



PCU Quarterly Newsletter

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PCU Staff Coach Dave Fisher named OYSA Competitive Coach of the Year

Written by PCU Member Brian Thompson

Portland City United coach Dave Fisher was honored last month at the annual OYSA awards dinner as the *2010 Boys Competitive Coach of Year!* Dave joined the club in 2006 as a Staff Coach.

The club congratulates Dave on receiving this prestigious award and thanks the parent group from the PCU Galaxy boy's team, which Dave has coached since 2007, for spearheading his nomination.

Dave's recognition by the OYSA for his contribution in promoting club soccer to our youth in a positive way is affirmation of guiding principles the PCU Club instills in all its coaches stated Jeff Enquist, Club Head Coach. "PCUSC is committed to providing a positive club soccer experience for youth in the Portland area. There is a lot more to soccer than winning and PCU believes that you have to develop players so that they learn to play soccer the right way. PCU is committed to fielding competitive teams within OYSA leagues. The other side to classic soccer is teaching players lessons that they will carry with them as they become teenagers and young adults".

Brian Scott, OYSA Membership Services Director, noted: "When OYSA makes a coaching award we are looking for a coach who represents the best of youth soccer's ideals, an emphasis on player development and sportsmanship over winning. We also look for

someone who has a positive effect on players away from the field, helping to develop character. Positive impacts on the community away from the club coaching role are also important. We viewed David as having exceeded expectations in all of those areas. The letters from his high school players were a very moving tribute. Anyone who can inspire a teenager to voluntarily write an actual letter of support for an award is doing an outstanding job as a mentor. We are proud to have David be the recipient of the 2010 Boys Competitive Coach of the Year award".

Dave's passion for soccer is evident and his contribution to our youth goes far beyond what he has brought to the PCU Club. Dave has been the De La Salle varsity soccer coach since 2004; has been running the Salvation Army Biddy Soccer program serving underprivileged youth with Tim Fuqua since 2000, and held coordination positions with the St John's and Peninsula park recreation soccer clubs. He is a licensed USSF/OYSA State D Coach, certified indoor and outdoor referee, grew up playing soccer in Colorado, keeps his skills current in adult indoor and outdoor leagues, and "walks the talk" with the club kids. Dave and his wife Elizabeth have three children Anthony, Eric and Samantha.

Dave is the second PCU staff coach to receive an OYSA "coach of the year" honor joining Tim Stalberg, a 2008 recipient. Please join us in congratulating Dave on this award and let's have a great season!

PCU Alumni Brian Linne Returns to Coach

Written by Club Director of Coaching Jeff Enquist

Portland City United would like to welcome Brian Linne back to the club in his new role as a staff coach. PCU is always proud to have past players return to coach for our club.

Brian came through PCU on a team called the PCU Illusion. Brian was a goalkeeper for the team. Brian began with the club as a U11 player and continued right through his U18 year. The Illusion played in four straight state championship matches, traveled to Europe, and traveled to the numerous college showcases including the Showcase of Champions, and the Nomads in Southern California.

Brian played his high school soccer at Central Catholic High School. Brian was a four-year letterman and received goal keeper of the year for the Mt. Hood conference both his junior and senior years. His senior year he was named honorable mention to the all state team. He was recruited by Chico State Univer-

sity to play in goal.

Brian was named to the second team all conference his Junior year at Chico State. He finished in the top 5 all time at Chico State for total number of shutouts in his career.

Now after four years at Chico State, Brian has taken a job at Wilson High School and was the JV II coach this past fall. He is now working with the goalkeepers for PCU as well as coaching the U16 boys Gunners team with PCU Head Coach Jeff Enquist. "Brian brings great passion and energy to every session he attends. He helps remind all of us how much fun it is to be out coaching. I expect Brian will begin his coaching education this coming summer and will be a long standing coach for PCU. We love having alumni players come back and coach. They are often the best at helping players realize what a great opportunity they are given by playing in PCU."

Upcoming Events

- * **U10 to U14 Fall Tryouts**
 - * May 9th
 - * Lincoln HS
- * **Spring YDP (U8-11)**
 - * Willamette Park
 - * Mar 28 to May 2nd
- * **2010 PCU Summer Classic**
 - * July 9-11th
 - * Delta Park
- * **2010 4v4 Tournament**
 - * June 5-6th
 - * Tualatin Hills Rec Center
- * **Summer Academy**
 - * June-July
 - * 17 training sessions with professional coach
- * **Summer Camps**
 - * Schedule/Register Online

