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Dear ECFC Families and Friends:

I was at the Ingraham High School fields on Sunday and it brought a smile to my face to see the fields full of ECFC blue uniforms as our teams from multiple age groups competed on adjacent fields, in back to back games. I hope you're enjoying watching your kids develop as players this season. Here are a few mid-season updates:

Parent volunteer needed for ECFC Website Admin! Our longtime parent volunteer, Janet Bhatia, has decided to "retire" and we desperately need a parent to take over. It takes roughly 1-2 hours per week. Please send an email to ECFC Board member David DiGiuseppe at parkdig03@yahoo.com. This is a great way to get involved and contribute to the club. Thank you for all that you have contributed Janet!

Turkey Shoot is Saturday November 28th: Form a team with ECFC teammates or old friends from other clubs! Spread the word. This 3v3 tournament is a fun, one-day event. See our home page for registration information (emeraldcityfc.org) and help us make this event a resounding success by volunteering for a short 2-hour shift by contacting Ryan Sawyer at ryan@viewpointcapitalllc.com.

Field and referee shortages: Seattle is short on both. Regarding fields, we continue to work closely with Seattle Parks to address ECFC's need for additional and consistent field space. We have made progress in this respect and will continue to

address the issue going forward. The referee situation is a little more difficult. There simply are not enough referees in Seattle to cover all of the scheduled games in a given weekend. We work very hard to ensure that all of our matches are covered but sometimes our best efforts fail and we need to rely upon coach or parent volunteers to cover the game. If you have experience as a referee and are willing to help us out on occasion, please keep a whistle in your car and let your coach and team manager know. Thanks!

Parent feedback wanted: Our Director of Coaching, Bobby Howe, will be meeting with the parents of each team during training sessions in mid November to hear about your experiences this season. We will have the specific dates for each team circulated in the next few weeks.

Summer highlights: I posted a recap of our amazing summer camp at Camp Casey and a long list of summer tournament activity by ECFC teams. Please check out the recap at our home page – look for President’s Message under About ECFC.

Play on!

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President, Board of Directors