



# The Storm Watch

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## Club Leadership Attends Annual FYSA AGM

The Florida Youth Soccer Association Annual General Meeting was held August 13-14 in Orlando. The event brings together clubs from across the state to vote on FYSA officers, rule changes, attend workshops on a variety of soccer related topics and celebrate the best of Florida youth soccer.

This year, Board President, Ann Fuller, Vice President, Matt Shelton, and Club Registrar, Cheryl Roe, attended workshops on social media, disciplinary hearings, new state competitions, sponsorships and more. According to Fuller, "The FYSA AGM is an intense weekend, but it's a great opportunity to connect with people passionate about youth soccer throughout the state. I learn a great deal each year and appreciate the networking that helps me understand how we can grow and improve as a Club dedicated to providing the highest quality soccer programming."



**Club Registrar, Cheryl Roe with Keynote Speaker and Gold Medal Winner, Brianna Scurry**

Two important changes affecting our competitive teams is the replacement of the Region Cup competition with two new tournaments; President's Cup and Commissioner's Cup. With the State Cup, which remains unchanged, our teams now have the option of

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## FYSA Girl's Rec Coach of the Year: Shea Bolin

At this year's FYSA AGM Award's banquet, Space Coast Soccer coach, Shea Bolin, was recognized as Girl's Rec Coach of the Year.

Coach Bolin has been coaching soccer for a quarter of a century having started when he was a student at the University of Florida. He is no stranger to Club soccer and what it takes to be successful. Not long after graduating, he became a sports director at North Central Florida and grew the program from approximately 300 players to over a 1000 each year.

Shea began coaching when his son Evan was a U6 and now has three children at Space Coast United in our Youth Develop-

ment Program in the U8 and U10 divisions. He coaches several teams in both age brackets each season and is one of the most requested YDP coaches the Club has ever had. Parents adore him and want to see their children develop under him year in and year out.



**Coach Bolin**

Coach Bolin is first and foremost all about having fun. He is well aware children will

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# 2016 AGM Introduces New State Tournaments and Rule Changes

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participating in one of three tournaments that can result in a state title depending on their level of competition. The regional winners of the Commissioner's Cup will go on to compete in Auburndale for a state title. The regional winners of President's Cup not only progress to a state competition, but the U13-U17 state championship teams move on to a U.S. Regional competition.

after the conclusion of State Cup, generally the Monday following Memorial Day. Clubs may now hold tryouts as early as April 01. So this constitutes a significant shift moving the earliest possible tryout date by almost two months. Players who try out at a different club are still committed to their home club through the end of the 2016-17 season, but do not have to get written permission to attend a publicly announced open tryout that occurs after April 01.

The most profound rule change at the AGM concerned the date of tryouts which were previously restricted to

# Girls' Rec Coach of the Year 2016 is All About Making it Fun!

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quickly abandon a sport if their introduction to it focuses on the rules of the game and emphasizes winning rather than simply enjoying the activity. As a teacher, he knows that children love new things and relish a challenge. He tailors his instruction to each child's individual skill set and continuously challenges them to master something they didn't think they could do. He seeks something to praise about every child's performance in both training sessions and during games.

Between the spring and fall seasons, Shea can easily be found organizing pickup games for children who just want to get out on a field and play. He also coaches a 3 v 3 team and is been known to start a 2 v 2 in his neighborhood at the spur of the moment.

Coach Bolin is both a mentor to new volunteer coaches in our Youth Development program and seeks to learn more about the

game from our licensed staff. He is constantly looking for ways to develop as a coach and increase his knowledge of the sport.

Shea is not only an exemplary volunteer recreation coach, but an invaluable assistant to Youth Director, Rob Dinnie. Coach Bolin cheerfully helps with field set up, our Fall Gala and Spring Fling events, and communication with YDP parents. He is an integral part of making sure the program operates smoothly year in and year out.

Youth Director Dinnie said, "I can think of no one more deserving of the Girls Rec Coach of the Year than Shea. He works magic with the girls and instills an enthusiasm and love of the game like no one I have ever seen before. He not only helps develop their skills, he gives them the confidence they need to progress to the next level of play."

Space Coast United has lost count of the number of girls Coach Bolin has inspired, but is confident their soccer experiences got off to just the right start under his guidance.

# Thank you to our Spirit Night Sponsors!



August 9, 2016 (Thanks!)  
October 11, 2016  
December 13, 2016  
February 14, 2017



September 13, 2016 (Next!)  
November 8, 2016  
January 9, 2017  
March 14, 2017



August 18, 2016 (Thanks!)

# Fall Fun Day 2016! (Not too early to mark your calendar)

It's scheduled! Our annual event to recognize all players, coaches and volunteers for a phenomenal Fall season (and we know it will be) is on Saturday, October 29 this year. The afternoon of fun includes inflatables, food, beverages, music, field games and more!

We are reaching out to community businesses and professionals for donations in order to continue our tradition of creating a special event for all involved. Typical donations include food, beverages, a cash sponsorship, or a raffle item. All contributors will be recognized on the Space Coast United Soccer Club website, through our Facebook and Twitter accounts, via our club newsletter e-mailed to all members, as well as have their company or organization names included as a sponsor on the Fall Fun Day Flyer.

Additionally, we can't do this without our fabulous volunteers. We need folks to help grill, serve food, man raffle tables, supervise inflatables, etc. Families can earn club hours and teens may also volunteer for school service hours.

Contact Carol-Ann Zaroogian at [carolann.zaroogian@spacecoastsoccer.org](mailto:carolann.zaroogian@spacecoastsoccer.org) for more information or to get involved!



## Space Coast Spirit Wear Available at Soccer.com



There is a wide selection of Space Coast logo spirit wear available through [Soccer.com](http://Soccer.com)!

Long and short sleeve t-shirts, polo shirts, hoodies, jackets and more! Both ladies and mens shirts are available in a range of colors, styles and sizes.

To keep the sun off your face and out of eyes, pick up a Space Coast United ball cap.

Order your spirit wear today and show your Space Coast pride this season.

And it's never too early to start thinking about holiday gifts!

# Go Storm!

# Around the Club (and more tournament photos)

Right: U12 Boys host car wash fundraiser.



Far Right: U13 Boys Travel celebrate Disney Championship win!



U14 Girls Travel smile with their medals at the Disney Preseason Kick



U17 Girls Travel embark on multi-state season (AL, FL, NC, SC)

## Meet Recreation Coach Matt Shannon



Born and raised in Melbourne, Matt works as a Community Control Officer for the Florida Department of Corrections. He and his wife, Stephanie, who works for Delta Air Lines have three boys; Tucker, Austin and Will. Tucker plays basketball and runs track at Viera High. Will (U12) and Austin (U16) both tried other sports, but fell in love with soccer at Space Coast and roped their dad into volunteering in the fall of 2014.

While new to soccer at that time, Matt is no stranger to sports! He grew up in a sports house as his dad was a golf pro who worked on the business side and Matt played golf, baseball and basketball through high school.

As an adult, Matt has coached players age 3 to 80 in baseball, basketball, golf and soccer for 18 years. Now that he's coached soccer every season since he started, he says he'll probably never leave.

When asked what he likes most about coaching youth soccer, Matt responded, "What don't I like about it? If I had to pick one thing though, it would be Saturday mornings. I love watching the kids play, just being at the fields and seeing kids have fun is worth everything."

Matt holds an E coaching license and graduated in May with a master's in sports coaching from the University of Northern Colorado where he interned with Rob Dinnie in the YDP program. He's also a huge FSU fan. Thanks for all you do, Coach!

*"I get excited when I can switch on a player who might not have been engaged. They go from not wanting to play, to not wanting to leave the field. That's good stuff!"*

- Coach Shannon

# August Tournament Results

Space Coast Teams from U12 to U18/19 participated in three different tournaments in August; the Disney Preseason Kick, the Hurricane Classic and the Vero Cup. Space Coast United ended the month with four champions, three finalists and two semi-finalists, but everyone played tough despite sweltering conditions and we're so proud of all our athletes!

At the Disney Preseason Soccer Kick, Coach Dean Flexton's U13 Boys won all four games in their charge to be champions and earned a berth in the Junior Showcase to be held the weekend after Thanksgiving. Coach Cal Dixon's U14 Girls Travel team won four out of the five games they had to play to get to the top and will also be competing in the Junior Showcase. Both Coach Flexton's U14 Boys Travel and Coach Marcos Obermaier's U12 Boys Travel had a great tournament, charging to the final, but coming up just short.

At the Hurricane Classic, Both U16 Travel squads, the Boys, coached by Oliver Twelvetrees, and the Girls, coached by Kevin Smith, won every single one of their games to take home the trophy. In a bittersweet coincidence, the boys faced another Space Coast team, coach James Phillip's U16 Select squad. Because of the birth year change, players who used to be on the same squad found themselves on opposite sides of the ball. It was a great game though and both teams proudly collected their medals and two of the biggest trophies in the county after it was over.

Coach Jordan's U12 Boys Select and Coach Hasell's U13 Girls Select also earned spots in the Finals and although they didn't come out on top, we can tell from the smiles, they still had a great time. We hope all the players, coaches and parents enjoyed kicking off the competitive year in the steamy sunshine.



**U12 Boys Select**



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**U16 Girls Travel**

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# Disney Showcase Qualifier

Nine Space Coast United teams competed in the Disney Showcase Qualifier tournament held September 3-5 at three Orlando area venues; Austin-Tindall Regional Park, Champions Gate and the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. We're not 100% sure, but that may be the most teams sent by any club. In any event, Space Coast was well represented.

Despite practices cancelled for the entire week prior to competition, our teams found a way to win or draw 18 games versus 12 losses (half of those were by only a single goal) showing all our squads have what it takes to compete at the highest level and against the toughest teams in the state. We are so proud of all our coaches and players who endured high temperatures, steamy atmospheric conditions and surprisingly only two "inclement weather" delays.

Our U19 Ladies charged through their group with two wins and a maddening 1 goal loss from a rain shortened game to beat Florida Rush in the Semi-Finals (2-1) and Clay County in the Finals (1-0) and become Disney Champions! This also guaranteed them a spot in the College Showcase in December. Our U18 Girls won their group with two wins and a draw before meeting GSA in the Semi-Finals. Despite the 1-2 loss, this should also earn them a berth in the College Showcase. Our U19 and U17 Boys came in second in their groups which, fingers crossed, could also put them in the Showcase.

The National Premier League (NPL) is getting underway, so this tournament ended up being a great way to prep for the level of competition they'll be facing in the weeks to come. Go Storm!



*Above: Coach Armstrong and Assistant Coach Moon with the U19 Girls Travel Team*

*Below: Coach Dixon's U18 Girls Travel Team*



# First Annual Kick-A-Thon—Scoring Goals for Safety

We're excited to announce our first fundraiser of the 2016-17 soccer year. It seems appropriate to kick off our year and our fundraising efforts with a Kick-A-Thon.

The theme of the fundraiser is "Score Goals for Safety!"

We strive to keep member fees as low as possible which means we rely on corporate sponsorships and fundraising to meet our financial obligations and continue our capital improvements. We hope you will share our enthusiasm for this event. It will be a lot of fun for the kids!

The funds raised will go towards such things as a lightning detector at Viera Regional Park, a field lighting project to open up additional practice space, anticipated field improvements, staff training, and anything that insures our children continue to have a fun and **safe** environment in which to play the game they love.

Week One (September 6-9): Players find sponsors who will place per-goal bids.

Week Two (September 12-16): Players will participate in a finishing drill during a practice determined by their coach.

Week Three (September 19-23): Players collect their sponsor money and return it to their team manager or coach.

Week Four(September 26-30): Team winners and awards are announced.

Team managers will be forwarding forms and additional information to their teams. You may also request a sponsor form and instruction flyer by replying to this email. I'll be happy to get you started. Additional questions can be directed to Event Chair [Les Hatter](#).



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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"

## Did You Know?

Space Coast United has sent more girls to the U.S. women's national team than any other club in the country (10), most recently Tiana Caffey.

Of the Florida State University team that won the National Championship game in 2014, four of the starters came from Space Coast.

This spring Space Coast players were signed by LSU (3), Florida Institute of Technology (4), University of Central Florida, Stetson, Nova Southeastern, Davidson, University of West Florida and North Greenville University.

Both the male and female Florida Today Athlete of the Year 2016 are Space Coast players. (Luke Campanini and Brooke Walsh)

Of the Viera High School Girls Soccer team ranked #1 in the nation, 18 of the 24 players on their roster came from Space Coast.

We've had four state championship teams in three years: U18 Boys State Cup 2014 and 2015. U16 Girls Florida Cup 2016 and U15 Girls

## Our Programs

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Ages 3-5

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Ages 4-11

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Ages 9-19

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Ages 13-18

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