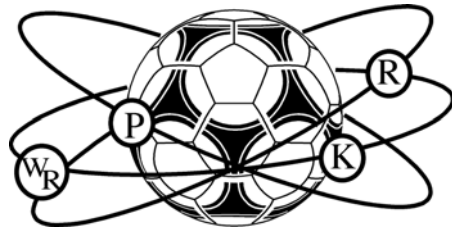


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# Tri-Cities Youth Soccer Association Newsletter

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## President's Message

It only seems like yesterday that we were writing about the upcoming spring season of soccer. Fall has arrived and soccer is again in our midst, with over 1,700 boys and girls participating in recreational soccer leagues every Saturday at the T-CYSA complex in Pasco. This year we have created 20 fields for recreational soccer ranging from tiny U-6 fields to a 65 by 110 yard field for our U-14 players. We have another 10 full-size fields devoted to the 550 kids playing competitive soccer for the Three Rivers Soccer Club. It took many hours to create these fields, and while much of the preparation was completed by Albert Montelongo, our field staff, a great amount was finished by 50 to 60 volunteers on Saturday, August 30, 2008. It would have been impossible to have these fields ready for play without the dedication of this volunteer workforce. They completed markings for penalty areas, moved goals into place, hung nets and generally cleaned up the complex. Volunteers are the backbone of this organization: coaching, working concessions, putting out corner flags, nets and even the garbage cans located throughout the complex every weekend. I'm sure as you run across these people they will each tell you the time and dedication was worth the effort.

As an organization we often depend on volunteers for these duties. If we paid staff, it would increase the cost of soccer to several hundred dollars per child. So, when you see one of these volunteers give them your thanks, show them your respect and honor the time they are giving to our children.

## Coaching Q&A Sessions

by Greg Thomas,  
VP of Development

We will hold two meetings in the T-CYSA Conference Room on Monday September 22 and Thursday September 25, 2008, from 6:00-8:00pm both nights, to help recreational coaches. All recreational coaches are invited to attend either or both sessions. Drop by to discuss any soccer related issues with your fellow coaches. Some of our senior coaches will also be there to answer questions. Details are on the T-CYSA website at <http://www.t-cysa.org/events/coachqa.html>

## Kennewick Soccer Club

Kennewick has seen tremendous growth over this last year. We currently have 68 teams and 605 players actively playing. Thank you to all the coaches for helping to retain the players from last year.

Welcome to all the new players we have also. We hope your experience with the Kennewick Soccer Club and T-CYSA will be an enjoyable one. Please don't hesitate to contact your club director with any issues that may arise.

With this new growth (and there is potential for much more) comes the need for more volunteers. Kennewick is currently looking for two age group coordinators. These coordinators will assist the club director in forming teams for the Spring and Fall seasons. Anyone wishing to help out in this capacity, please contact Greg Grogan @ 735-1856.

## Online Coaching Tool by Greg Thomas, VP of Development

T-CYSA made a web-based coaching tool available to its coaches in February 2005. Since then, our coaches have used it thousands of times to help plan training sessions. The tool has features that make it useful for novice coaches as well as experienced coaches. For example, a novice coach can look at an entire season of complete training session plans; he/she can then simply organize the activities described in the plans, and the kids will learn and improve by playing in the activities, even if the coach is inexperienced. On the other hand, a veteran coach who knows his/her older team needs to work on the tactical aspects of shooting, for example, can use the tool's search feature to get a list of games that address that topic. A new feature included in the tool is an online learning program for first-time soccer coaches. It contains video clips of practice sessions, tests, and answers. It takes less than one hour to complete the entire program, but you can also do it one part at a time; each part takes 10-15 minutes. Although this program is targeted at first-time soccer coaches, most coaches will benefit by reviewing it. To access this program, click the "First-Time Coaches" link in the navigation panel of the tool.

To access the tool, go to the T-CYSA website, click the "Coaches" link in the navigation panel on the left, click the "online coaching tool" link in the "Links" section at the top, then follow the instructions. The direct link is <http://www.t-cysa.org/coach/tool.html>. The username and password required to access the tool were shared at the coaches meetings and emailed to coaches.

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## Fall Coaching Classes by Greg Thomas, VP of Development

T-CYSA hosted all three of the introductory coaching courses at the T-CYSA Soccer Complex in Pasco on Saturday, August 23, 2008. Seven coaches attended the U6 class, 9 attended the U8 class, and 7 attended the U10 class.

There is no cost to attend any of these courses. Even better, coaches attending these classes are given a copy of the coaching DVD ("The Novice Coach: An Introduction to Coaching Youth Soccer") and the coaching book ("The Official US Youth Soccer Coaching Manual") from US Youth Soccer.

These classes are designed to provide a wealth of practical information that coaches of young teams can put to use immediately, from good practice activities for the kids to how to involve your team's parents in running the team. Novice coaches will benefit greatly by attending a class, but experienced coaches can also glean helpful information. The better prepared you are as a coach, the better your chances are of facilitating a wonderful soccer experience for the players entrusted to your care.

See the T-CYSA website (<http://www.t-cysa.org/coach/ed.html>) for more information about coaching classes.

### T-CYSA

#### Liquidation Sale

Sat, September 27, 2008  
9:00 AM to 3:00PM.

Vintage t-shirts, soccer balls and old jerseys. Funds will go to our scholarship program.

#### Volunteers needed

Every Saturday we need volunteers to:

- Man the concession stand
- Deliver garbage cans to the fields
- Empty garbage
- Pick up the complex and equipment at the end of the day

To help with concessions, please contact Stephanie Koerner at [skoerner\\_1@charter.net](mailto:skoerner_1@charter.net)

For information on how you can help in any other capacity, contact Rick Dawson at [pascosoccer@q.com](mailto:pascosoccer@q.com).

## Referees

The Tri-Cities Soccer Referees Association trains, tests and oversees the licensing of 50 to 60 new referees each year. Many of these new referees are young men and women looking for a way to make a little money, better understand the game and give back to their community. Each year approximately 50% of these referees choose not to continue this activity. The most frequent reason given for their reluctance to continue is the abuse they receive from parents and coaches.

Please respect that these young men and women are giving their time, doing the best they can and like our players, only get better through experience. Shattering their confidence by screaming and yelling about the calls they make or don't make will do nothing to increase the quality of the officiating. Please remember when you are watching a game that the referee is doing their best, and probably understands the rules better than we do and they deserve our respect. Cheer on your team, but leave the referee alone.

If you have concerns about the officiating, please contact your coach and have he or she contact Mike Bunker the head referee at [m\\_bunker@verizon.net](mailto:m_bunker@verizon.net)

## Board Help Wanted

The following board positions will be open for election at the annual general meeting in November this year.

President  
Treasurer  
VP of Competition

Unfinished terms for:  
Director of  
Communications  
Tournament Director



## Update

The Three Rivers Director of Coaching, Chad Bodnar, successfully completed two advanced licensing courses in June. Chad received his NSCAA National Premier license and his USSF National B license. The NSCAA National Premier is the highest level of license awarded by the NSCAA. Chad's completion of his USSF National B also places TRSC in compliance with the PDL requirement for the Director of Coaching to hold a USSF National A or B license.

On August 20, 2008, Chad met one-on-one with Dave Schumacher. Mr. Schumacher is the Washington State Youth Soccer Association Director of Coaching and his visit was designed to establish a more integrated relationship between WSYSA and the Three Rivers Soccer Club. Chad will be developing a multi-year development plan for TRSC with assistance from WSYSA. The plan will encompass many areas, including, but not limited to, training curriculum, coaching education, and WSYSA logistical support. Mr. Schumacher's stated intent is to assist TRSC in any way possible with the goal of establishing a more professional product for the TRSC membership.

## Summer Tournament Results

Listed are a few results from teams entering summer tournament around the northwest. If you don't see your team here, please let us know where you went and how you performed.

Age	Team	Finish	Tournament	Location
GU12	Three Rivers Rage	1	<a href="#">Blue Mountain Exchange</a>	Pasco, WA
GU12	Three Rivers Strikers	1	<a href="#">Mid-Summer Classic</a>	Yakima, WA
GU12	Three Rivers Strikers	3	<a href="#">Nike Crossfire Challenge</a>	Redmond, WA
GU12	Three Rivers Strikers	2	<a href="#">Chinook Cup</a>	Portland, OR
GU12	Three Rivers Thunder	1	<a href="#">Kick in the Grass</a>	Tumwater, WA
GU12	Three Rivers Thunder	2	<a href="#">Northwest Cup</a>	Spokane, WA
GU13	Three Rivers Thunder	2	<a href="#">Blue Mountain Exchange</a>	Pasco, WA
GU14	Three Rivers Velocity	1	<a href="#">Blue Mountain Exchange</a>	Pasco, WA
GU15-16	Three Rivers Platinum	1	<a href="#">Blue Mountain Exchange</a>	Pasco, WA
BU16	Three Rivers Celtic	1	<a href="#">Pacific Coast Challenge</a>	Bellingham, WA
BU17	Three Rivers Platinum	1	<a href="#">Cowlitz Kickoff Classic</a>	Longview, WA
BU17	Three Rivers Platinum	2	<a href="#">District 6 Boys Tournament</a>	Spokane, WA
BU19	Three Rivers Hileman	3	<a href="#">Portland Cup</a>	Portland, OR
BU19	Three Rivers Hileman	4	<a href="#">Pacific Coast Challenge</a>	Bellingham, WA

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## WANTED PASCO CLUB DIRECTOR

T-CYSA is in need of a Pasco Club Director. This person is responsible for the managing of all the teams in Pasco. Duties range from assembling team rosters, finding coaches and securing volunteer assistance for the Pasco region. Please contact Rick Dawson at [pascosoccer@q.com](mailto:pascosoccer@q.com) if you are interested.

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THANK YOU TO THE HUNDREDS OF  
VOLUNTEER COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS  
AND THE DOZENS OF PEOPLE THAT  
ASSISTED WITH FIELD PREPARATION THIS  
FALL. YOUR EFFORTS ARE WHAT MAKE  
THIS A GREAT SPORT FOR OUR KIDS!