

Email from Steve & Cathy Arnett – November 4, 2009...

"The Mid-Isle Soccer Club is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster the physical, mental, and emotional growth and development of area youth through the sport of soccer. Our mission is to provide continuous improvement of soccer knowledge, skills, and sportsmanship in an enjoyable environment, while instilling a lifelong passion for the sport."

Yes you are, yes you certainly did and yes you continue to do!!!!

We write to you today to celebrate and share our joy for Robbie Cochrane, Bill Merriman and our son Chris, which comes as a direct result of the year after year commitment and dedication to our local children that the Mid Isle volunteers contribute.

A huge THANK YOU to each and every current volunteer and all of the many past volunteers who our family has had the pleasure and privilege of meeting over the 10 years we were involved with the executive of the club. We won't try and name you all but know our gratitude is forever.

It is amazing to us how much talent our little community club has fostered and produced over the years under the hard working, caring and fun oriented volunteer spirit that guides the Mid Isle Youth Soccer Club.

This week's Chronicle celebrates the accomplishments of up and coming young women players Mairi Horth and Kerys Malli whose exceptional talents have earned them both spots to the Super Y finals. There is no doubt in our minds that we will be hearing lots more about their accomplishments in the next few years as they continue to distinguish themselves.

Our two sons started in pony back in 93.

Matthew still plays Div1 men's for Sooke as well as being the Co-op student Athletic Therapist/Trainer for the U Vic 2009 Men's Soccer team and this summer the Athletic Therapist/Trainer for the Victoria Highlanders. His pursuit of his degree is intimately connected to his passion for the game inspired by playing for the Mid Isle Club.

Here is what has happened for two of our other local players Robbie Cochrane and our younger son Chris both of whom started in Pony C with this little club.

Coach Bill Merriman who also sat on the Mid Isle Club executive for many years has earned national recognition as well.

The Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) announced the nominations for the 2009 Men's Soccer Coach & Player of the Year Awards on October 27/09.

A CCAA selection committee determines the successful candidates for each award.

Winners were announced on November 3, 2009 at the 2009 Big Kahuna/adidas CCAA Soccer Championship All Canadian Awards Banquet.

CCAA Men's Coach of the Year - there were 5 candidates and Bill Merriman, Vancouver Island University was one of them.

He didn't win but what an honour to be nominated as 1 of 5 across the country.

However, he did win the title of : **BCCAA Coach of the Year**
Bill Merriman, Vancouver Island University (m)

BCCAA Rookie of the Year

Robbie Cochrane, Vancouver Island University (m)

Prior to that Robbie was named a **BCCAA Athlete of the Week**

Robbie Cochrane

Men's Soccer

Vancouver Island University

Robbie is in his first year at VIU. A graduate of Ladysmith Sec., this 5'9" rookie, stood tall this past weekend with two hard earned shutouts against the UBC Okanagan Heat and the Thompson Rivers University Wolfpack.

Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) proudly announced the **CCAA Men's Soccer All Canadians** at the 2009 Big Kahuna/adidas CCAA Soccer Championships All Canadian Awards Banquet hosted by Seneca College, North York, Ontario.

Each award recipient is selected by their individual conference based on his/her performance and contribution to both their sport and their team. (see attached photos)

Reynold Stewart, Douglas College
Robbie Cochrane, Vancouver Island University
Chris Arnett, Vancouver Island University
Kyle Yamada, Mount Royal University
Sam Lam, Concordia University College of Alberta
Andrew DaSilva, Humber College
Sean Pound, Algonquin College
Aleks Janjic, Humber College
Maxime Leconte, Collège Lionel-Groulx
Anders Peacock, University of King's College
Tommy Fleming, Holland College

Prior to that Chris was named a **BCCAA Athlete of the Week**

Chris Arnett

Men's Soccer

Vancouver Island University

Chris is in his 2nd year with the Mariners. This Ladysmith Graduate is enjoying a solid year with the much improved Mariners.

Arnett has a consistent work rate, game in and game out as he creates a lot of chances for his team. This team captain has shown that he is one of the top players in the league with his work rate, skill and leadership

Following the regular season Chris was named to the **BCCAA Tournament All-Star Team**

Men

Ali (Ylya) Malek (Capilano)
Kevin Booker (Langara)
Peter Bow (Langara)
Akihiro Ishimine (VIU)
Dan Cato (VIU)
Chris Arnett (VIU)
Reynold Stewart (Douglas)
Mark McQuade (Douglas)
Lucus Domijan (Douglas)
Dylan Myers (Douglas)
Gyrish Kaniah (Douglas)

Take a bow volunteers because you have collectively contributed to the success of this next generation.

Warmest Regards, Steve and Cathy Arnett
