

YOUTH CHAIRMAN UPDATE



I thought I would touch base with everyone and provide an update on a number of matters and upcoming events.

From mid-June this year I will be stepping down as Youth Chairman, after what has been a busy and full on last few seasons. The club is going from strength to strength and the youth section is a massive part. With over 350 children enjoying football, we have seen a huge incline in new players over the last few seasons. All sections of the youth are showing growth, from the All Inclusive, the girls and the boys.

Other areas to mention are the Seal Pups, careful planning went into how we can recruit new young players and get them involved from an early age. This has been a great success!

The girl's section is continuing to grow and with Sarah Scott now running these teams, the club is in safe hands.

The All-Inclusive section has two youth sides and is now looking to expand into the adult section. This is fantastic news and is being driven forward by Shelley, Rachel and Dave. A special thanks also goes to Mandi who for years put in so much effort to grow this part of the youth.

The boys section grows organically and what is interesting to see, is the number of players who now travel to play for Seaford Town FC. We have kids coming from Polegate, Lewes and Peacehaven. This says a lot about the club we are building.

Systems and infrastructure have been put into place to help this growth continue. Things like our monthly registration fees all being electronic as opposed to paper.

I will still very much be part of the club but need to take a step back from a committee role and just focus on my U11s next season. I have learnt so much and have enjoyed the role!

I would like to give a special thank you to all the Youth Committee volunteers that work so hard behind the scenes, like Penny Jenner who is our youth fixtures secretary, who organises all the fixtures, pitches and opposition each week for every youth team.

Also, all the coaches and managers who have supported my ideas and who have had to put up with me nagging!

Wendy Davies who manages our Pitchero and deals with every single player and team's registration as well as the monthly payments. With over 350 children at the club, you can imagine it's a not a small task!

Debbie Horsecraft who is our Welfare Officer. Hannah Grevatt, Niki Perretta and Francis King for all your hard work and commitment to the club.

Laurence Glen for all your hard work and countless hours spent on Tourneopal, which is the infrastructure for running our youth tournament.

Thank you also to Jason Novis, Sarah Scott and Marc Lewry for all your efforts fundraising, be it the new goals or the equipment for teams.

All this effort and time spent really has help push the club forward and I genuinely appreciate it.

Over the last couple of months, I have been working behind the scenes doing a handover to the new Youth Chairman. Steve Broach will take over the role at the June AGM, and I know he will do a fantastic job.

Steve brings with him passion for youth football and fresh ideas, having come from a larger youth club (Dulwich Village). I really am excited to see what the future holds for the youth section and ask that everyone gets behind Steve and supports his vision. I wish Steve and the club all the very best for the future.

Tournament

After the success of last years tournament despite the horrible weather! We are very excited to announce we will be holding the tournament in partnership with Swerve Soccer. With this partnership we are able to use the great facilities at Bedes School, which will make this tournament bigger and even better than last year!

The youth tournament will take place on Saturday 28th May & Sunday 29th May. The venue will be at Bedes Senior School in Upper Dicker.

This is for a number of reasons, mainly due to the lack of pitches at Seaford (we are limited to 5 pitches at The Crouch, we will have 12 at Bedes) and also the renovation works to the clubhouse.

This event is going to be HUGE and I am genuinely looking forward to seeing the scale of it. The children will love what we have planned for them!

If anyone is available to help, then please feel free to contact me and I can get you added into our Tournament WhatsApp group.

Presentation Day

Due to the internal works at the Clubhouse, we will be hosting the presentation day at Seaford Rugby Club. The presentation day will be held on Sunday 12th June, from 1pm.

I will issue time slots for each individual team a little nearer the time and ask managers to share them into each team's WhatsApp group.

We would like for everyone to attend and hang around, as opposed to just collecting your medal and leaving.

Please bring a picnic and the kids can tire themselves out playing football (fingers crossed for nice weather!).

Signing On/Registration

Behind the scenes Wendy will register the players as soon as The Whole Game System allows.

More information will follow nearer the time from your team manager.

Seaford Town & Swerve Soccer Holiday Camps

The holiday club and residential camps with Swerve Soccer is growing steadily. Swerve Soccer will be hosting a Seaford camp soon, so keep an eye out for it.

My son attends the weekly sessions at Bedes and loves it. This is great for extra ball time and general individual development. Well worth a try!

Volunteer Army

As you are aware we are a community club that is run solely by volunteers, as a grassroots club we are always in need of volunteers at individual team and club level.

If you would like to help then please do get in touch, we will always welcome you.

All the best,

Michael Greve

STFC Youth Chairman

