

Summer 2017 Blizzard Club Update

A Wonderful Night to Celebrate 50 Years of Orange!

A big thank you to all our sponsors and those who attended and made our 50th Anniversary celebrations a success. We were thrilled to have **Jason deVos**, Director of Development of Canada Soccer as our guest speaker. Jason updated us on some exciting initiatives at Canada Soccer including the introduction of the Canadian Premier League, to begin next year. He also focused his message on the importance of creating a system of development that celebrates the success of our kids and puts their needs first.

Thank you to Mark Livingstone and Mary Jo Spence, our dedicated Blizzard board members for putting on a successful and enjoyable evening! Check out www.calgaryblizzard.com for photos from the night!



***Rob Gale**, Canada Soccer U20 Head Coach; **MJ Spence**, Blizzard President and **Jason deVos**, Canada Soccer Director of Development.*



Blizzard Field House – Seeking Opportunities

With a civic election in the fall, a topic near to the hearts of soccer families is the lack of indoor facilities in Calgary. Blizzard is well aware of this issue, and through our facilities committee, has been actively seeking a permanent place for our members to call home. On a positive note, the Club has a solid “facilities account” to pursue options, however our challenge is the premium price on land available in the NW or finding partners who are in a healthy financial state to join forces.

The Club will continue to lease Field 4 at the Calgary West Soccer Centre as we seek future opportunities. Any input from our Blizzard families on potential land or joint partners would be welcome and we encourage you to contact Club GM, Alan Rickwood, to discuss further.

Blizzard United Women's Team – Life After Calgary Minor Soccer

Although it may seem like a long way from now, life as a Blizzard continues into adulthood as we grow the love of the game for many years of enjoyment. One of our many Blizzard adult teams is the Women's Outdoor Premier League Team, **Blizzard United**, coached by Diogo Raposo. The women are currently third in the standings with an eye to provincials in the fall.

The team enjoys the guidance and experience of some of its senior players, **Mollee Ramsay, Brianne Horne and Jamie Horne** who all played on our Blizzard 94 team and have been Blizzard start to finish. These dedicated players also give back to the club coaching our younger girls' teams and are strong role models for our up and coming players. Thank you for your dedication to our club and the sport you love!



Jamie Horne, Mollee Ramsay and Brianne Horn, Blizzard United players and dedicated club coaches.

Blizzard Summer Camps – Vancouver Whitecaps

Blizzard are very excited to host a Vancouver Whitecaps Camp this summer.



Vancouver Whitecaps Prospects and Skills Camp

July 31st to August 4th

- Prospects Camp – U9-U12 (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)
- Prospects Camp – U13 to U16 (Noon to 2:00 p.m.)
- Skills Camp – U7 to U12 (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

All sessions held at Inland Fields

All camps are \$179.00 - Registration is now open!

<http://camps.whitecapsfcyouth.com/camps>

Blizzards on the Road

We have many teams traveling this summer to tournaments far and wide. Good luck to all the teams!

- Girls SC03, SC02 & SC00 to NYC in July
- Girls Alliance 03 to Minnesota USA Cup
- Girls SC01 to San Diego Surf Cup
- Girls SC04 & SC06 to Portland
- Boys SC02 to SX Cup in Vancouver
- Boys Alliance 04 to San Diego

Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Orange!!

Congrats to Former Blizzard Players Signing with the University of Calgary Dinos

A big congratulation to two former Blizzard players, Jeff Spolnik and Sam Gagne who have officially signed with the Dinos for the fall university season. These boys have also given back to Blizzard as they have been active grassroots coaches with the club over the last 12 months. Good luck boys!



*Signing with the Dinos for the university season are former Blizzards **Jeff Spolnik** and **Sam Gagne**, with **Brendan O'Connell**, Head Coach and **Taylor Evernden**, Sport Scientist.*

Blizzard Tigers Recognized with Annual Young Philanthropist Award for Discovery House

After hearing that some important funding had fallen through for Discovery House, a second stage shelter for women and children fleeing domestic abuse, the Blizzard Tigers jumped in with both feet to help create a spur of the moment event.

Through a friend of the team, Tenille, an Alberta-born country music artist, a concert was held in December to support the cause. During the intermission the girls hosted a bake sale and the team purchased, wrapped and delivered special gifts for two families staying at the shelter.



Recently the Blizzard Tigers were recognized by the management, staff and Board of Directors of Discovery House with the **Annual Young Philanthropist Award**, in recognition of the team's remarkable baking, selling, and fundraising efforts that raised \$6,900.

This is a wonderful testament to the spirit of the Blizzard Tigers and to the good that can come when so many kind hearts and positive energy comes together.

U8 and U10 Reminder to Return Jerseys

Thank you to those players who have joined us for U8 and U10. Just a reminder that jerseys do need to be returned to your team manager! Have a great summer!