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Inaugural Kick-A-Thon Nets Over \$7K

The weather sure did make a tough go of our first annual Kick-A-Thon! Given the conditions, however, the results were great and very much appreciated! Just ten teams managed to raise \$7,302 towards safety improvements at Space Coast United. Imagine what we could have achieved had the rain stayed away a few more days (or weeks)!

We'd like to send a special word of thanks to Director of Coaching, Dean Flexton, and his Junior Division. They had 100% team participation and contributed 43% to the total sum raised. Way to go!

TEAM AWARDS

First Place Team: U14 Boys Travel \$1,440
A family/team celebration night at Five Guys in Viera and \$200

Second Place Team: U15 Girls Travel \$1,032
SCU baseball hats and \$150



Third Place Team: U16 Boys Travel \$730
SCU sack packs and \$100

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

First Place: Colin Fuller \$515
PUMA cleats and \$50 soccer.com gift card

Second Place: Lena Hatter \$487
Customized SCU back pack and \$25 soccer.com gift card

Third Place: Rhys Gallant \$325
Spirit Wear Fun Pack

Winter Camps Include Striking & Goalkeeping

Space Coast United is offering several options this winter to keep players on the ball and help them sharpen skills while having fun!

Our Striking and Goalkeeping camps will be held December 22 & 23 at Spyglass Hill Park, 7550 Spyglass Hill Road, Suntree/Viera from 9:00am-12:00pm (4-6 year olds are from 9:00am-10:30am). Families registering two or more players get a 10% discount.



Also, this winter, we are once again offering 4v4 at Wickham Park on 5 consecutive Saturdays; Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb 4 from 9:00am—10:30am. Sessions are free for registered Fall 2016 members (just wear your hoops!). See our [website](#) for more information and to register for any of our winter programs.

Fall Fun Day

Our Annual Fall Fun Day was held Saturday, October 29 and featured inflatables, games, music, prizes and food. Lots of food! It was a windy day, but absolutely gorgeous Florida fall weather. A huge thanks to the Brevard County Sheriff's Department for bringing their K-9s, our wonderful volunteers and our event coordinator, Carol-Ann Zaroogian. A lot of work goes into creating such a successful event, but it's worth seeing the smiles on the faces. Congratulations to the Salazar family (bottom right), winners of the 4 Disney World Park Hopper passes!



Thank You to Our Spirit Night Sponsors Mark Your Calendars!



February 14, 2017



January 9, 2017
March 14, 2017



December 3, 2016

Christmas Fit-Mas 3K Benefit Run

On Sunday, December 11, Pizza Gallery and Grill presents the Christmas Fit-Mas 3K to benefit Suntree Viera Youth Athletics and Hospitality Life. Sign up and registration is from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in front of the Viera Community Center. The race starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by a family fun celebration from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

There will be:

- * Fun Holiday Race Packets
- * Best Santa Costume Contest
- * Free Little Elf Run Fun for all Kids
- * Christmas Fit-Mas Awards Ceremony
- * Moisture-Wicking Race T-Shirts for all Participants
- * After Race Food and Drink by Pizza Gallery & Grill
- * Great Random Give Aways and Prizes

Participants can register at [RunningZone](#). Adults are \$30 and kids are \$15.

The event is a great marketing opportunity for local businesses as well. Sponsor forms are available [here](#).

Space Coast United Soccer Club is committed to providing 20 volunteers on race day to assist the Running Zone with Course Marshal and Water Station duties from 5:30-7:30pm. If you are interested in helping out, please email admin@spacecoastsoccer.org.



16th Annual 3v3 Tournament This Weekend!

Registration is now open for the 16th Annual Space Coast 3v3 Challenge Tournament being held Saturday, December 3, 2016 at Viera Regional Park. Teams from all over central Florida pack our fields for this one day event to qualify and prepare for the Disney 3v3 Soccer Championships. This tournament is for ages U6 to Adult. All players will receive an official tournament T-shirt at check-in. A minimum of four games will be played per team and there are individual awards for the first 3 teams in each division. The top 4 teams in each division qualify for the Challenge Sports 3v3 national championships which are played July 28-30, 2017 at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando.

Early Entry Fee (register and pay before November 19) is \$185. Entry Fee between November 20 to November 24 is \$205 and the Late Entry Fee (registering and/or paying on November 25 to 6:00pm Monday, November 28) is \$225.

Event schedules are typically posted two days before the tournament through the event's information page.

[More Information and to Register](#)



SCU Sends Record No of Teams to Disney Junior Showcase

While Thanksgiving typically means turkey, American football, and family time, for our U12-U14 families it means soccer, soccer, and more soccer. The Disney Junior Soccer Showcase brings in elite teams from around the country, and some international ones as well. This year, our U12 Girls and Boys, U13 Boys, and U14 Girls and Boys participated in the exciting and challenging tournament.

Coach Dixon's U14 Girls competed in the PUMA Elite portion of the tournament pitting them against some formidable opponents. They went head to head with an ECNL team from FC Virginia, #6 in the state and from a club ranked top 20 nationally, only to fall 0-1 to an unlucky goal in the very last minute. Their schedule had them playing on Thanksgiving Day against the number 1 team in Georgia with an 0-4 result. Friday saw them face Utah Avalanche, third in their state, and take the lead shortly after the half, but ultimately lose once again by a single goal.

The girls' participation in the PUMA Elite enabled them to attend the PUMA summit where they got to attend classes and meet international players and top officials in women's soccer. Their playoffs crossover match ended the weekend on a high note as they beat California North team West Coast Soccer with a 1-0 shut out.

The U12 Academy Girls and Boys experienced their first Junior Showcase at Disney. While not posting any wins, the teams definitely held their own against some top teams from Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina. We didn't see any lopsided scores to indicate the players were out of their depths. Some hard work on these youngsters' parts and we'll see some great results in the coming years.



Coach Flexton's U13 Boys were thrilled to play their first international match. On Friday afternoon, they faced a tough team from Ottawa. After conceding 2 goals in the first half, they held the Canadians scoreless in the second half. They beat the number 11 team in Georgia 2-1 in a cracking game, and won over Davie United in a tight 1-0 match. Some marginal gains and more hard work could see this team break out and become a force to reckon with.

Coach Flexton's U14 Boys competed in the higher Showcase II Division which put them against the number 2 team in Kentucky, number 7 team in Texas North, and number 1 team in Wisconsin. They had a monster of a schedule! They battled hard and didn't let any of these teams walk away with a clean sheet. A good showing indeed.

President of the Board, Ann Fuller, went to Disney on Friday to watch the teams. She said, "It was such fun to watch our Space Coast players go up against some seriously tough competition. You can see the difference our coaching staff has made over the years. These age brackets are better prepared and fighting harder than ever to get results. We're well positioned to progress as teams and as a club."



"Space Coast had 5 teams competing at the Disney Junior Showcase, which is the most we have ever had. This shows how the club is growing and developing our program so we are able to compete at this high level of play. Particular mention should go to the U14 girls coached by Cal Dixon. They competed in the PUMA Elite division, a very high level bracket exclusively for PUMA clubs, and put on a very impressive showing. Also, the U13 boys came away from the tournament with 2 wins out of 3 games. It was a great weekend for Space Coast Soccer Club at such a high level and prestigious event."

- Dean Flexton, Director of Coaching, Junior Division



More photos and tournament information can be found on our Facebook feed.

SCU Teams On Top at Phoenix Cup and Kohl's Cup



U16 Rec Squad at Kohl's Cup

Congratulations to Coach Nigel Murdoch and Tim Honeycutt's combined U16 Rec squad. They competed at the Brevard Recreational Classic Kohl's Cup at Max Rodes Park in West Melbourne this past weekend and represented SCU very well.

They ended up the best U16 team and placed fourth overall. They won their first game against Rockledge U16 by a score of 5-3 looking great on the pitch. Their next three games were against U19 teams, so they faced quite the challenge continuing to fight hard and play well. They easily matched the older teams, but ultimately lost the first two matches by tight scores of 2-3 and 1-2. According to Coach Murdoch, those were the types of games decided by conceding unlucky goals. Their final match was an exciting 1-1 draw with Rockledge U19 that delighted the spectators.

Coach Murdoch said, "Every player on the combined squad played with passion and determination, and should be proud of what they accomplished."



U11 Boys—Phoenix Cup Champions



U12 Girls—Phoenix Cup Finalists

Eat Wings, Raise Funds!

On Wednesday, December 21 from 4:00pm-10:00pm, Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 10% of your total bill (not including tax, gratuity or promotional discounts) to our organization . What better way to celebrate the last day of school and the first day of winter!



Shout Out for Academic Excellence!



Four U12 Girls Academy players won science fair awards this month. Congratulations Olivia Frederick, Nina Lopez, Andrea Toledo and Sophie Boss. Keep up the good work, ladies!

New Procedure for Spring Registration

Space Coast United has returned to the GotSoccer registration system we've used in the past. All players are required to be in GotSoccer by FYSA in order to be age-verified, added to rosters and issued player passes. Registering directly in GotSoccer will streamline the process.

What is new to you?

If your player has played with Space Coast United in a previous season, they already have an account. It was created when we imported Blue Sombrero registrations into GotSoccer.

How to find your login

Go to the [Password Lookup](#) Page. Enter the e-mail you used to register (this could be an old one). An e-mail will be sent with your login info and a link to reset the password, if needed. If you are unable to retrieve the login, contact us at help@spacecoastsoccer.org and we will look it up for you.

If you have multiple players in the family, you will need to make a Family Account in order to receive the sibling discount. GotSoccer provides a [Family Account manual](#) that contains instructions.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Spring Schedules are posted on our [website](#) under PROGRAMS

SCU Player Assists Coast Guard Service Project

Julia Passarelli's father is currently deployed in the Pacific Ocean on the US Coast Guard Cutter Waesche (WMSL-751). In one of their recent port of calls in Costa Rica, they visited local schools delivering clothes, supplies, and soccer balls to the children. Julia, on Coach Potier's U16 Girls Select team, has been collecting soccer balls and gently used cleats for the last two years to send to underprivileged children in countries visited by the Coast Guard.

The press release posted by USCGC Waesche said, "Did you know that the Waesche's motto is "Strength. Endurance. Service." and her crew proudly devote time to uphold these values? With support from local churches in Alameda, CA and Space Coast United Soccer Club in Viera, FL, the crew collected gently used clothes, toys, books, and equipment in preparation for upcoming community relations events. Recently, Waesche had the opportunity to visit schools in underprivileged areas of Costa Rica to distribute the donations and spread the message to Costa Rica's youth about the importance of environmental conservations." That is a motto Space Coast United fully supports.

Julia's dedication to the sport and her deep rooted sense of community service is shared by her mother as well. Jennifer is the team manager for the U16 Girls Select team and has volunteered on behalf of Space Coast United for years. We're proud to have such a giving family as part of our soccer community. Thank You!



TOPSoccer Returns in 2017!



US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, ages 4-19, who has a mental or physical disability. Our goal is to enable the thousands of young athletes with disabilities to become valued and successful members of the US Youth Soccer family.

Space Coast United won FYSA's TOPSoccer Club of the Year and TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year (Ryan Zinone) awards in 2014 and the TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year (Kala Neighbor) in 2015. We are very proud of our excellent program and excited to begin a new year. We are going paperless, so registration will be [online](#).

Teens interested in being a TOPSoccer Buddy, need to read the program [expectations](#) and [sign up](#) online.

Sessions are Sundays at 1:00pm

January 15 and 22

February 5, 12 and 26

March 5, 12, 19 and 26



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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:

- 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!"

Volunteer of the Month

JOHN EATON



Since we are a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, high school students who volunteer for Space Coast United can count their hours towards the service component of the Bright Futures Scholarship.

John Eaton has been a player for Space Coast United since 2005; progressing from Minikickers through YDP and now competing on our U16 NPL Travel squad. Several years ago, he decided he wanted to give back to the club that gave him so much and learning it relied so heavily on volunteers, was eager to help out in any way he could.

For three years in a row, John has volunteered almost double the number of hours required for the Bright Futures program. He particularly enjoys helping out our youngest players at the summer, spring break and winter camps, but has also logged hours manning raffle tables, assisting at tryout registration, posting scores at our 3v3 tournament and more.

John is currently a Freshman at West Shore High School and plays on their Varsity soccer team.

Space Coast United routinely e-mails and publicizes volunteer opportunities, through social media so if your teenager would like to help out, let them know.

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

