

## Soccer in the Park

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## SPDSA Annual General Meeting Review

### *Board of Directors and Committee Chairs Named*

The SPDSA held its Annual General Meeting on October 22nd at the Strathcona County Council Chambers.

The SPDSA would like to welcome new Board Member Darrell Bradley to the board, as well as all of our returning Board Members.

The SPDSA would like to also thank outgoing Board Members: Shannon Massa and Jim Sisson for their time and contributions to the board.

#### The SPDSA Board of Directors:

President - Dave Friesen  
Vice President - Asaph Fernandes  
Treasurer - Karen Popoff  
Secretary - Dan Chubb  
Director at Large - Darrell Bradley  
Director at Large - Jayne Brzezicki  
Director at Large - Krysta Christensen  
Director at Large - Kristi Dubeau  
Director at Large - Ian Johnston

#### Committee Chairs:

Technical - Asaph Fernandes  
Violations - Darrell Bradley  
By-Laws - Dan Chubb  
Facilities - Ian Johnston

### IMPORTANT DATES

SPDSA Offices Closed for Christmas Dec 22 – Jan 1

Outdoor Early Bird Registration Opens Jan 25

SPDSA Family Day Adult Cup Feb 16-19

Volunteer Appreciation Night Mar 9

## SPDSA Christmas Closure



The SPDSA would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year

The SPDSA offices will be closed from

December 22 at Noon - January 1

The SPDSA will return to normal hours

January 2, 2018

## 2018 Indoor Provincials

**Youth Provincials March 16-18, 2018**

The highest finishing team in SPDSA community leagues that has confirmed interest in attending Provincials will be declared to represent the SPDSA.

Phoenix teams must apply to the Technical Department who will determine eligibility to attend.

**Senior Provincials March 23-25, 2018**

All SPDSA Adult leagues are Non-Provincial leagues.

All SPDSA Adult Phoenix teams follow Provincial Qualification as set out by the EDSA.

Youth and Senior teams are eligible for a \$500.00 travel allowance pending the location of the Provincial competition.

## 2017 Outdoor Provincials Recap

*Honour Roll for all SPDSA Teams*



The SPDSA sent a number of teams to the annual ASA Provincials for the Outdoor Season. Well done to all the teams that

qualified and represented Sherwood Park so valiantly.

### Rural Provincials (SPDSA Tier IV Teams)

U14 Boys (Wilson) - 9th

U14 Girls (Hodges) - **Bronze**

U16 Boys (Davidson) - 8th

U16 Girls (Vos) - 5th

U18 Boys (Lopatynski) - 8th

U18 Girls (Franz) - 5th

### Tier I, II, III Provincials (SPDSA Phoenix Teams)

U14 Boys T1 (Tennant) - 5th

U14 Girls T1 (Willisko) - **Silver**

U15 Girls T1 (Govender) - 5th

U16 Girls T1 (MacNeil) - 4th, Fairplay

U17 Boys T1 (McCullough) - **Silver**

U17 Girls T1 (Fleming) - **Gold**, Qual for Nationals

U17 Girls T1 (Brady) - **Bronze**

U14 Boys T2 (Bimba) - 8th

U14 Girls T2 (So) - 7th

U16 Boys T2 (Sandle) - **Silver**, Fairplay

U18 Boys T2 (McCullough) - 5th

U14 Boys T3 (Brzezicki) - 8th

U14 Girls T3 (Ernscliff) - 9th

U16 Boys T3 (Corbalan) - 7th

U18 Boys T3 (Espinoza) - **Gold**, Fairplay

### Adult Provincials (SPDSA Adult Phoenix)

Tier 1 Women (Ballam) - **Silver**



U18 T3 Phoenix Boys

U17 T1 (2001) Phoenix Girls



## SPDSA Christmas Soccer Camp

**Who:** U5 - U12 SPDSA Players

**When:** January 2 - 4, 2018

**Where:** Millennium Place Indoor Fields

**Time:** U5-U8 10:30am - 12:15pm

U9-U12 12:30pm - 2:30pm

**Cost:** \$60.00 for all 3 Days (Incl. T-Shirt)

**Info:** [Christmas Camp](#)

**Register:** [Online](#)

**Registration Deadline: December 6**



## ASA Releases New Age Groups for 2018 Outdoor

*Changes to Odd Age Groups adds U19 and adjustments to programs*

To coincide with Canadian Soccer's restructuring of their Youth National Championship competitions, the Alberta Soccer Association has approved a directive to alter the playing age groups for the 2018 Outdoor Season. Moving from Even Age groups to Odd Age groups will have a direct impact on the programs offered by the SPDSA.

Please see a summary below for the upcoming outdoor season in Sherwood Park and the programs we will be offering.

2018 Outdoor Community		
Age Group	Birth Years	Outdoor Game Information
U4	2014	Station Based Approach
U5	2013	3v3 Games
U6	2012	5v5 Games (4 + Sweeper Keeper)
U7	2011	
U9	2009-2010	7v7 Games
U11	2007-2008	8v8 Games
U13	2005-2006	11v11 Games
U15	2003-2004	
U17	2001-2002	
U19	1999-2000	

### Community Outdoor Registration Details:

Full program outlines are currently being developed with the new Outdoor Age Groups being introduced.

Registration will open January 25 under the following structure:

January 25 - February 28 Early Bird Rates

March 1 - March 15 Regular Rates +\$25.00

March 16 onwards \*Late Rates +\$50.00

\*Registrations completed during the Late registration period are subject to being placed on a waitlist depending on the availability in the programs requested.



### Phoenix Outdoor Program Details:

The Sherwood Park Phoenix program is our competitive program in Sherwood Park. Details are currently being finalized as we await confirmation from the EIYSA and EMSA leagues of their Outdoor structure with the ASA changes. Full program outlines will be available toward the end of January.

**Tentative Tryout Dates: March 19 - 22, 2018**

### New SPDSA Registrar - Amanda Trach

We are pleased to welcome our new Registrar Amanda Trach to the SPDSA team. After starting in September, Amanda is growing comfortable with all the details that go into her new role. Amanda currently has a daughter in our SPDSA Community program. As our registrar Amanda is responsible for registration inquiries, CRC's and general program information. She can be contacted at [a.trach@spdsa.net](mailto:a.trach@spdsa.net).

We would also like to thank Natasha Carter for her contributions as the past registrar with the SPDSA and we wish her all the best in the future.





## Volunteer Appreciation Night - March 9, 2018

*Show us your stuff on the field, followed by a night of celebration and fun*

On March 9, 2018 all Coaches and Volunteers will be invited to attend our annual Volunteer Appreciation Night. The evening will follow along with the event we put on last year that was met with great appreciation and fun by all those who attended.

The night will start with our traditional Volunteer tournament at Millennium Place, where you get to show your skills (or lack there of) on the field against

other Coaches, Volunteers and SPDSA staff. Afterwards everyone will be invited to the Log Cabin for a Casino Themed party which includes appetizers, cash bar and plenty of great prizes to be won.

**Date:** Friday March 9th

**Volunteers Arrive at Millennium:** 5:00pm

**Volunteer Tournament:** 5:30pm - 7:45pm

**Log Cabin:** 8:00pm onward (Food out for 8:15pm)

An email regarding the event will be sent out in the New Year to all coaches with RSVP instructions and further details.



## Edmonton Oil-Kings Discounted Tickets



The Edmonton Oil Kings and the SPDSA have partnered up once again this season to bring exciting WHL action to our SPDSA members at great discounted rates. Sherwood Park soccer has filled two specific game nights where Sherwood Park Phoenix teams will be selling 50/50 tickets as a fundraiser and we also have 1000 Game Day vouchers which can be exchanged at the box office for game day tickets.

### SPDSA Phoenix Game Days:

November 25 Salute to Soccer Night

January 6, 7:00pm vs Moose Jaw Warriors at Rogers Place

### How to buy:

January 6 tickets must be purchased through the [SPDSA Store](#) by December 18, 2017. The SPDSA will collect ordered tickets from the Oil Kings after the Christmas Break and email all those who have ordered when they are ready for pick up.

Game Day Vouchers can be purchased at the [SPDSA Store](#).

Tickets and Vouchers only cost \$10.00 each, a savings of \$17.00 per ticket when you add in additional fees!

Find the game you want to attend by checking out the [Edmonton Oil Kings Schedule](#)





## Sherwood Park Soccer takes a trip to Belize

*Donations of old Phoenix jerseys puts smiles on the faces of a Community*

The country of Belize is home to a great combination of natural factors - Climate, the Belize Barrier Reef, Beaches, Excellent fishing and safe waters for boating, various jungle and wildlife reserves support a thriving tourism industry.

However what many miss on trip to Belize is the majority of the country still struggles to have the same benefits we take for granted in Canada.

A high prevalence of communicable disease and an education system that produces only a 79.7% literacy rate (one of the lowest in the Western Hemisphere).

Soccer is one of the most played sports amongst children in Belize, however most teams or groups cannot afford much of the proper equipment.



to donate 3 sets of each colour for the community.

An email from Darcy and Fiona while on their trip showed how much the community

appreciated the donation:

*"We are still in Belize but wanted to share with you a few of the pictures which were taken yesterday of the kids playing in their Phoenix Jersey's. The community was so appreciative of the donations and the kids were BEYOND excited to be playing in a real jersey!! Thanks again to SPDSA for your generous donation. Truly, you have no idea the impact that this donation will have for the entire community. It provides hope and inspiration, and a sense of maybe we can actually DO this!!"*

The SPDSA is always eager to help and donate to causes such as these when the association has the required equipment at our disposable.

If you have an initiative that you would like the SPDSA to be a part of please contact [Debbie Ballam](#).

Darcy and Fiona Hilkewich, who have two boys in the Phoenix program (Hunter - 2001 Boys, Kooper - 2003 Boys) contacted the SPDSA about a trip they were taking, looking for soccer donations. The SPDSA was in the process of replacing the Phoenix black and white jersey's and was able



# SPDSA Coach of the Week

*Coaches deserving of recognition for their hard work and dedication*

## Coach Steve Seale

**Nominated by:** Kristyn LeBlanc

**Team:** U10 Boys Team 6 - Tigers

### Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week:

Steve has been really involved with the team and shows not only coaching skills but passion for the game. He is extremely vocal with the boys to ensure they are learning how to play to the best of their abilities. He's not afraid to push them and motivate them. His best attribute is his genuine caring nature when a player is frustrated, tired or has been injured. He supports the boys the right way.....professional and personal. Thanks Steve!!!!

## Coach Chris Laing

**Nominated by:** Keri Bright and Karli MacLeod

**Team:** U7 Boys Team 3

### Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week:

Chris has already proven to be very patient and encouraging with all the kids. My son is very shy and having a bit of trouble getting involved in practices and Chris has gone over and above to make sure my son is included and inspired. We are very pleased with his leadership! Even with a broken arm/hand, he is out there coaching our boys. He also hasn't had much support with finding a permanent assistant coach, so he flying fairly solo on this one. Thanks Chris!!

## Coach Ted Naylor

**Nominated by:** Patrick Dunsmore

**Team:** U10 Girls Phoenix X

### Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week:

Coach Naylor goes far beyond his responsibilities of a coach when it comes to his U10 Girls Phoenix team. Ted puts in a lot of extra time for his girls off and on the field to try and maximize their growth and potential. Ted exhibits positive, high energy during training sessions to keep the girls engaged, and pays great attention to detail for his expectations while executing each exercise. Whether it is giving the girls extra ball control 'homework' assignments to help them gain more confidence for practices and games, or following up with parents to ensure his coaching approach is what's working best for their daughter. Ted has each girl's best interest in mind and does a great job keeping communication lines open with the parents with information on LTPD and his team and coaching development strategies.

## Coach Jose Ignacio Marin

**Nominated by:** Jill Steiner

**Team:** U10 Boys Team 4

### Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week:

I have heard several parents mention in the sidelines how they are excited about the season this year because the coaches Jose and Jose are so enthusiastic and willing to actually teach the boys. I am also impressed with the way they actually run a proper practice, they have the boys full attention and demonstrate the skills they need to work on. There is real learning. The boys all have fun and are very positive and are showing great sportsmanship. There is a real sense of camaraderie. He also communicates clearly with parents with reminder emails! There just seems to be a real buzz and excitement from both the boys and parents in this team, which I believe is fostered from the coaches!!

## Coach Trevor Panas

**Nominated by:** Danielle Garden

**Team:** U5-U6 Girls Team 1

### Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week:

Amazing coach Knew everyone's name by 2nd game Gives full attention to each player at the same time as teaching new skills



## Coach Colin Rigney

**Nominated by:** Laura and Florian Donsbach, Tracey Lagerquist

**Team:** U7 Boys Team 6

### Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week:

Great coaching skills, great with the kids, very patient, very hands-on, always is right there with the kids, explains all the drills well, all the kids seem to like him and follow his lead. He is great with the kids and super patient. He explains the drills very well and the kids follow his lead. He makes the training fun for the kids and fun to watch for the parents. Colin has quickly developed great rapport with all of the kids and parents. He makes all of the kids feel successful and is very positive at each practice and game. He encourages a strong team spirit while teaching important physical skills. He has made my son feel successful even when he was extremely frustrated while learning these new skills. I love that he encourages them to play as a team and not worry about the score. I look forward to the rest of the season with Colin guiding the team!

## Coach Meghan MacInnis

**Nominated by:** Agatra Kucher and Kevin Semeniuk

**Team:** U10 Boys Team 3

### Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week:

Great with kids, fantastic planning and parent updates ahead of time, amazing approach to coaching and great leadership Skills and dedication to promoting excellence in sports.

**Nominate Your Coach**  
 Nomination Forms found [here](#)







## SPDSA Team of the Week

*Teams deserving of recognition for their success this season*

### U8 Girls Team 2 - Watson

**Nominated by:** Garrett Watson

**Please explain why you feel this team should be awarded the Team of the Week:**

The dedication these girls have shown so far this season is amazing! Our practice and game attendance has been awesome. The girls have been working so hard every practice working on their "turn-and-go's" and our in-game cheers are 100%!!! "Go Dolphins Go!"

### U7 Boys Team 6 - Rigney

**Nominated by:** Florian and Laura Donsbach

**Please explain why you feel this team should be awarded the Team of the Week:**

They've been making a lot of progress with the coaches help. The boys play as a team and are a great group. They can play their positions well and have been getting some unofficial wins. The boys are practicing hard, always trying their best during the games. All boys listen well to the coaches. They are playing as a team and also having a lot of fun.



### U10 Boys Team 3 - MacInnis

**Nominated by:** Kevin Semeniuk

**Please explain why you feel this team should be awarded the Team of the Week:**

Team has worked hard to develop soccer skills. Great team spirit and inclusion by all team member to promote a positive playing experience.



### U14 Boys Team 2 - Davidson

**Nominated by:** Stacey Valaire

**Please explain why you feel this team should be awarded the Team of the Week:**

This team is undefeated so far this season. They are a great group of boys that are playing so well together with great passing and generating great scoring opportunities. The boys are communicating well on the field and are playing for the love of the game, not just to win. The coach has a supportive and keen approach and the kids all really enjoying playing on his team!

### U14 Girls Team 1 - Bayne

**Nominated by:** Erin Bayne

**Please explain why you feel this team should be awarded the Team of the Week:**

This group of ladies all work very hard every practice and every game. Whether it's a game or practice they show dedication, team work and sportsmanship. This team has really molded together quite quickly and it is very exciting to see them play each and every week.

### U12 Girls Team 3 - Bailes

**Nominated by:** Christine Mitchell

**Please explain why you feel this team should be awarded the Team of the Week:**

I have been watching my daughters team play. They have not won a game yet but they have a positive attitude and each game you see them getting better. You can see them trying harder every game and to me that speaks volumes! To still be positive and have fun even when not winning is huge! Yay team

### U12 Boys Team 2 - Calbeck

**Nominated by:** Christina Ward

**Please explain why you feel this team should be awarded the Team of the Week:**

These boys from day one were a great bunch! They clicked so well together! They are very respectful of each other as well the coaches. They listen well and are attentive. Whether a practice or game each one of them give it their all!

**Nominate Your Team**

Nomination Forms found [here](#)



# THE NEAR POST

## U17 Phoenix Girls Claim 6th Place at Nationals

*Team does the SPDSA proud in Fredericton, New Brunswick at CSA National Championships*

The 2001 Phoenix girls started the Outdoor season entering the EIYSA U17 Tier 1 league as an underage team. After successful seasons previously in their own age group (League and Provincial Gold's), the team was granted the ability to play up in a league where they could qualify for a Provincial Championship leading towards CSA National Championships.

The team under the guidance of former U17 Canadian National team Head Coach, Sean Fleming, put in a ton of work throughout the outdoor season and ended up topping the U17 Tier 1 EIYSA standings. The team finished with a 9 win, 3 loss and 3 tie record scoring a league leading 27 goals and allowing a league lowest 10.

The group was confident heading into the Provincial Championships despite playing the top 2000 teams across Alberta. The Phoenix squad topped their Pool with 2 wins and a tie, setting up a Gold Medal date with SWU Premiers from Calgary with a berth to Nationals on the line. The game was played in Sherwood Park and with the fans behind them, our 2001 Phoenix girls scored the only goal of the game late in the second half,

securing the Provincial Gold medal and a trip to Halifax for the CSA U17 National Championships.

The 2001 girls now entered into the National Championships playing the best teams across Canada and were placed in a group with Manitoba, Quebec, Saskatchewan, and Newfoundland. The girls played valiantly in all 4 games, finishing with a 2-2-0 record, losing to Manitoba and Quebec before bouncing back with two straight wins to close out pool play. The team finished with a 1-0 defeat to B.C. and ended up finishing 6th in the National Championships. While the girls may have been disappointed, the experience will give them an edge heading into the 2018 Outdoor season where they will have another chance at qualifying, this time though playing in their own age group.

Well done girls on a fantastic season!

## SPDSA ALUMNI PAGE

The SPDSA is looking to build an Alumni page to be showcased on our website. We would like to showcase players that have come through the SPDSA, both in the Phoenix and Community programs who have gone on to accomplish great things.

We want to hear from you if your soccer career has progressed to:

1. The Alberta REX or FC Edmonton Academy
2. Playing with a College or University Soccer Program
3. Playing at a Professional or National level

We want to hear from you if your soccer career with Sherwood Park has helped you:

1. Make a large positive impact in the Community
2. Be part of something that should be recognized by the SPDSA

## Hey Dribble!

The SPDSA community resoundingly supported naming our Mascot, Dribble!



Dribble will be seen at various Special Events that the SPDSA hosts throughout the year.

Congratulations to Nicholas Brzezicki who submitted the name. You have won a \$100 towards registration.



# Sherwood Park District Soccer Association

## Administration Office/Equipment Room

Mon-Wed-Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Tues-Thurs 12:00pm - 5:00pm  
Weekends/Holidays Closed  
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