



# VANCOUVER

## GIRLS SOCCER CLUB

### Vancouver Girls Soccer Club Newsletter

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#### Welcome to the June issue of the Vancouver Girls Soccer Club

This is the club's 1st newsletter and we hope that we will be able to give all the members better information and news about the club, it's programs and the soccer community in general. In some ways help create a fun and successful soccer culture within the club for all members of all ages.

For this 1st edition we are asking all the new coaches to forward this newsletter or this link -

<http://www.vgsa.ca/dmail/mail.cgi/archive/newsletter/> to their new players and their families. Also we ask everyone to subscribe to the club's newsletter so you can be quickly updated on news from the club about programs, leagues and other soccer information.

Best in soccer,

VGSC Board of Directors

#### VGSC partners with film festival - Afghan Girls Can Kick Documentary

The club has partner with the DOXA Documentary Film Festival to joint market the film "Afghan Girls Can Kick "

VGSC is proud to announce their participation as a Community Partner for the documentary film [Afghan Girls Can Kick](#)

"Afghan Girls Can Kick is a portrait of teenage girls breaking stereotypes set by an intensely conservative Afghan society. As players in Afghanistan's first ever women's national football team, these young women are escaping poverty while gaining self-esteem and confidence."

Full film synopsis ([click here](#))



The internationally acclaimed film is part of the [Documentary Film Festival \(DOXA\)](#). The DOXA is a non-profit society that exists to educate the public about documentary film as an art form

**Details:**

Date - Thursday, May 28th, 2009

Time - 1:00 pm

Theatre - Pacific Cinematheque, Howe Street at Helmcken ([map](#))

Tickets - \$10.00 ([click here](#))

Club contact - [orson@orsonyee.com](mailto:orson@orsonyee.com)

**How to register for the coming season?**

**Children and Youth Programs** - Girl's Mini, Super 8 and Divisional players registration for the fall and winter season can be found at the link below. Registration deadlines for team formation is June 15/09 to meet District deadlines . Registrations received after those dates will be place on a waiting list. -

[Girl's Program registration](#)

**Adult Programs** - Registration for the club's Women's Program in the Metro Women's Soccer League (MWSL) is open to June 30/09 for new team formation like U21's. Current Divisional teams are accepting inquiries from new players with teams to be finalized July 15th. We will post a list of the current teams and their division level shortly.

[Women's Program registration](#)

Questions about registration should go to [vgsc.reg@gmail.com](mailto:vgsc.reg@gmail.com)

**Annual General Meeting**

The club's board will be finalizing the AGM in the next week so look for the announcement soon

There are many great changes taking place in the club as we attract new members, continue to grow in both numbers and programs. To make all this happen we ask you to consider how you can contribute to helping the club continue to expand in success and services. The AGM is a good starting point,

**Tryouts update**

**Select/Tryout Teams** - Player selection for the club's Divisional Select/Tryout Teams is complete but some teams still have openings and will be handled on a team by team basis. The club's deadline for forming teams is June 5/09 to meet the District deadline. After that date, new players will be placed on teams with openings or go on a waiting list.

[Tryout status page](#)

## Seasons wrap up

**Mini** - Our two U10 teams, the Cobras and the Panthers, both played under the expert guidance of new coaches, Mike Wicken and Heather Robinson, and showed real improvement in skills and understanding of positional play. The two teams combined forces in a couple of tournaments playing great soccer and having a lot of fun. The ICSF Spring tournament was played in pelting rain, hail and snow, but the soccer was fantastic and the Italian lunch, of barbecued sausages on Portuguese buns, even better.

This year our club was able to field two U8 teams, the Crows and the Ravens, made up of a group of amazing little athletes, who've been kicking the ball round since they were in diapers. Coach Barbara Meihuizen wouldn't be surprised if the White Caps came to recruit some of these girl this summer.

**Super 8's** - U11 Blackcats had a great year in terms of Statistics (W-L-T), Player Development and FUN playing the beautiful game! Under the dedicated guidance of Coaches Kulbir, Sean and Ivan, all the players improved their individual skills and self-confidence in a supportive team environment. One game in particular sticks out that typifies the season. Following the Christmas Break, it was a really rainy cold game on a puddle filled gravel field with no subs. Despite the elements and a lack of subs - the girls came out of the gate fast and held on for a hard fought win against a strong team. Wow! The year-end team party featured a heart-felt thanks by the players to retiring coach Kulbir. Thank you Kulbir!

**Youth** - U18G VGSC Wanderers capped the end of their youth era by being joint winners in league. The team also made a valiant run in playing up in Coastal A Cup where they made it to the Semi-finals where they lost to the eventual winners SBAA Nitro-Elite. The club wishes all the players the best in graduating from high school and onwards to their careers and university. Looking forward to seeing those players who stay in town graduating into our Women's Program.

Off the field, the U13G Breakers had a great time volunteering for the [Canucks Autism Network \(CAN\)](#). Teams interested in helping out this summer please contact [dreiner@shaw.ca](mailto:dreiner@shaw.ca)

**Adult** - The VGSC's Women's Program was successful not only in records but more importantly participation. The club would like to thank the players, team officials and families for making the club's program happen.

In the club's first season there were many successes. The VGSA United U21 team finished Runner-up in both MWSL League and League Cup. The Selects were Champions in League and Semi-finalist in League Cup. Division 1 was 5th in League and Semi-finalist in League Cup. Rounding the program off was the Division 4 team finishing 4th in League.

The club is planning to improve and expand our Women's Program to offer both youth and adults more opportunities to continue playing soccer in a club structure. The club firmly believes membership has it's benefits in a child to adult (cradle to grave) structure with it's various programs.

For the coming season we are organizing what will be the largest Women's Program in a Vancouver club so stay tuned

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