



Dear ECFC Club Members,

Happy July and welcome to ECFC's 2016-17 season!

Our teams will be beginning their preparation for the fall season soon and I wanted to reach out with the first of what will be a monthly newsletter letting everyone know what's going on with the club.

July Topics:

- Coaches' Corner
- Development Program Starting Up for Fall!
- Camp Casey Update
- Introducing our Board
- Connect with ECFC on Social Media!

Coaches' Corner

I wanted to start this particular newsletter with coaching director Bobby Howe's superb statement on ECFC's philosophy of player development, called '[Soccer is a Player's Game](#)'. To learn more about Bobby, please check out these two articles as well:

- [Bobby Howe, recipient of the Dr. Thomas Fleck US Youth Soccer Excellence in Coaching Education Award](#)
 - [Hammer Howe's Seattle Salute](#)
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Development Program Starting Up for Fall!

A special note that ECFC's development program is open for registration. This program is such a wonderful way for young players to be introduced to our club, our coaches, and our unique coaching philosophy. Please do what you can to spread the word about this opportunity for 09, 08, and 07 birth year players, and if you are already signed up for this fall, have a friend sign up too! Training starts August 10th. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up.

Camp Casey Update

Camp Casey is our overnight summer soccer camp running August 11-14. This is one of ECFC's greatest traditions and it is still open for registration! Many of your teammates have already signed up, so come and join them, prepare for your upcoming season, have fun, and make some memories! Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up.

Introducing our Board

We have elected new members to the ECFC Board of Directors for 2016-2017! Thank you so much for your participation in our election process, we had a great voter turn-out and were lucky to have so many strong candidates ready to take leadership positions. The results of the elections were:

- Burke Fewel, Executive VP
- KJ Waarvick, Secretary
- Craig Sexton, Member-at-Large
- Dara Lockert, Member-at-Large
- Tracey Yee, VP Membership

The rest of the board includes: Ryan Sawyer, President; Dave DiGiuseppe, Treasurer; Bobby Howe, Director of Coaching; Jon Bakken, Coaches' Rep; and Alex Jessup, Coaches' Rep. Thank you to the outgoing members, and congratulations to our new board members!

Connect with ECFC on Social Media!

One new area of focus for the coming year is social media. We want to encourage all members to follow and engage with the ECFC community on the following channels:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [YouTube](#)

We plan to make use of all of these tools to keep in touch with you, communicate about club events, share great stories, and provide venues to easily upload pictures/videos which should help foster a sense of community in the club and beyond.

Please take a moment now to connect with us on these platforms, I can assure we will be active and make it fun! To kick start our social media communities, we will be giving away Emerald City logo gear or merchandise to one randomly chosen, lucky follower/contributor each month. So, connect with us and share your stories and pictures now for your chance to win!

That's all for now. We hope you're enjoying the summer break and we're excited to see you again this fall!

--Ryan Sawyer, ECFC President