



# The Storm Watch

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## Board of Directors

- President: Ann Fuller
- VP: Matt Shelton
- Treasurer: Lynn Spadaccini
- Secretary: Susan Eaton
- Directors:
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  - Stephen Spira
  - Nick Walker
  - Jason Halsey
  - Jim O'Brien
  - Stacey Sabiston
  - Carol-Ann Zaroogian

## Staff

- Director of Coaching: Scott Armstrong
- Junior NPL Director: Dean Flexton
- Director of YDP/Academy: Rob Dinnie
- Administrator: Brian Lundy
- Director of Coaching Assistant: Bev Gibbs

## Members Elect New Directors to the Board

The April meeting of the Board of Directors saw one member leave the board at the end of his term, two re-elected, and four new directors join the board. The new board elected officers to serve as the Executive Committee for 2016-2017.

Kevin Murtha's term expired this year and he did not seek re-election. Kevin served as the board's Secretary in 2014-15 and Vice President in 2015-16. He has done a great deal of work on behalf of the club as a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. Space Coast United Soccer Club is very grateful for his service. Thank you Kevin!

The board certified and accepted the election results, thereby installing Jason Halsey, Jim O'Brien, Stacey Sabiston, and Carol-Ann Zaroogian as new board members with terms expiring in 2019.



**L-R: Susan Eaton, Lynn Spadaccini, Matt Sheton, Ann Fuller**

The board then elected their officers for the 2016-17 term.

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## Space Coast Teams Advance in State Cup

Three Space Coast Teams moved on to the next round of State Cup after play the weekend of April 23-24.

Coach Moon's U13 Girls drew against Florida Rush on Saturday in a goalless fixture, then put 2 in the back of the net to best Indialantic 2-1. Despite a tough loss to Boca United on April 16, they advance to the Round of 16 where they will meet Jacksonville FC at 10:30am on May 7 in Naples.

Coach Lord's U15 Girls beat Davie United 2-0 on Saturday and tied Chargers SC 1-1 on Sunday. With their 3-2 win over Treasure Coast on April 17, that gave them 7 points and the lead in Bracket C. They will meet Florida



**Coach Lord's U15 Girls**

Elite at 10:30am May 7 in Auburndale in the Round of 16.

Coach Armstrong's U17 Girls drew Pinecrest Premier 0-0 on Saturday and overwhelmed Florida Krush White 8-0 on Sunday. With their

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## 2016-2017 Board of Director Elections (cont.)

Ann joined the board in September 2013 and served as Secretary in 2015-16. Matt and Susan were both elected to the board in 2015 and are new to the Executive Committee. Lynn continues as Treasurer, elected to the office in 2015 upon Brian Lundy's resignation from the position.

tremendous opportunity. The members of Space Coast United Soccer Club have elected an amazing group of leaders who are committed to the proposition that everything we do, every decision we make, is always about and for the kids."

Ann is enthusiastic and optimistic about the upcoming year saying, "I'm thrilled we have a board comprised of such talented and dedicated people. We know it's going to be a year of change and adjustment with the Birth Year Registration initiative being implemented, but it's also a year of

To get on the list of volunteers for event and project related committees coming up this year, email [board@spacecoastsoccer.org](mailto:board@spacecoastsoccer.org) and you will get a call!

## Space Coast Teams Advance in State Cup (cont.)

1-0 win over Chargers SC on April 17, the U17s topped Bracket F with 7 points. They advance to the Round of 16 to face BSA at 3:30pm on May 7 in Auburndale.

Good luck ladies! We're all rooting for you.

Four other Space Coast Teams made it to Round 2 of State Cup and competed this past weekend as well. Coach Flexton's U13 Boys traveled to Plant City to face Weston FC and Chargers FC. They didn't advance, but got some valuable State Cup experience. For some players, this was their very first State Cup campaign.



Coach Esposito's U15 Girls

Coach Esposito's U15 Girls played two very tight games against Team Boca and Albion SC at Max Rodes while Coach Dixon's U16 girls tied Wesley Chapel and beat Chargers FC in Gainesville. Unfortunately, a slim 1-0 loss against FC Florida on April 17 prevented them from moving on this year.

Coach Moon's U18 Boys faced Fort Lauderdale FC and Real Miami at the Big Sun Soccer Complex in Ocala. There won't be a three-peat for the U18 Boys this year, but we're very proud of them as we are all our teams. Go Storm!

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# Join us at VRP for Spring Fling 2016!

We are looking forward to a great Spring Fling Day coming up on Saturday, May 7 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. Our event is to gather as a Club community for fellowship, free food and fun. This Spring our event includes a coaches game, raffles and 50/50 raffle raising funds for Dario Lamonica. We hope to see all at the festivities!



**Saturday, May 7**  
**1:30-4:30**  
**Viera Regional Park**

Volunteer station helpers are needed for the event to run safely as well as donations of cookies, chips, juice boxes and bottled water. Please sign up at: [Volunteer Sign Up Link](#). Families will earn Club volunteer hours and teens may also volunteer for school service hours.

Vendor registration is now open. If you are interested in selling your goods or services, please register by Tuesday, May 3. Club families please help support our vendors and shop at our marketplace the day of the event. [Vendor Registration Link](#). (Look for 2016 Spring Fling—Table Space on our registration page).

If you have any questions email Carol-Ann Zaroogian at [carolann.zaroogian@spacecoastsoccer.org](mailto:carolann.zaroogian@spacecoastsoccer.org)

## Great Turnout for Birth Year Town Hall



Director of Coaching Scott Armstrong hosted a town hall meeting regarding Birth Year Registration at Holy Trinity Academy on Tuesday, April 19. Over 100 people showed up to see what Coach Armstrong had to say about U.S. Soccer's player development initiative.

The initiative changes the birth date range for age groups from August 01 - July 31 to each calendar year, thereby impacting rosters on every single team. Coach Armstrong has spent months evaluating the impact this change will have on individual players, each team, and the Club as a whole.

All 54 state youth soccer organizations have agreed to implement the initiative beginning the 2016-17 soccer year which means Space Coast United must adapt to these changes immediately. Coach Armstrong was aware parents would have concerns and questions so he decided to host the meeting to share why the change was being made and what Space Coast United would be doing to comply with the mandate.

While the changeover may cause some concern and consternation at first, please understand EVERY club is, or soon will be, undergoing the exact same change.

Click [here](#) to view a condensed graphic-free version of his presentation which includes his responses to Frequently Asked Questions. Please direct any questions or complaints to 312-808-1300.

# The Experience of a First Time Referee

By Liam Fuller

In August 2015, my mom and I decided to take a referee course to get our FIFA Grade 8 certifications; me for the opportunity to earn some cash and she just for kicks and to learn about the game. The course itself was a pretty big commitment. It cost \$100, 3 nights (4 hours each) and a test at the end on the laws of soccer that, once passed, earned you your new referee patch. After you get the patch you can go right out and referee games.

Well, not quite. The materials you are expected to show with for the games are not provided. That is, the whistle, flags, uniform, black running shoes, watch, yellow and red cards, game card, bag, water, and an extra thick layer of skin. Additionally you need to sign up with the referee assignor for the area you want to ref in and put in when you're available, at which point you will be assigned a time and a field. *Then* you can start refereeing.

When I played competitive soccer I was a self-professed expert. In almost every case I knew better than the referee who obviously wasn't even paying attention. Clearly that was off-sides, how in the world could the linesman miss that? Standing on the other side of the white line and with all eyes on me when the ball goes out, I understood why: Because it is a daunting job. It's one thing to remember all the rules and situations when you're sitting in a chair marking down answers on a test paper. It is a different thing entirely to be darting up and down the line to keep up with the second-to-last defender, watching the play to know who it goes out on, making eye contact with the center ref to keep a line of communication, and making sure you call it when the offense is off-side

You are going to make mistakes, a lot of them. It's a lot like doing pottery for the first time, with the caveat that you have parents, friends, brothers, sisters, players, coaches, second cousins, and the occasional dog letting you know when you screw up. Usually rather loudly. This is where the extra thick layer of skin comes in handy. They also like to do it when you get a call right, such as when you call something off-side when the player it was kicked to was on but another player was off because he was drawing a defender away from the play. As you will find out as a ref, everyone knows the off-side rule but surprisingly few people **know** the off-side rule.

All that aside, the center refs know this pressure better than anyone. My experience working with the center refs was that they are accommodating for newer, inexperienced referees. In the pre-game meeting, I was told what they expect, what to

leave to them, how to handle certain situations, etc. When I made a mistake, we would talk about it during water breaks or the half, but the criticism was always constructive and I always felt like I learned something from each game;

even the one where one of the coaches screamed at me from all the way across the field for a botched off-side call that dropped his team's score from 8-0 to 7-0.

More than anything else, if you want to be a referee you have to love soccer. When I started refereeing in the fall of 2015, I had begun moving away from the sport. I played competitive for SCUSC my freshman and sophomore year, moved down to recreational in the first half of my junior year, and by the time I was refereeing in my senior year I had stopped playing entirely. I eventually quit refereeing as well, partly because my love for the sport no longer outweighed the pressure of officiating and I dreaded losing part of my weekend to the job, regardless of pay.

But that's not at all what I want the takeaway to be. Instead I would prefer it to be this: If you love soccer, being a referee is one of the best jobs you'll ever have. It gives you another perspective on the game if you're a player, it allows you to freshen up on the rules, you get to watch a match and get paid for it, there's some decent cardio involved, and, ultimately, it's more soccer to shove into your life. The center refs that I talked to would always say they were out there every weekend because they just loved the sport. If you already eat, sleep, and breathe soccer, it only makes sense to get a job related to soccer too.

So if you're on the fence about it or hadn't even thought about refereeing as an option, maybe consider signing up for a course and getting the certification; especially if you ever start feeling like your practices just aren't quite long enough or your games always seem to end too quickly.

*(Liam graduated from Viera High with honors in 2015 and is currently wrapping up his freshman year at FSU.)*



**Liam Fuller as AR and as Field Marshall during the BYSA Championships.**

# Comp Tryouts and Academy Days Announced

The club will be holding an NPL ID Camp Monday, May 23 through Thursday, May 26 for all players interested in trying out for the National Premier League 2016-17 squads. Comp Tryouts will be Tuesday, May 31 through Friday, June 3. Days, times, field locations and registration may be found on the [Tryout](#) page of our website.

Academy Open Days will be held on Viera Fields 1 & 2 on Tuesday, May 24 and Thursday, May 26 with Saturday, May 28 as a makeup day in case of inclement weather. AU9/U10 players are scheduled from 5:30pm-7:00pm and U11/U12 players are scheduled from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

## July Camps Open for Registration

The club is now accepting registrations for four summer camps plus 4v4 Street Soccer. Open to Players age 4-18, there will be a Mini-camp for 4-6 year olds from 9:00am-10:30am each week and a full morning camp for 7-18 year olds from 9:00am-12:00pm each week.

July 25-29 will have two camps running concurrently at Viera Regional Park; a general camp open to all players and an Academy Team camp open to players in the Academy program.

4v4 Street Soccer, starting June 25 will be free to current Space Coast members. Players must wear their hoop shirt to participate at no cost.

### SUMMER SOCCER

Indian Harbour Beach  
July 11-15 (Crespino Fields)

Striking & Finishing  
July 18-22 (Viera)

Viera Camp &  
Academy Team Camp  
July 25-29 (Viera)

4v4 Street Soccer  
5 Saturdays (Viera)  
June 25, July 9, 16, 23, 30  
9:00am – 10:30am



## Happenings Around the Club

Here's a recap of some items shared with us through social media. If you have any photos, results or a story to share, send them to [mediadirector@spacecoastsoccer.org](mailto:mediadirector@spacecoastsoccer.org)!

Coach Danny's U10 Academy Boys took first place at the Vero Beach Kickoff Soccer Tournament, scoring 20 goals in 4 games while conceding only 1!

Our U12 Boys had 2 wins and 1 loss at the Interstate Cup at Lakewood Ranch, FL the weekend of April 16/17. According to Coach Marcos, the boys really finished tied for 1st place but because of some crazy criteria were placed 3rd. A good showing, no matter how you slice it!

Tiana Caffey and Alex Vandegrift verbally committed and received scholarships to LSU. Sydney Lau, not pictured, has also committed to the school. Congratulations to the newest Lady Tigers!

Speaking of ladies in Purple, our U10 Academy Girls attended the Orlando Pride home opener, which boasted a record crowd for a US women's professional soccer game (23,403), a 3-1 home win and local player, Ashlyn Harris in net. Looks like they had a great time!



U10 Boys



U12 Boys



U10 Girls



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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.



## Alumni Jackie Stengel Selected to Train with United States U23 Team



Space Coast alum, Jackie Stengel, currently playing for NC State's women's soccer team has been selected to compete at the U23 Women's National Team Camp in Charlottesville, VA from May 1-7.

According to the school's [website](#), "Stengel led the Wolfpack in scoring last season with five goals and is the program's current active career scoring leader with 14, including four match-winners. The Melbourne, Fla. native

was named to the All-ACC Third Team and All-ACC Freshman Team following a 2013 campaign which saw her lead the Wolfpack in goals (9), points (19), shots (45), and shots on goal (23)."

Jackie played at Space Coast starting in our youth program and progressed through U9-12 competitive teams, then played on our State Cup teams. She was part of the State Championship team with coaches Fidgi Haig and Lyn Mills. According to DOC, Scott Armstrong, "Jackie terrified defenders. She was an incredible goal scorer."

Jackie joins her sister, Katie Stengel, another Space Coast alum who is currently playing as a forward for the Washington Spirit of the NWSL and the U23 Women's National Team. Space Coast United would like to congratulate Jackie on her impressive accomplishment! We wish her the best of luck as we follow her success!

### 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](#)

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