 1-1, and shut out Lakeland 2-0 in the Final. Our U14 Travel Girls became champions by beating FC Tampa 3-0 in their Final. Way to go girls!

In another part of the state, our U18 Boys were Finalists in the Adidas Cup over in Tampa. Excellent work boys!



U19 Girls



U14 Girls

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## Meet the Board Member: Ann Fuller

The Fullers joined the club in 2003 when their eldest son, Liam, played U6. He went on to play Rec and Comp soccer before retiring at 16 to become a TOPSoccer Buddy and Referee. Their middle son, Colin, became a Mini-kicker in 2005 and is now the goalkeeper on the U14 Boys Travel/NPL squad. Aidan, the baby of the family, rocked a few years of YDP, but decided his passions lay elsewhere. Ann played right back on her high school soccer team with, as she describes it, “more enthusiasm than skill.” She earned her certification as a Level 8 Referee in August and has no aspirations to ref a single game citing extremely thin skin.

Ann volunteered in YDP as a coach, manager, and scheduler and has managed Colin’s competitive teams for the past three years. Ann joined the board in September 2013 as the Director of Media Relations. Over the last year, Ann has focused on facilitating improved communications with particular attention to our social media engagement, public relations with news outlets, and implementing *The Storm Watch* newsletter. She took on these responsibilities because she feels the “One Club mentality” is crucial to the club’s continued success and future growth..

Ann said, “When we were in YDP, we had no clue what was happening on the competitive side of the club. And then when we began to focus on Comp, we saw how easy it was to become disassociated from the developmental programs. Having a greater awareness of everything Space Coast does builds a stronger sense of community, and that’s important to me. Parents invest a lot of time and money into their children’s activities. It only makes sense that youth organizations should foster a feeling of belonging and engagement. Just knowing what’s going on can help someone feel included and welcome.”

Ann is currently the Director of Administration for Sentry View Systems . Her husband, Jamie, was active in the club as a volunteer YDP coach before his business travel and aging children put an end to that. In addition to soccer, they enjoy swimming, travel, and entertaining....provided Jamie is doing the cooking.



# Get Your Storm Gear at Soccer.com

We may not be quite ready to open our own store at the fields yet, but you can still get Spirit Wear with the new Space Coast United logo on it. [Soccer.com](http://Soccer.com) has t-shirts, tank tops, hoodies, hats, and more. They carry youth and adult sizes and offer mens, ladies, and unisex styles. Holiday shopping couldn't be easier and a portion of the proceeds benefit the club!



## Join Us for the Viera Light Parade

**Q: Why are soccer players never asked to dinner?**

**A: Because they're always dribbling.**

On **Saturday, November 29th**, the streets of Viera will come alive with a magical light parade featuring marching bands and professionally decorated floats. Space Coast United sent a festively decorated contingent of players and their families last year and would like to make our presence even bigger in the 2014 parade. The parade begins at 6:00 p.m. Contact [Lisa Cerrato](mailto:Lisa.Cerrato@spacecoastunited.com) for more information on how you can join the Space Coast Parade Brigade.



2013 Viera Light Parade

## Fall 2014 Recap ~ by Coach Rob Dinnie

Our Fall season began with lots of energy and enthusiasm from our volunteers and players. I feel a lot of that was due to a fantastic World Cup where it seemed that soccer fever had taken over the whole country. This was reflected in over 700 registrations for the YDP and Recreational programs. We were bursting at the seams at some fields. We also introduced our new logo and hooped uniforms. Space Coast United is excited with the new brand and I hope that, whether you liked the new style or not, you can agree we stand out from the rest.

We always promote the message of positive and enthusiastic coaching at our pre-season coaching clinics. With so many new players this season I wanted to highlight how grateful I am for those of you who stepped up to help coach or assist this year. I am constantly challenged each season to find volunteers, as well as our paid trainers, to support our players. Your support of our program is always greatly appreciated.

Part of the ethos of the YDP program is to provide a safe, fun, and skill-based educational environment. However, another element is the development of players for our Academy Program. The young talent we have in this club is truly pleasing to watch each weekend. The other real joy as a coach is seeing our YDP players putting the skills they have worked on in their practices into their play.

The weather this season was the most horrid I can recall. The fall season suffered a lack of cohesion with the constant rain and our fields requiring time to drain. We know that it was very frustrating for players and parents alike. I can assure everyone it was doubly upsetting to our coaching staff who just want to be on the field with the children teaching them the game of soccer. It often became difficult to keep track of everything with schedules being frequently shuffled around. As you are hopefully aware, Space Coast United is offering 4v4 Street Soccer over the winter to our current members to thank them for their patience and understanding this fall. It starts January 24th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and runs for five weeks. This program will be free with no registration required for all current members who wear their hooped jersey.



## Spring 2015

### Rec Registration Opens Early

Our programs fill up fast these days! So we have already opened registration for our Spring Recreational season (ages 3-17). Due to overwhelming demand, all age groups for the YDP and Recreational programs were full for Fall 2014 and we had to close registration earlier than in past seasons. Make sure you register early to ensure your player's spot as we anticipate all age groups filling up once again this spring.

**Registration Deadline: January 31, 2015** After that date, registration will be on a space available basis.

#### **Volunteering Builds A Sense of Community!**

With a growing program comes the need for additional volunteer coaches, managers, committee members, registration team members, etc. Please indicate your volunteer role preference when you register your child. It takes every one of us to make our programs successful, and both you and your child will get more out of the experience. If you have questions about Space Coast United Soccer Club volunteer opportunities, please contact [volunteer@spacecoastsoccer.org](mailto:volunteer@spacecoastsoccer.org).

Visit the [Registration](#) page on our website for more information and to click through to on-line registration. A preliminary schedule will soon be available on our website and is already on our Facebook page.

[IHB Minikickers](#)

[Wick/Viera Minikickers](#)

[YDP/Academy](#)



Established in 1984, Space Coast United Soccer Club is a non-profit run by volunteers dedicated to families who wish to enjoy the sport of soccer and to provide opportunities to play at all levels from ages three to eighteen with the highest quality of programs available in the State of Florida. Our efforts and energies are directed to the following objectives:

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- We strive to develop players at all levels of play – recreational and competitive – by building and improving their skills, confidence, fitness, initiative and a sense of teamwork.
- We are committed to developing coaches and referees to the highest level through a quality instructional, licensing and mentoring program.
- We aim to ensure all of our players’ personal goals are met whether they be enjoying recreational soccer, playing on an elite or premier competitive team, playing on your high school team, playing in college, or on a U.S. National team someday.
- We promote and encourage high standards of sportsmanship and fair play and strive to ensure all players are doing it “For the love of the Game!”



We appreciate your generous donation to the club!



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## Our Programs

Micro/Mini-Kickers  
Ages 3-5

Youth Development and Academy  
Ages 4-11

Competitive: Select/NPL  
Ages 9-19

Recreational  
Ages 13-18

Goalkeeper Academy  
Ages 9-19

TOPSoccer  
Ages 4-19

## Youth Soccer Websites

[Florida Youth Soccer Association](#)

[National Premier Leagues](#)

[US Youth Soccer](#)

[Brevard Youth Soccer League](#)

[Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer League](#)



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