



MID-ISLE SOCCER CLUB

**2018-19  
SEASON**

# Newsletter

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon, Sept 3:** Labour Day
- Tues, Sept 4:** Tier 3 Team Uniform Distribution
- Sat, Sept 8:** Coaches BBQ
- Sun, Sept 9:** First Tier 3 Games
- Mon, Sept 10:** **Monday Night Training Kickoff!!**
- Tue, Sept 11:** First Club Academy Session (U14-18)
- Sept 11-14:** House Team Uniform Distribution
- Sat, Sept 15:** First House and Pony Games
- Sat, Sept 22:** First Soccer Tots Sessions
- Mon, Oct 8:** Thanksgiving – No Club Academy

### WELCOME FROM THE CLUB EXECUTIVE

Hi Everyone!

We're all really excited about the upcoming season, and we CAN'T WAIT to see you all on the field! We've got a lot of exciting things going on this year, and we're glad that you're a part of it!

Please take the time to check out all the features in this newsletter, and make sure to bookmark our website and like our Facebook page so you can keep up to date on all the great stuff happening in our awesome Club!

~ Mike Rankin, President



*Crowd scene at the 2018 Mini World Cup, hosted by Mid-Isle in May*



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## MONDAY NIGHT TRAINING

This season, ALL PONY and HOUSE players in the Club will practice on **Monday nights** at Forrest Field:

- **5:30-6:30: Pony and U10 Players** (5- to 9-yr olds)
- **6:45-8:00: U11-U13 Players** (10- to 12-yr olds)

This will be the PRIMARY PRACTICE TIME for all Club House League teams, led by our Technical Director, Bill Merriman, and his Technical Team. All Club Coaches are encouraged to attend as well.

Monday Night Training will consist of development drills and fun games designed to increase the soccer skills of all our players. This has been a very successful model for Mid-Isle in the past, and several other Island Clubs are now holding similar sessions of their own.

*We encourage the enthusiasm of our players at all times, but we wish to set the expectation that Monday sessions are meant for player development; therefore any players who are overly disruptive or distracting to other players at these sessions will be asked to sit on the sidelines until the session concludes.*

**Our first Monday Night Training Session will take place on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>! Please remember to bring cleats, shin pads and a water bottle!**

## TUESDAY NIGHT CLUB ACADEMY

The Mid-Isle Club Academy for **U14-18 Players** (13- to 17-year-olds) will take place on **Tuesday nights** at Forrest Field from **7:00 to 8:30 pm**. This moves the players in this age group from the traditional Monday night sessions to a Tuesday night instead. Players are expected to wear their Academy kit (grey training shirts handed out last year) and to participate at a high level.

## Co-Ed House League for U16-18



The year-end tournament of last year's U16-18 House division was played in a co-ed format and was well-received, so this season the entire League season itself will feature co-ed soccer. Mid-Isle will field two blended Boys and Girls teams in this league that will be led by some of our Club's finest coaches!

## NEW GIRL POWER PROGRAM

In an effort to introduce more young girls to the awesome sport of soccer, the Mid-Isle Soccer Club presents our "Girl Power" program, a girls-only initiative that will allow female players aged 5 to 8 years old to fall in love with the game in a non-competitive, stress-free environment. The emphasis is on FUN, positive encouragement, and engaging play.

The program will run on Saturday mornings during the Club's regular "Pony" Youth soccer time slot at Forrest Field in Ladysmith. Girl Power Players will participate in fun, 3-on-3 mini-games and other challenging and fun activities, led by Mid-Isle's volunteer coaches.



## VISL DIVISION 1 MARINERS TEAM

### Division 1 soccer is coming to Ladysmith!

The Vancouver Island Soccer League is the TOP amateur men's league on the Island. Our Mariner Men have quickly risen from Division 3 to the top tier in just the last two seasons! Coached by our very own Bill Merriman and Craig Glennie, the Division 1 Mariners will bring some extremely exciting soccer to Forrest Field throughout the season. Stay tuned for the game schedule, coming soon!



We are also continuing our highly successful U21 Men's team this year – this Mid-Isle team has won the VISL U21 League for 5 straight seasons!



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## YOUR 2018-19 CLUB EXECUTIVE

- Mike Rankin:** President
- Jeremy Kaye:** VP & Treasurer
- Cheryl Onciul:** Registrar
- Laurie Bastian:** Equipment Manager
- Chelsea Cooke:** Pony Program
- Kelly Rodgers:** Secretary
- Jen LeBlanc:** Communications
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- Paul Brockhurst:** UISA Representative
- Danielle Winters:** Tots Coordinator
- Tonya Soules:** Merchandising
- Cheryl Merriman:** Adult Programs
- TBD:** Referee Coordinator
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- Willow J. Rae:** Club Administrator
- Bill Merriman:** Technical Director

## STAY IN TOUCH!

There are a lot of ways to keep up-to-date on everything going on at the Mid-Isle Soccer Club!

Visit our website at [www.midislesoccer.ca](http://www.midislesoccer.ca) – there’s a ton of information, and we post important notices all the time!



Like our [Mid-Isle Soccer Facebook page](#) and get our posts showing up in your regular feed!



**PLUS:** BRAND NEW EMAIL NEWSLETTERS, COMING THIS SEASON!

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**SEE YOU ALL ON THE FIELD! IT’S GONNA BE A GREAT SEASON!**