

BFC KICKS

Brookings Futbol Club

BFC is selling the U8 goals - Don't wait, get yours now!

Don't miss out on your chance to own a couple of U8 goals for your back yard. BFC has invested in new goals and is in the process of selling the old ones. The goals are approximately 4x6 and are sturdy and easily moveable. We are selling the goals to off-set the cost of the new ones. You can get a goal for just \$50. If you are interested contact club president Darin Weber @ dwebbfc@hotmail.com. We have a few sets left so don't miss out on your opportunity. Over the past year we have had numerous articles written about how players should "self-train" - these goals would be a perfect asset for any player and can be used for years.

Brookings FC

Annual General Meeting

Strong financially - Investing in coaches - Leadership changes

On July 7th BFC came together for its annual general meeting. There ended up being three main themes of the meeting and gave the new board a strong foundation to work on. The current board took the opportunity to share all aspects of their respective program. For League and Competitive, the message was strong attendance, continued stability and a great financial base. These two programs are basically the revenue for the club. When looking at the financial reports combined with the participation numbers we were able to see that we can continue to invest in our people and the growth of the programs. President Darin Weber shared a vision that he and Technical Director Brock Thompson had discussed. It had three main points - Players, Coaches and Facilities. With the current strength of the club we have a great base to work on these three pillars.

At the AGM, Brock Thompson shared with the audience the strength of our coaching staff. With a handful of advanced licensed coaches and another handful working on growing their licensure, Brookings FC has one of the strongest, if not THE strongest coaching staff in South Dakota. Brock applauded the board for the continued investment in coaching and called out the fact that the board invested \$6000 to send three coaches to advanced classes this past year. At the regular meeting on July

SELECT Changes

Soccer Families-

I wanted to take this moment to update you on some of the exciting changes taking place with our Select program. The Select Advisory Board (Darin Weber, Teresa Conrad, Julie Reed, Mike Britt, Kelly Roby, Shane Campbell, Bobbi Bach and Dave Strait) are working to finalize the details of the program for the upcoming year. Below are a few of the changes that are happening.

- U13 and up- The program will encompass U13 players and up (2004-1998)
- No tryouts- There will not be tryouts for the program. We will build training pools based on registrations (mostly likely every 2 age groups).
- Events- events will be identified and rostered in one of three ways.
 1. Selection based events- the top kids from the training pool will be chosen or invited. Or in the case of indoor, everyone may be placed on a team but the teams will be tiered.
 2. Balanced- teams will be balanced based on ability.
 3. Community based- teams will be rostered by keeping players from the home community together.

Look for more information soon regarding: registration, coaching appointments, events, etc.

Questions - give me a call!

Be your best!

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18th, the board approved increased salaries and the continued education investment for our coaches. Brock will now have the challenge of getting those coaches working with as many of our players as he can. Although coaching assignments haven't been finalized, many of these "Top" coaches will hopefully be working with at least two teams in the coming season. The investment in coaches will continue to impact our players for years to come.

As you think about the 3 pillars, Players, Coaches and Facilities, you can see we continue to move in the right direction. BFC now has to start thinking about the third pillar - facilities. As we get to the end of summer, we know indoor training is right around the corner. BFC is interested in trying to find "our own" indoor training facility - but we need your help. We need a large open space that we can make our own. If you know of such a facility, please contact Darin Weber @ dwebbfc@hotmail.com.

The last part of the AGM was the voting of our open board positions. We have a rotating board and this year VP League, Secretary and every year the Board President is voted on. We are excited to add Michele Friedrich as our VP of League and Mike Van Hofwegen as our new Secretary. Darin Weber was also voted in as President for another term.

With the addition of two members we also have to thank our outgoing board members. We are forever grateful to Chris Larson for being our Secretary for the past few years. I don't know exactly how many years, but I think Chris has been on the board for at least 6 years. She has done an outstanding job for our club and has kept a history in her meeting notes for all of us to learn from. Chris has seen many changes and has been a part of many exciting changes for BFC - Thank You!

Our other outgoing board member is Cindy Harms. Cindy served as our League VP for the past two years. Cindy has done an outstanding job solidifying our league numbers as well as adding a 3v3 league and tournament. Cindy was also instrumental in creating our Volunteer Point System and has always volunteered at all our events. Cindy also served as our Tournament Director and is the creator of our current Tournament Committee format. Her fingerprints will be a part of BFC for many years to come - Thanks Cindy!

Another Successful Fishback Classic!

On July 15-17 BFC hosted 77 teams from various neighboring states. With both Boys and Girls playing in a number of divisions, this years tournament was no doubt a success. VP of Events Casey Sampson, was the Tournament Director and coordinated all parts of the weekend including organizing the committee in the months leading up to the event. Casey will be the first to tell you that it takes numerous volunteers to make this happen - and in Brookings and specifically BFC - we have the best people and the best volunteers. Below is his Thank You message:

To all Fishback volunteers and staff,

I just want to take a minute and thank all of you that volunteered at this past weekend's Fishback Classic Soccer Tournament. Tournaments like this do not succeed without a large group of volunteers, and our volunteers are the best around. We had 75 teams from North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa that participated in our tournament, and I can't begin to describe to all of you the sheer number of compliments that we received this past weekend. Those compliments were directed to our volunteers, our soccer complex (which many people told me is the best in the state) and our tournament staff (many of which put in countless hours prior to and during the tournament).

Tournaments like these remind me why I love calling Brookings my home. Everyone just jumps in and gets the work done, and because of that, I just want to sincerely say.....Thank you.

**Casey Sampson
Tournament Director**



Before you finish all your summer fun, don't forget to register for Fall League.

FALL 2016 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ~ [REGISTER](#)

Registration for guarantee placement deadline is Friday August 6th.

Registration starting August 7th will have a late fee applied.

Final deadline is August 16th.

Fall League Season runs from September 5, 2016 through October 15, 2016.

Games are played week nights at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9:00 or 10:30 a.m.

We will be using the new age matrix this year ~ US Youth Soccer is in the process of shifting from school year to calendar (birth) year for age group placement. Previously age groups determined based on players born between August 1 and July 31. The change to calendar (birth) year will mean age groups will be determined based on players birth year. Note that the format "U followed by age" now means that age and younger. For example, U8 now means 8 and younger. BFC is implementing this change starting with the 2016 fall season.

Year Born

2011/2012 Boys ~ Monday/Saturday

2011/2012 Girls ~ Tuesday/Saturday

2009/2010 Boys ~ Tuesday/Saturday

2009/2010 Girls ~ Thursday/Saturday

2007/2008 Boys ~ Monday/Saturday

2007/2008 Girls ~ Tuesday/Saturday

2005/2006 Boys ~ Tuesday/Saturday

2005/2006 Girls ~ Thursday/Saturday

Registration is also open for 13 & 14 year olds born 2003 and 2004. [Information click here!](#)

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