



Welcome to the November edition of the ECFC monthly newsletter. Fall season has mostly wrapped up, and we just had a great Turkey Shoot event this past weekend! Here are the topics in this month's newsletter:

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COACHING LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

This was already [communicated](#), but just a reminder that Bobby Howe has decided to transition to a new role within ECFC as Director of Coaching Emeritus. In his new role, he will continue to coach and also provide invaluable mentoring to young coaches. The Board underwent a search for a new Director of Coaching this fall, and it is with great pleasure that we announced John Hamel as the new Director of Coaching and David Smith as our new Technical Director! These two will officially begin their new appointments on December 1, 2016. John and David will continue to coach their current teams for the remainder of the 2016-17 season, and will continue as ECFC coaches in the future. Congratulations John and David, and thank you Bobby!

17TH ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT RECAP

ECFC continued our Thanksgiving weekend tradition by hosting a round-robin 3 vs. 3 jamboree for boys and girls U-8 through U-14. The event was a great success as we had 40 teams participate representing more than 180 players! More than half of the participants were from outside ECFC, so it was a great way to share the philosophy and spirit of the club. Thank you to Dara Lockert for spearheading this event, as well as the Coaches, Referees, other volunteers, and ECFC families that participated. You can see some of the photos of the event [here](#).

SUPPLEMENTAL JANUARY TRIALS

ECFC will be holding supplemental trials during early January 2017 in preparation for the spring season as several of our teams have 1-4 spots open. If you know of kids who are looking for a team in the Spring, we encourage them to attend a trial with the team coach at the relevant age level. Check the ECFC [website](#) for field information as we gather it. Existing ECFC players do not have to try out again...this is for building out teams that are short players or perhaps adding an additional team if we can add a group of players in the right age levels. [Registration](#) is free and ensures that the necessary waivers are complete, etc. Please encourage rec players or other club players to explore Emerald City as we want to grow the club together! If you have any questions, please email president@emeraldcity.org.

FUTSAL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Emerald City FC Futsal, or 'futsal de salao' (soccer indoors), is played on a basketball court with a low-bounce ball. It has been shown to improve ball handling skills and creates a fast-paced learning environment that forces players to make quick decisions. Open to members and non-members, ages U8 to U13, boys and girls. Beginning January 8, Futsal will be offered for six Sunday sessions from 2-4pm at Meadowbrook Community Center (skipping the Super Bowl Sunday). It is only \$60 for the entire season! [Registration is open now](#).

DEV PROGRAM SPRING 2017

Training for our Development Program (Dev) will start up again in early February 2017 for an 8-game league season that ends in early May. Registration is already open at [this link here](#). Our club is working hard to find ways to increase the numbers of young players in our Dev program, especially on the girl's side, so we would very much encourage current Dev families to help spread the word! We also want to encourage families with kids in the U8-10 age groups who played fall rec soccer with their local neighborhood clubs and now want to consider a great way for their player to play in the spring as well. At the developmental ages, ECFC has a no-cut policy. Please help spread the word about our Dev Program!

SEEKING UNIFORM COORDINATOR VOLUNTEER

ECFC is largely a volunteer-run organization. We currently are seeking a new volunteer to carry the responsibility of working with our uniform provider and the various teams to coordinate and organize our uniform ordering process. Most of the heavy lifting is done prior to the start of the Fall Season, but there are several other times during the year where work is required. Please reach out to [Craig Sexton](#) if you are interested in learning more about this role and how you can

help ECFC by holding this important responsibility!

WA CUP REMINDER

We wanted to remind you to keep an eye out for the upcoming Washington Cup 2017 tournament information, in which ECFC usually participates. U15 and older boys (High School) play in late January and into February, while most of the other teams/ages play later in Spring. Please note that some of the dates may conflict with your schools' mid-Winter or Spring Breaks. Your coach and team manager should communicate your team plans, and you can find information about the Washington Cup dates [here](#) and on the ECFC [calendar](#).

FOLLOW ECFC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please remember to follow ECFC on all of the following social media channels. This is a great way to connect with other members of the club, share your stories & pictures, and have some fun.

- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114542515254/>
- Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/emeraldcityfootball/>
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/EmeraldCityFC>

Remember, we pick one lucky follower/contributor each month to win some Emerald City merchandise. Please take a minute to follow ECFC today, and then share your pictures and posts with the community!

Thanks,
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