



The Storm Watch



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Space Coast Cup Returns in January

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Our second annual full-sided tournament will be held over the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, January 17-18. This should be a great opportunity for teams to prepare for the spring season, Region Cup, and State Cup.

The event is a two-day tournament with group stage games played on Saturday and Sunday morning. Finals will take place on Sunday afternoon. All games will be held at Viera Regional Park. This tournament is open to competitive, academy, and recreational teams.

We do need help to make sure this is a safe and fun event for all the participants. Please visit [Volunteer Spot](#) and sign up to assist with registration, as a [field marshal](#), or in the concession stand.

It should be an absolutely beautiful weekend for tournament soccer.



November Tournaments Bring Success



U11 Boys

Please accept our apologies for delayed trumpeting of our teams' successes in November, and for the brevity of the announcement. The hectic pace of the holidays got the best of *The Storm Watch* as well.

We are extremely proud of Coach Esposito's U14 girls who were the Savannah Cup champions the weekend of November 15 & 16. Our U11 Academy Boys won Bronze division at the Phoenix Cup the weekend of November 23 & 24. Check out the club's [YouTube channel](#) to see them in action.

The U12 Academy Girls had a wonderful time at the Disney Junior Soccer Showcase on November 28 & 29. They faced their toughest competition to date and walked away undefeated (1 W 2 D). Unfortunately, they didn't progress to the Semifinals on points.

Regularly visiting our [Facebook page](#) is the best and quickest way to get tournament results and photos.

Coaches and team managers, don't forget to send tournament details to mediadirector@spacecoastsoccer.org as soon as possible.



U14 Girls

Winter Camp Was Picture Perfect

Our Striking/Finishing camp wrapped up on Monday, December 22. We had an excellent turnout with 47 participants. The weather was spectacular with three glorious days in the Florida sunshine for soccer fun and skills training.



The club would like to express our gratitude to everyone involved for making it a fun learning experience. The volunteers and coaches were very much appreciated. YDP/ Academy Director, Rob Dinnie, put a lot of effort into the preparation and his hard work shows.

Thanks Rob!



Crazy But True!

A South Korean player who scored a goal to eliminate Italy from the 2002 World Cup was fired from his club for 'ruining Italian Football.'

Barbados once had to score a goal on themselves in order to win a soccer match!

The highest scoring soccer game was 149-0. All deliberate own goals.

VHS Service Learning Supports TOPSoccer

A group of students from Viera HS Hawks Service Learning class, including SCUSC club member Alyssa Whisel, held a bake sale during the Space Coast 3v3 Challenge on December 6th. Through the sale of cookies, brownies, and cupcakes, they were able to present a check for \$282.82 for the Space Coast United TOPSoccer program. They sold every baked good they brought to the event!

Hawks Service Learning is a course at Viera HS where students learn about community service. Students are required to plan and execute a community service project with the organization of their choice. These semester projects are student led and student run. This group chose to support Space Coast United Soccer Club's TOPSoccer program with their project. Congratulations to these students on a job well done! For more information and to learn more about some of the other recent projects visit [Hawks Service Learning](#).

TOPSoccer is designed to reach and meet the needs of children aged 5-19 years with physical and/or mental disabilities. The program caters to player development rather than competition. TOPSoccer takes the kids off the sidelines and allows them to participate in the game of soccer. SCUSC is proud of our award winning TOPSoccer program which runs on Sundays from November to March. For more information on the TOPSoccer program, please visit our [webpage](#): or contact Jennifer Neighbor at jenniferneighbor@gmail.com.



World of Beer Fundraiser

Cheers! A big thank-you goes out to locally-owned World of Beer at The Avenue in Viera for hosting a Space Coast United Soccer Club fundraiser night. Owners Mary Beth and Chuck Liska opened their doors to a silent auction and gave back a percentage of their entire proceeds for the evening, netting the Club \$1,791. Funds will be used to support the players' scholarship fund.

Coaches, board members, parents, and club friends came together to bid on beautiful and creative gift baskets presented by the U14Boys NPL, U14 Girls NPL, U13/14 Girls Select, and U18 Girls Select teams. The teams kept 75% of the bid price.

The Saturday evening event followed the day-long 3 v 3 tournament on December 6, making it a perfect respite after an intense and muddy day.



A very special thanks to Dr. David Dominguez and his staff!

Dr. Dominguez's practice provided a volunteer physical trainer at the 3v3 tournament. We did have some kids need attention, including one serious situation. Space Coast United very much appreciated the immediate and professional response.

"We (U14 NPL/Travel Girls team) have a real positive attacking rhythm to our play."

Meet the Coach: Teresa Brantley Moon

Coach Teresa Brantley Moon certainly keeps busy! The holder of a USSF National C license, she also coaches the West Shore Junior/Senior High School Varsity girls soccer team, is assistant coach at Eastern Florida State College, and trains the SCUSC Girls Academy teams.

Teresa says, "My U14 girls team are the NPL/travel team. The team is working very hard and are playing well. We have a real positive attacking rhythm to our play. We've won two out of the three tournaments we've entered, and now our main focus is on producing NPL results in January and February," she explains.

Moon commands the respect of her team in a fun way. Her team co-manager Kim Vance says, "Teresa is a great coach. She means business and the girls respond to her very well. She keeps practice fun but sticks to a strict regimen. She goofos off with the girls at tournaments and encourages them outside of soccer, too."





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Established in 1984, Space Coast United Soccer Club is a non-profit run by volunteers dedicated to families who wish to enjoy the sport of soccer and to provide opportunities to play at all levels from ages three to eighteen with the highest quality of programs available in the State of Florida. Our efforts and energies are directed to the following objectives:

- We strive to develop players at all levels of play – recreational and competitive – by building and improving their skills, confidence, fitness, initiative and a sense of teamwork.
- We are committed to developing coaches and referees to the highest level through a quality instructional, licensing and mentoring program.
- We aim to ensure all of our players' personal goals are met whether they be enjoying recreational soccer, playing on an elite or premier competitive team, playing on your high school team, playing in college, or on a U.S. National team someday.
- We promote and encourage high standards of sportsmanship and fair play and strive to ensure all players are doing it "For the love of the Game!"

Easy Fundraising!

Unfortunately, registration fees alone are not enough to enable a soccer club to provide all of the programming and equipment needed to ensure the highest quality soccer experience for our children. Trust us, you wouldn't want to see the registration bill if we tried to fund everything that way!

If you're already shopping at Amazon, using our AmazonSmile link is a very easy way to help the club as we look forward to improving fields, adding fences and lights, training staff, and more!

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After 16 months and 15 issues at the helm of the club newsletter, our Director of Media Relations, Ann Fuller, needs to turn over the reins of the *The Storm Watch* to new management.

Ann is continuing her service on the board and will still be actively involved in our marketing efforts and public relations activity, but simply does not have the time to give the newsletter the attention it deserves these days.

Please email [Ann](#) if you can volunteer to take over coordinating the newsletter. She will be happy to meet with you to ease the transition period. Computer skills are essential, but the new editor can use whatever publishing software he or she prefers.

Our Programs

Micro/Mini-Kickers
Ages 3-5

Youth Development and Academy
Ages 4-11

Competitive: Select/NPL
Ages 9-19

Recreational
Ages 13-18

Goalkeeper Academy
Ages 9-19

TOPSoccer
Ages 4-19

Youth Soccer Websites

[Florida Youth Soccer Association](#)

[National Premier Leagues](#)

[US Youth Soccer](#)

[Brevard Youth Soccer League](#)

[GCF Youth Soccer League](#)