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Pike Youth Soccer Club Members Win 5 State Wide Honors

PSC members honored at Indiana Soccer Association annual awards banquet.

INDIANAPOLIS February 1, 2010. Pike Youth Soccer Club announced that five members of the Club won state wide awards at the annual Indiana Soccer Association awards banquet on Saturday, January 30th.

Dan Kapsalis Pike Soccer Club Soccer Director, was inducted into the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame. Kapsalis lives and breathes soccer every day and has for almost 40 years. As a player, coach, father, administrator, volunteer and professional, Dan has coached over 20,000 players from youth to professional levels. He has traveled to ten different countries around the world “studying” the game since 1985. He has enhanced and improved the sport by developing an online coaching education program for player development while working with physically challenged youth in the “Soccer Start” and “TOPSoccer” programs. In addition, he managed a charity golf event for Indiana Youth Soccer that raised thousands of dollars to support programs for challenged youth. Dan Kapsalis is Pike Soccer Club’s Soccer Director.

Dan’s Coaching Accomplishments, Awards, Championships and Records:

- Holds highest level of U.S.S.F. National and State Coaching Licenses.
- Holds highest level and National Youth Coaching License with U.S. Youth Soccer.
- Has Received 34 different Coach of the Year Awards from various organizations which include: NSCAA/Adidas Midwest Regional Coach of the Year – 2006 (National Coach of the Year nominee).
- Two-Time Indiana Soccer Coaches Association Men’s High School Coach of the Year – 2005 & 2006.
- Two-Time Recipient of Large School Coach of the Year from Two National Organizations (NSCAA & NFHS).
- Nine-Time ISCA District Coach of the Year.
- Seven-Time MIC Conference Coach of the Year.
- Three-Time Indianapolis Star North Coach of the Year – 2001, 2005 & 2006.
- Two-Time Indianapolis Star Super Team Coach of the Year - 2005 & 2006.
- Seven-Time Hamilton County Coach of the Year.

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Cathy McGrath was selected as 2009 Indiana Soccer Association Travel Team Manager of the Year. McGrath managed the Indy Burn '90 Boys Eagles team for the past nine years, from age 11 to their culmination in the US Youth Soccer National Championships at U19 July, 2009. She has devoted thousands of hours to administrative tasks at an increasingly high level, as the team continued to develop through the years. Cathy brought a positive attitude and professionalism to each new challenge, quietly building team cohesiveness and camaraderie from behind the scenes. Whether helping a fellow manager “learn the ropes”, organizing a US Soccer Foundation Passback uniform drive, or making arrangements for the team to travel out of the country, Cathy handled all aspects of team management with consistency, grace and success.

Dan Murphy was selected as 2009 Indiana Soccer Association Girls Travel Coach of the Year. Murphy is a USSF “D” licensed coach who also holds a USSF National Youth License and a NSCAA Advanced Regional Diploma. He is a former multi-sport athlete who did not grow up with soccer but learned the game through play in various indoor and outdoor amateur leagues. Dan began coaching soccer with his daughter’s U6 recreational team at Pike Soccer Club in 1991, and he is thankful for the many role models, club support and Indiana Youth Soccer support that helped to make him a successful coach over the years. He was named the Indiana Soccer Association District 8 Boys Coach of the Year in 2003. Dan defines a successful youth soccer coach as someone who can be a great role model, teaching kids how to respond to the adversity a game may present, as this will make them better players and better people.

Dave Howard was selected as the first ever recipient of the James Carson Lifetime Achievement Award. Howard is a Grade 6 State referee who has been certified and serving the Indiana soccer community since 1980. He currently is one of the referee assignors for Pike Soccer Club for the \$1 million economic impact annual August Pike Fest soccer tournament, Pike 3v3 Live Tournament in June, and all club hosted travel games. He holds NSHS/ISHAA (1994) and NISOA (1996) certifications and was named the IHSAA Soccer “Referee of the Year” in 2007 and the NFHS Officials Association “Soccer Official of the Year” for 2007-2008. Dave is a board member of the ISSA, a representative to the State Referee Committee (SRC), president of Crossroads Officials Association (High School Level) and Vice President of CIISOA College Chapter (Collegiate Level). From referee development and mentoring to administration and assigning, Dave is an incredibly active referee that participates in all levels of the game. He is recognized for his professionalism, dedication to the game, enthusiasm, and compassion for developing youth and adult referees all across the state of Indiana.

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Ray Sahn was selected Finalist for the most prestigious Jay Fredrich Good of Soccer Award (ISA top state volunteer of year award). Sahn was nominated for his work as a “referee assignor extraordinaire” whose contributions to the referee community, soccer leagues, clubs, and tournaments are impossible to separate from the success and growth of soccer in Indiana. He currently is the referee assignor for Pike Soccer Club’s annual August soccer \$1 million economic impact Pike Fest tournament, Pike’s 3v3 Live Tournament in June and all club hosted travel games. He is a Grade 7 referee, USSF assignor and USSF Assessor who has been an active member of the Indiana State Referee Committee (SRC) as a DRA and is also active as an IHSAA referee. He is the current club travel assignor for four different soccer organizations in the greater Indianapolis area and has serves as an assignor form many tournament evens, including the Indiana State and Challenge Cup (2005-2007). As part of the Indiana League Competition Committee, he has devoted time and energy to standardizing and improving the referee assigning software to increase productivity for the entire soccer Community. His dedication, enthusiasm and love for the game are apparent in his every day contributions and have made him a highly respected member of the Indiana soccer community.



Pictured left to right: Cathy McGrath, Dan Kapsalis, Dave Howard, Dan Murphy, PSC President Steve Moore, Ray Sham

Pike Soccer Club, its Indy Burn competitive division, PSC Referee Development Program, and Community Through Youth Sport Foundation, serve more than 3000 Indianapolis area youth each year with a variety of soccer related programs in two beautiful Indianapolis Parks: Northwestway Park and Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex. Pike Youth Soccer Club is Indiana’s third largest youth soccer program and also hosts the annual Pike Fest, one of Indiana’s largest youth soccer tournaments. For more information about Indianapolis youth soccer or to register, visit www.PikeSoccerClub.org ###