

## **2009 OSYSA Awards**

### **Girls Recreational Coach of the Year**

#### **• Tara Brandon (District 2)**

Tara's love for the game of soccer is reflected in every aspect of the way she mentors her players and teams. She teaches respect for the game by consistently explaining the game and how the game works to her players. Tara takes the time to work with her players on individual strengths and weakness and then brings it all together - helping them fit into working as a team. "Tara's infectious attitude makes it easy for the players to learn, her philosophy - You Win as a Team or You Lose as a team, respect the game, respect the officials and above all respect your opponents. As a role model she motivates her players by listening to them and relating to them and then guiding them to where they can succeed. Her passion for the game of soccer and coaching shines through as she never takes credit for winning or blames anyone for losing."

### **Boys Recreational Coach of the Year**

#### **• Matt McCandlish (District 3)**

Matt McCandlish is a lifelong resident of Zanesville, Ohio. He has been involved with the Riverside Outdoor Soccer Association (ROSA) on various levels for the past eight years. Serving as league director and a league coach from 2002 to present, he has helped foster many of the advancements in Zanesville's recreational soccer programs that have helped to make ROSA one of the largest recreational soccer programs in eastern Ohio. Matt has worked with several different age divisions over the years, and when not running a training session, can be found lining the soccer fields, soliciting donations for player T-shirts, or assembling trophies for the players in his place of business. Matt believes that player development is the main priority of any youth soccer program and finds no greater reward in his training than watching the progression a player makes as they take on new tasks and advance to the next level of play. The Riverside Outdoor Soccer Association will be celebrating its 30th year of recreational soccer in

2011 and is very proud to have Matt at the helms of its soccer program.

### **Girls Competitive Coach of the Year**

#### **• Paulette Rumpke (Kings Soccer Academy U13 – District 1)**

"Paulette is recognized as being one of the best female athletes to ever come out of Cincinnati. In 1999, she won a National Championship as a youth player and was named 'Most Valuable Player'. Formally coached by Meridy Glenn, Paulette was recently inducted into the University of Cincinnati's Hall of Fame for her outstanding achievements as a player. Paulette also played at the professional level for the Columbus Ziggs and the TC Stars of the W-League between 1994 -2005".

In 2009, Paulette's U13 Girls Team from the Kings Soccer Academy won the OSYSA State Cup Championship.

### **Boys Competitive Coach of the Year**

#### **• Dain Stall (Metro FC U12 – District 2)**

"Dain is a great ambassador of the game throughout Ohio South and is a great role model for player development"..... "He allows his players to solve problems on their own by being creative and not over coaching from the sidelines". "The boys' excitement about each game and their enthusiasm after each goal scored is a beautiful thing to watch"....."He is a great asset to the Metro FC organization and the Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association". Dain played at Carroll High School, University of Cincinnati and Wright State University. In addition, he has coached in the Ohio South ODP program and High School. With 16 years experience as a head and assistant coach, Dain truly is a product of Ohio South Youth Soccer.

### **Administrator of the Year**

#### **• Rita Cook**

Rita Cook has served as the General Manager for the Mid Ohio Select Soccer League (MOSSL) for the past 17 years. Since her hiring in 1993, she has been responsible for the day-to-day operations of the MOSSL league. During her tenure, Rita has helped the league expand from 150 teams at the time of her appointment to its current growth status of 500 registered teams. During this time, she has registered/carded over 100,000 Ohio South Players and an estimated 7,000 teams. Rita has served as the Ohio South State Cup Chairwoman (1998 – 2006), the District 3 Commissioner (1994 – current), and

has helped organize/or provided tournament register for over 50 different Ohio South sanctioned tournaments in the Columbus area. "Those of us that have been fortunate to spend time with Rita can re-count various different stories where Rita would meet someone at 6:00 in the morning or 10:00 at night, all to ensure a player was carded for the next day's game". Rita is a true soccer enthusiast and deserves much credit for her hard work and loyalty to the Ohio South Organization.

### **Volunteer of the Year**

#### **• Vince Corroto**

Like many soccer parents, Vince Corroto, started his involvement within Ohio South at the same time his daughter entered the Olympic Development Program. This was back almost 10 years ago, and although his daughter has completed her ODP career and is now playing college soccer for West Virginia University, Ohio South is very happy that Vince has remained and is now a mainstay of the US Youth ODP program. In 1990, Vince volunteered his services as an Age Group Administrator for the Columbus District ODP Group. His enthusiasm for the sport, hard work, and dedication caught the attention of his peers and he was quickly offered more responsibilities. Today Vince is the Head Administrator for Ohio South Columbus District ODP as well as the Age Group Administrator for the Region II ODP Program. After 10 years of volunteer service with the ODP program, Vince has received high praise for his services and has been classified as Instrumental in the success of the Ohio South ODP program. "Vince is the whole package. He takes on any and all tasks; coordinating travel events, consulting with parents, setting up fields and even does laundry on travelling events (although be it, not his favorite job)".

### **Male Youth Referee of the Year**

#### **• Luke Grimes**

Luke is 17 and a senior at Fairfield High School. He has been refereeing soccer since starting SAY at the age of 9 and proceeding to acquire his USSF certification at the age of 12. Since that time, Luke has proved himself as one of Ohio South's finest young referees. "The highlight of my

career so far was attending the ODP Regional camp in Illinois during the summer of 2007". Luke has played soccer since he was 3 years old, playing both club and JV soccer at Fairfield High School. In addition, to soccer – Luke is also an accomplished swimmer and qualified for YMCA nationals this summer with his club team.

### **Female Youth Referee of the Year**

#### **• Nicole Berna**

Nicole is 17 and home schooled. She has played soccer since she was 5 years old and "can't get enough of it!" She has coached at Tecumseh Area Youth Soccer Association (TAYSA) for three years and at Christian Home Educators of Clark County (CHECC). Nicole describes the highlight of her career so far as "Attending the Referee Academy at the 2009 Creek Classic". ..... "When I ref soccer, I try really hard to give it my all throughout the whole game.....Although I tend to be a quiet, calm, confident person, I enjoy the challenge of making the tough calls.....The second I step on the field it is MY field and I am in control of it. I think it is to my advantage that I have partial deafness because I can't always hear the parents and coaches yelling on the sideline!"

### **TOP Soccer Buddy of the Year**

#### **• Mary Satterthwaite**

U.S. Youth Soccer TOP Soccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, who has a mental or physical disability. Our goal is to enable the thousands of young athletes with disabilities to become valued and successful members of the US Youth Soccer family. Mary has been involved with North Dayton TOP Soccer for 5 years – her son Nick plays and she is an assistant coach helping the children learn the game. "She always encourages the team to participate and have fun..... Her outlook on life is an asset to the team.....She always has a great attitude and it shows with the children and with Mary's help, the children realize that

everyone is a winner and they can do whatever they set their minds to. She has a great sense of humor and the children love her". Mary is very active within her community from helping a friend in need to helping raise awareness to what all of our children can and have accomplished in life. "Mary truly is one in a million and I am honored to work with her to help make our children all they can be!"