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WYSC Administrator's Report

WYSC is pleased to advise that we have again seen an increase in registered players this year at 401. Registered players in previous years were 353 in 2009/10 and 371 in 2010/11. The additional players have been spread over each of the age divisions.

Our volunteer coaching team has also seen growth with approx 60 coaches this season, which is fantastic to have such a large group to guide our many players.

The Whitecaps camp in May this year was a very successful start to the Spring season with increased attendance reported. Players from Whistler, Pemberton and Vancouver enjoyed a great weekend of soccer lead by a superb team of coaches with such valuable knowledge, skill and experience.

The Green River League, starting in early May, once again was a huge success and enabled our players to get outdoors and play before our fields were ready. Pemberton hosted a very successful 'End of Year' event for the U7-U11 divisions. U14-U18 enjoyed a great end to their year, playing in Whistler.

Summer saw a small increase in numbers of those attending the various soccer camps offered and held during the holiday period.

67 players attended the Saibo/EFS camp in the week of July 4-8, which was 6 more than last year.

48 participated in the Pottis/Sparks camp in the week of Aug 15-19 with 27 from the U7-U9 division and 21 U11-U14 players for the High Performance Camp. Numbers were 8 more than last year.

There was also the Genova Camp in early July which attracted many of our youth.

The new season Kick Off Camps, held in the last week of the school holidays, were very successful and many players and coaches attended these. The guidance and expertise of Polek Rybczynski, our Technical Director, was valuable in setting up the players and coaches to get them ready for their first day of play in September.

The new uniform that had been in the development stage for over 6 months was ready to be circulated in time for the start of the Fall 2011 season. Strut Your Stuff was a very busy event where all U11-U18 players were required to pick up their new shorts and socks.

The start of the Fall Season was a great success, with many bright and sunny days to enjoy soccer on and off the field.

The U9 division invited Pemberton to play in Whistler for some healthy competition and both U7-U9 divisions attended the Pemberton Jamboree which provided another great day of soccer to end the Fall Season.

U11 – U18 played in the Squamish League with the exception of U14 girls, who did not participate.

With such a large group of 60 U14 girls, it was agreed they would play with Pemberton only to allow them to play 11 vs 11, rather than 8 vs 8 required by the Squamish League. Coaches decided that this was in the best interest of the players' development and also took into account the ability of coaches to be available for 4 teams rather than trying to spread themselves between more teams.

The U12 Travel Team hosted a very successful Invitational Tournament on Fri 21st Oct, which was a Pro D day. Teams came to compete from Vancouver, Squamish and Bowen Island. Although the day was very wet, this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the players. There were many compliments about how well run the day was and this will certainly be on the calendar for next year.

Many coaches made the extra effort with their teams and traveled to compete in tournaments hosted in other areas. This was generally a great experience for all players to travel and enjoy soccer on a different level.

All divisions played through the Fall Season until Halloween weekend, finishing on Sat 29th October.

In early September, WYSC in conjunction with Donn Sparks ran a very successful Coaching Certification Course – CCY. It was attended by at least 12 coaches. WYSC is committed to providing coaching opportunities to ensure our coaches benefit from this knowledge and continue improving their ability to coach and further benefit our players.

The Coaches Gathering was held at Black's Pub in October and was a great opportunity for coaches to get together off the field to discuss some soccer in a relaxed environment.

The Celebration Dinners were a good occasion for soccer friends and families to get together and enjoy dinner. The U7, U9 and U11 were hosted at The Spaghetti Factory and the U11-U18 were at Creekbread. These were good fundraising events, raising over \$600 for the club.

WYSC has been very fortunate once again, to have benefited from grant money from the Community Enrichment Program run by the RMOW. The CEP grant for 2011 was \$9,500. Primarily these funds have been used towards providing coaching courses and enabled us to support our Technical Director. These funds have also been used to help provide more equipment and balls for all our teams.

Once again, it was a successful soccer season which continues to provide many valuable experiences to our youth.

Thank you to all the efforts of coaches in supporting our players and also to the Board of Directors for providing the necessary oversight.

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