



## AGM info and updates

### Board of Directors

Congratulations to both the new and returning members of the ASA Board of Directors. Please join ASA in welcoming Danny Bowie and Mike Patterson!

### Award Winners

Each year at Alberta Soccer's Annual General Meeting, individuals/teams are recognized for outstanding contributions or participation in soccer in Alberta.

The following deserving individuals received awards at the 2012 AGM :

Life Membership	Bill Malone
President's Award	Rick Haxby
Shield of Merit	Don Stoesz
Golden Boot	Calgary Spirit Classics
Golden Whistle	Dave Stasiak
Awards of Merit	Lindsay Boland
	Michelle Williamson
	Lindsey Deines
	Rebecca Chin
	Scott Thomas
	Shamil Damji
	Kevin Francis
	Mark Cooper
	Simon Giguere
	Richard Li

Visit the ASA website for details on the awards and their recipients.

## Players invited to National training camp

The Alberta Soccer Association is pleased to announce that Elissa Neff (top photo) from the Calgary Blizzard Soccer Club and Larissa Staub (bottom photo) from Edmonton SWU/Angels Soccer Clubs have been selected to attend a Canadian Women's U17 Team Training Camp.



The Camp, which takes place January 31st to February 9th 2012 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, gives Neff and Staub the opportunity to be assessed against the top U17 players in the country when Head Coach Bryan Rosenfeld puts the players through an intense 10 day training camp.

The U17 Women will be participating in the CONCACAF Women's U17 Championship scheduled for May 2-13, 2012 in Guatemala.

## New CSA Coaching Course Transitional Guide

Long Term Player Development (LTPD) initiative

There is a two-year transitional phase for coaches to update their coaching qualifications. The following chart shows what coaches can receive credit for during this transitional phase with respect to their old child, youth and senior coaching courses:

Age Group *	LTPD Stage	Coaching Requirement
U4-U6 (all tiers)	Active Start	Child trained OR Active Start + MED **
U7-U9 (all tiers)	Fundamentals	Child or Youth Trained or FUNdamentals + MED
U10-U12 (all tiers)	Learn to Train	Youth Trained OR Learn to Train + MED
U14-U18 (all tiers)	Active for Life	Senior Trained OR Soccer for Life + MED

\*\* Making ethical decisions

This means that if you have taken previous NCCP coaching courses (which will be recognized during the two year interim period), you may still be required to take the new LTPD course mandated for your age group.

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### Subscription

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### Important Dates

Referee Instructor recertification course  
Feb 4 - South  
Referee Instructor certification course  
Feb 11-12 - North



## Alberta Soccer's new Regional Coaches

Welcome to the latest additions to the ASA Technical team: Rick Haxby, Chris Spaidal, Jim Loughlin and Karl Oram. Each coach will be responsible for a specific region of the province (Central, East, North and South). See their bios below:

### Rick Haxby



came to Canada in the mid-sixties from York, England to play professional soccer playing in the NSL with the Montreal Concordia. Rick has experience playing and coaching soccer all over Canada - having played with the Edmonton Eagles in the Western league and serving as a player and coach for the Ottawa Intrepid. He has also played and coached for local all-star and select teams as part of a series of exhibition games with professional teams around the world.

Not only did Rick play professionally, but has also participated in the game as both a referee and a coach. Rick has coached in the ASA Provincial select program as well as for Victoria, Scottish, NWU and has also in the St. Albert program. Most recently, Rick has been coaching the Victoria women's program where his teams have experienced much success at both the Provincial and National level.

Rick has worked for the ASA as a course conductor since the early eighties and is looking to renewing acquaintances with many of the coaches who attended his courses over the years.

### Chris Spaidal



has lived in Alberta since 1998, but he originally grew up playing soccer in Vancouver Island. Chris started coaching at a relatively young age and instantly found a passion for it which has kept

him involved for about 10 years.

Coach Spaidal has worked in various levels of soccer from the grassroots up to the Canadian College level. He is a Canadian National "B" recognized coach, who has also been a coaching course instructor with ASA for the past few seasons.

Chris has worked with various Alberta teams including Arctic Winter Games teams, the Alberta U16 Boys Program at National All-Stars and he is the current Head Coach of the GPRC Men's and Women's Varsity Soccer Programs.

The 2010-11 ACAC Men's North Soccer Coach of the year says his biggest goal is always "to develop players to push themselves to reach the next level", and is exemplified by players moving on to professional clubs such as Whitecaps, FC Edmonton and National team identification.

Coach Spaidal is currently working towards his USSF "B" and Canadian "A" Licenses and looks forward to continue working and developing ASA players, teams and programs.

### Jim Loughlin



was born in Toronto, but his formative soccer years were in Calgary where he played at the community, club, provincial select and senior levels. He moved to Edmonton to participate in

the National Training Centre and play with the U of A Golden Bears. While in Edmonton, Loughlin was a member of the U20 National Team, the U23 Olympic Team Program and played in the Canadian Soccer League for three years.

Loughlin has completed his National B License and Master's Degree in Coaching - specializing in Applied Sports Psychology. He is a Chartered Professional Coach, an Alberta Advanced Learning Facilitator in the National

Coaching Certification Program and has completed his National A License Training.

Since 1993, Loughlin has served as a Club Head Coach on 3 occasions, a District Head Coach twice and has a combined 14 years of coaching experience at the College or University level. He is currently the Head Coach of the Medicine Hat College Rattlers Men's and Women's Soccer Teams and is an Instructor in the Kinesiology Department at Medicine Hat College.

He is proud to work with the ASA again, having previously served as the Technical Programs Director and Provincial Coach South. He looks forward to helping players and coaches realize their true potential.

### Karl Oram



a native of England, played in the Welsh Clwyd League for Prestatyn Town, Rhuddlan Town, Caerwys Town and Rhyl Reserves and retired from playing when he moved to Toronto in 1991.

He began coaching in Ontario but his excitement for it grew after moving to Alberta. For 3 years he was mentored by Tommy Wheeldon Sr. - an experience that reignited the passion.

Karl holds a CSA National B License and NSCAA National Diploma and also travelled to Holland and in 2011 where he spent two weeks with Dutch giants Ajax gaining experience on their youth Academy. He is currently working towards his USF National B license as well as the FA International License.

Oram is an "NTC Prairies" coach at the Calgary location under the guidance of Sean Fleming, a Technical director for Cochrane Minor Soccer and a coach for Calgary Foothills Soccer Club where he works with the 97 and 98 girls teams.

This is Karl's third term with Alberta Soccer

and every year brings new challenges which adds to his passion. The job of developing youth players is a rewarding career and he looks forward to the new measures put in place by ASA and working with the new ASA coaches Alberta's talented players.

Winners don't wait for chances, they take them  
- Unknown -

## Learning Facilitators Workshop 2012

By: Ian Skitch

In January, the Alberta Soccer Association hosted two Learning Facilitator (LF) workshops – one in Calgary and another in Edmonton. Combined, fifty-two grassroots coach educators attended the two courses.

These workshops were important steps in transitioning coach education into alignment with Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) in Alberta. The LF will play a key role in delivering the new Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) coaching curriculum in the years to come.

The workshops focused on the Community Stream of the new coaching pathway—Active Start, FUNdamentals, Learning to Train and Soccer for Life. These courses are now available and replace the previous Child, Youth, and Senior courses. They take a stage-specific approach with content geared towards the developmental needs of young players. The curriculum embraces adult learning principles & makes excellent use of the latest facilitation methods to effectively engage coaches in the learning process. Significantly improved practical tools have also been introduced to support coaches in their ongoing coaching roles.

Both workshops were genuine successes. The LFs displayed a fantastic camaraderie, passion, & commitment to coaching education & the new LTPD coaching program. It was a tremendous environment to be a part of & highlighted the willingness of all involved to work together to effectively & positively impact coaching education province-wide.

The ASA Technical Department extends thanks to Mark Sychburt & Doug Krochak, both of whom are Master Learning Facilitators with the Coaching Association of Canada. These gentlemen did a great job in supporting & leading the entire process. We look forward to working with them again in future.

### North Course



Back Row (L to R): D. Krochak, C. Spaidal, L. Jepsen, P. McKinney, N. Turnbull, E. Munoz, B. Kelly, K. Ashworth, D. McCarthy, G. MacIntosh, I. Payne, B. Morrison,

J. Hrycun, P. Hoy, C. O'Toole, P. Schultz, P. Kelly, J. Paulus, D. Cordeiro, R. Zicarelli, M. Pomerleau

Front Row (L to R): D. Sears, D. Jeffery, A. Traficante, C. Leverman, D. Catena, C. Holt, A. Anaya, A. Kadri, L. McAndry, T. Phillips, K. Poissant, R. Haxby, H. Shabdi, B. Dunlop, S. Lowther, I. Skitch, G. Wood

### South Course



Back Row (L to R): L. Fisher, I. Diaz, A. Sarcevic, D. Clarke, G. Ramsay, G. Stevens, J. Talerico, J. Judd, J. Loughlin, M. Schryburt (Master Learning Facilitator - NCCP)

Front Row (L to R): A. Alderson, F. Sanmartin, J. Clubb, J. Castrillon, K. Oram, I. Skitch (Master Learning Facilitator - ASA), S. Lowther, M. Dyck

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