



# DOUGLAS PARK

## SOCCER CLUB

### Head Coaches' Message

## The "Rooney" Goal

Coaches, parents and players alike have all stopped me and asked "Did I see the Rooney goal," What a goal! Was that the greatest goal that I had ever seen?

Yes I saw the goal, in fact I replay it over and over again and I agree a great goal, but was Rooney's strike the greatest goal ever?...well it's definitely up there...but this begs the question what makes a great goal? Is it an individual strike like Rooney's was? A full on volley, from a bicycle/scissor/overhead kick...

Is it the audacious back heel from a player who is running across the box, drawing the defenders with him or is it the most recent back heel from the a player from out side the box into the top corner?

Is it the free kick that bends over or around the wall and all the keeper can do is watch in admiration?

Is it the diving header, when the ball seems too far away?

Or...Is it the glorious team goal from passing end to end? Arsenal seems to do this most times and Barcelona ALL the time.

So....what is the answer? There is not one, and that's why soccer is such a fantastic game, we can all interpret what we see as great.

Maybe it is the team goal, but for me.... I really enjoy the pure individual skill.....not just goals but pure moments of individual creativity that as coaches we sometimes try and halt rather than encourage.



I remember the 1970 world cup when Pele tried to chip the goal keeper from inside his own half. Pele didn't score, but what creativity! I saw David Beckham do the same chip in one of his first games for Manchester United, Beckham did score the goal, but to me Pele's was better....the first player I had seen try this.

One of the greatest displays of individual creativity was seeing Frank Worthington (wow! that shows my age) playing for Bolton. He had his back to the goal, juggled the ball, flicked it over his head between 2 opposing players, turned, and before the ball hit the ground he volleyed the ball in to the corner of the net. The opposition players were in total disbelief, but not Frank. Throughout his career he had coaches who had always encouraged him to show his skill and not be afraid to try the unthinkable.

My message to all players is to create, practice ball skills and ball trickery.

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My message to coaches is to allow all players to express themselves. We all sometimes over-coach (myself included) and sometimes we need to let players have freedom to be creative.

The same day as the Rooney goal was scored, just a couple of hours later I witnessed just as good as if not better goal - from one of our own. Sebastian (Seabass) Paredes... a striker for the U14 Gold DPK Rangers. "Seabass" tried to jump up to head the ball between the opposing keeper and 3 defenders. The ball then stayed in the air and as it was coming down, and with his back to goal "Seabass" threw himself acrobatically backwards and into the air and hit the ball with an over head kick into the goal. What a goal!

Rooney had time to set up and had 2 defenders between him; "Seabass" had no time to set up and had 3 defenders around him.....which was the better goal?

In the end....thank you Mr. Rooney and thank you "Seabass" for great displays of individual creativity and for making this great game even greater.

Cheers

**Steve Weston**  
Head Coach  
Douglas Park Soccer Club



## **Coach, Volunteer and Parent Night**

### **Saturday March 12th, 2011**

Please join us to celebrate the end of the season at the annual adults-only party on the evening of the Wrap Up Day - **Saturday evening March 12th at 6:45pm. ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED!** Wine, beer, soft drinks and food will be on hand, as well as good music, great friends and door prizes. If you would like to help out with setup or serving drinks please contact Kim at [admin@douglasparcsoccer.ca](mailto:admin@douglasparcsoccer.ca).

## **Equipment/Uniform Return for Coaches/Managers**

**Saturday April 9th, 2011**  
**House (U6/7-U10) 10am -12pm**  
**Divisional (U11+) 1pm -3pm**  
**DP Community Centre Unicorn Room**

Please ensure that all equipment (Balls, Uniforms, Cones, Goalie Jersey etc) is clean and dry. Remember to return the storage key and bring your post-dated uniform deposit cheques with you.

If you have any questions please contact:

**Hilary Montroy**  
Uniform Manager  
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# Douglas Park Divisional Player Awards 2010/11

## Call for Nominations

Douglas Park Soccer Club is soliciting nominees for awards for divisional-level players (U11-U18) that will be announced at the AGM (May 18th, 2011) and presented at "Sharing Our Wealth" next September. Nominations for these awards can be made by coaches, managers and/or coordinators by submitting a brief letter (see below). The two awards are:

- 1) DIVISIONAL BOY PLAYER OF THE YEAR
- 2) DIVISIONAL GIRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Criteria: The player of the year awards will be given to a girl and boy player who best combined skill, teamwork, commitment, and leadership over the 2010/2011 season.

The nomination letters (1 page MAX) should contain brief explanations of how the player fulfills the criteria. Letters can either be emailed to **Steve Weston: steveswest@aol.com** or **Rob Sambrook: robert\_sambrook@yahoo.ca**. Winners receive a cash prize of \$250, a small individual plaque, and their name inscribed on the main award plaque displayed at the Douglas Park Community Centre.

# Wind Up Day

Saturday March 12th 2011 9am-2pm

The season is coming to an end and what a great way to celebrate another successful year - with medals, hot dogs and more soccer! 38 teams will play on the East field at Douglas Park on **Saturday March 12th**. The Youth Group Cafe will also be open for friends and family to purchase food and drinks. Big thanks to the **U10 coordinators and parents** who volunteered their time to make this day possible.



# Volunteer for YOUR Club in 2011/12

Douglas Park Soccer Club is almost exclusively run by volunteers. It is only through the work and dedication of volunteer coaches, managers, coordinators, Board members and many other positions, that the club can be vibrant, progressive and ultimately successful. All members are encouraged to step forward to fill important roles within the club.

Listed below are available positions, along with brief descriptions of the tasks involved. Please contact any of the Board members with expressions of interest for the forthcoming season; nominations to the Board will be accepted at the AGM. We always welcome the addition of Directors to the Board with a passion to drive the club forward.

## AVAILABLE EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

### **PRESIDENT**

Chairs meetings & creates agendas. Processes correspondence from BCSA, Vancouver Youth Soccer Association, etc. Attends Vancouver Youth Club Soccer Association Club Presidents' Meetings and the BCSA AGM. Distributes



information regarding rules, tournaments, penalties, etc. Provides leadership and direction and decision-making to the Board and Club.

#### **SECRETARY**

Records and circulates Board meeting minutes and drafts and circulates meeting agendas.

#### **NON-EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

##### **REFEREE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR**

Mentors and supports youth referees. Encourages recruitment and retention of youth referees, and provides on-field support and feedback. Requires REFEREEING QUALIFICATION (Class 4 or above).

##### **OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

Carries out inventory of outdoor equipment (nets, flags, field whitener etc.), and maintains inventory throughout season. Ensures outdoor equipment locker is kept tidy. Requests replacement equipment when required. Could use 2 or 3 volunteers to maintain outdoor storage on rotating basis.

##### **COORDINATORS (BOYS or GIRLS)**

Liaison between the coaches and managers and the Board, re: communications. Brings issues and concerns to the Head Coordinator as needed during the season. Coordinates team formation (find Coaches and Managers, ensures teams are balanced). Collects team registration forms, Risk Management Forms, (and Photo ID) for Girls, and submits to Registrar.

##### **'SHARING THE WEALTH' VOLUNTEERS**

Liaises with Douglas Park Community Centre about DPSC's involvement in the Sharing Our Wealth Event. Helps organize DPSC's events at the event, in collaboration with the Board. Two or three committed volunteers to help make this event a success!

##### **COACH**

Completes and signs the Risk Management Form and returns to Division Coordinator. Accepts the Club Philosophy and Coaches Code of Conduct. Attends coaches' training or orientation sessions, if required. Supervises players at all practices and games or ensure delegation of such responsibility when unable to attend.

##### **ASSISTANT COACH**

Completes and signs the Risk Management Form and returns to Division Coordinator. Accepts the Club Philosophy and Coaches Code of Conduct. Attends coaches' training or orientation sessions. Takes initiative to help the Coach with planning and executing practices.

##### **TEAM MANAGER**

###### **House League Team Manager**

Develops and distributes team roster, snack schedule, and driving directions to games. Communicates with the parents regularly about the schedule, field locations, and team events. Distributes uniforms at the beginning of the year. Collects them at the end of the year. Collects uniform deposits from each team member, returns them at the end of the year when the uniform is turned in.

###### **Divisional League Team Manager**

Develops and distribute team roster, snack schedule, and driving directions to games. Collects Uniform Deposit cheques. Distributes uniforms at the beginning of the year. Collects uniforms and returns deposit cheques at the end of the year.

##### **UNIFORM and EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

Carries out inventory, anticipates uniform and socks requirements, and orders with lead-time in mind. Distributes uniforms & socks, balls and cones. Collects and arranges storage of equipment

##### **PHOTO DAY COORDINATOR and ASSISTANTS**

Organizes team photos (schedule photographer, draw up photo day team schedule).



# Club Amalgamation

Thanks to those who attended the open meeting at the end of January. At this meeting, we presented the current status of discussions with other Vancouver clubs about mergers with one or more neighbouring clubs. The next step is to draw up a formalized amalgamation document, which will ultimately be presented to our members to vote on. The DPSC Board fully supports the concept of merging to create a larger club, thereby providing better opportunities for all players (from competitive to recreational) to play at the optimal level for their development and for their maximal enjoyment of the game. The slide presentation from this meeting, as well as the current merger 'roadmap' is posted on the DPSC website.

## 2011 Divisional Player Evaluation Dates

Evaluations for U11-U18 are taking place through March & April. Check dates & times on the the DPSC website [www.douglasparksoccer.ca](http://www.douglasparksoccer.ca)

## Registration 2011/12

Registration for the 2011/12 season opens April 1st. Register before May 31st to receive the early bird discount. Registration is online at [www.douglasparksoccer.ca](http://www.douglasparksoccer.ca)



## DPSC Annual General Meeting

May 18th, 2011

All parents, guardians and coaches are welcome to attend the Douglas Park Soccer Club Annual General Meeting which takes place on **Wednesday May 18th 2011 at 7:30pm** at the Douglas Park Community Centre. We hope to see you there.



## Kudos To...

A team comprised of a mix of U11 gold and silver players competed in the indoor TSS Power Tournament on December 29th 2010. They finished undefeated as Tier 2 champions, with a 2-1 win in the final over a team from BC Tigers Club of Surrey. The boys played with great spirit and sportsmanship, and were well-deserved winners.



## Spring 2011 Evaluations

As spring time approaches so do the divisional (U11 and up) on-field player evaluation sessions.

This can be a very anxious time for both the player and the parents, but it shouldn't be. It should be looked at the same as any practice or game, for the player to give his or her best, and to have fun playing with and against their team mates and players from other teams.

The end of season on-field evaluation is the last component of the over-all player evaluation process. The evaluation process is for all players moving into U11 and above and consists of 3 parts:

1. Team Head Coach and Assistant Coach Evaluation
2. Club Head Coach Evaluation
3. Season end Independent Coach on field Evaluation

After the evaluations are complete all the age group coaches meet with the club head coach and teams are formed for the following season. It is also determined in which division a team should play. (Gold, Silver or Bronze)

Player evaluations are necessary in order to place players on the appropriate team that matches their skill set. For the overall development of the player, not only is it important to play and train with players of the same or similar ability, but also play against teams of similar ability.

I believe that an ongoing evaluation of a player is the best approach as one can judge a player on technical and tactical ability, game play as well as over all attitude which may not be seen in just 1 or 2 end of season evaluations. Also a player may be sick or just having a "poor" day during the end of season evaluation which doesn't reflect the players' real capabilities.

Parents may not agree with a player's team placement and can meet with myself (not the team head coach) to discuss their concerns. All Information is open and can be shared with a players' parents (with the exception of information about another player).

The 3 part evaluation process is a very fair and transparent method that places players on the right team for the following season.

**Steve Weston**  
Head Coach  
Douglas Park Soccer Club



# The Home Straight

As the 2010/11 draws to a close, there is still the potential for some silverware in our trophy cabinet.

## Boys

The U15 Gold Blue Rangers are within two points of the league leaders with a game in hand

The U14 Silver Renegades are within three points of the league leaders with a game in hand, and with superior goal difference

## Girls

The U16 Pumas have progressed to the knockout stage of the Coastal Classic Cup (Silver), with the first round on February 27th

The U13 cup round robin is ongoing, with both the Roadrunners (Gold) and the Panthers (Silver) well poised to progress.

# A Reminder about Equipment

There have been a few instances this season where goal nets and/or corner flags have been left up. If there is no Douglas Park team after you, please ensure you take down and lock away the equipment. Also – please help keep the outdoor storage locker tidy and accessible. Put flags in the bucket provided and nets on the shelves.

