Each year, hundreds of volunteers give thousands of hours of their precious time to help young athletes rea the benefits of playing the greatest sport on earth. Every year, we recognize some of the stand-out voluntee who have gone above and beyond the high expectations we hold for our volunteers. This is not an honor we lightly. Through their dedication, demeanor and positive approach to their players and the game, they are le examples of the standard we hope all of our volunteers can achieve. On behalf of all of the children they hav helped, CYSA and the Idaho Rush Soccer Club thank these volunteers for everything they do. Their time ar passion is greatly appreciated by all who see tham at work.

2012 Volunteers of the Year

Blue Standard Award -- Denice Haener

The Blue Standard Award is given to the coach or volunteer who best exemplifies the values, ethics and dedication to children all Rush coaches strive to achieve.

From the staff: Denice Haener has supported the CYSA/Idaho Rush Soccer Club for over a decade. Denis four children have played soccer at all different levels and she has dedicated countless volunteer hours in s many programs with Rush. We have been extremely blessed to have had such a compassionate, patient ar loyal individual that is always helping others. Denise personifies what Idaho Rush is all about: an inclusive h for everyone no matter what your ability or background. We are extremely proud to give her our top honor, t Blue Standard Award.

- **Roles:** Treasurer for the Board of Directors since April 2010; treasurer for the 94-95 girls Competitive team for three years; girls Recreation coach.
- **Years involved in youth soccer:** I didn't play soccer as a kid, but I became a soccer fan in the fall of 2001 when my oldest daughter started playing with Capital Youth Soccer Association.
- **Why do you volunteer?** My husband, Rick, and I have four children that have participated in CYSA and Idaho Rush.
- **Best memory in youth soccer:** I don't have a best memory, but I have enjoyed watching the kids and have been blessed by the friends that I've made along the way.

Recreation Boys Coach of the Year -- Nick Smith

- **Team:** Boys U7 Cheetos and girls U10 Adams.
- **Years involved in youth soccer:** I have coached my son's soccer team for the past two years, and coached my daughter's soccer team for the past four years.
- **Your favorite part of coaching:** Being able to spend time with my kids, and to be able to participate with my kids and their friends having fun and learning new skills.
- **Best moment of the past season:** Watching the kids progress in their abilities and seeing them celebrate (i.e. dance "gangnam style" on the field when they score a goal).
- **Coaching philosophy:** No matter what, have fun!

Recreation Girls Coach of the Year -- David Lloyd

- **Team:** Girls U7 Shooting Stars.
- **Years coaching youth soccer:** Seven.
- **Favorite part of coaching:** Coaching in the Recreation program has given me the opportunity to work with so many great kids and parents. My favorite part of coaching is seeings the smiles on the players' faces as they learn new skills and develop as a team.

- **Best moment of the past season:** Hardest question ... so many to choose from. My favorite moment of every season is seeing the joy on a new players face when they score their first goal.
- **Coaching philosophy:** Always do your best, support your teammates and have fun!

Recreation Volunteer of the Year -- Thomas Grant

- **Teams:** Boys U7 Flaming Arrows and boys U7 Cheeto Broncos.
- **Years involved in youth soccer:** My youth and the past five years with my two oldest boys.
- **Best moment of the past season:** Second-half response by the Flaming Arrows to a halftime "talk". Though we do not keep score, the Arrows were being outscored (by a lot), the other team was full of energy, and we had lost enthusiasm. I told the team that I did not care about the score but that I did not want to see them quit or give up. I told them that based upon their play it appeared that they had quit and they need to show me otherwise in the second half. We still did not score much in the second half but the kids played hard, better, had fun and it was much more competitive.
- **Coaching philosophy:** I am not sure I am worthy of having a coaching philosophy! However, the coach training that Rush and Mark French have conducted in my five years being associated with them has taught me that the most important aspect of soccer at this age and level is to provide an experience that keeps kids interested in sports and physical activity. This may seem overly simplistic but I have found it results in kids enjoying soccer and improving their soccer ability.

Select Boys Coach of the Year -- Henry Thompson

- **Team:** Boys U9 FC Barca Boise (formerly Soccer Rockers).
- **Years coaching youth soccer:** I have been coaching eight years for Rush.
- **Your favorite part of coaching:** My favorite part

of coaching is watching the kids grow and learn. I love it when they are excited to practice and play games.

- **Best moment of the past season:** The best moment last year was when one of my new boys scored a goal. The smile was great and his confidence followed. He blossomed after seeing that he could do it.
- **Coaching philosophy:** My coaching philosophy in soccer mirrors life. You have instant opportunities to fix mistakes. Turning the ball over means it is time to play defense (not stand and watch). Good things usually happen to those that hustle and work hard. Winning and losing gracefully are equally important.

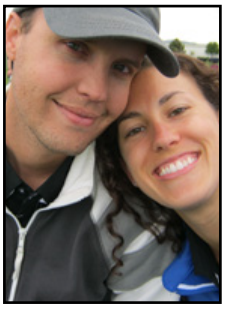
Select Girls Coach of the Year -- Joe Saucerman

- **Team:** Girls U12 Tidal Waves.
- **Years coaching:** Seven.
- **Your favorite part of coaching:** Teaching and being around the kids.
- **Best moment of the past season:** Watching the kids pick themselves up and get right back after it while still having fun.
- **Coaching philosophy:** Practice how you play, play hard and have fun.

Competitive Boys Coach of the Year -- Brian Shields

- **Team:** Boys U13 Swoosh White and Swoosh Blue.
- **Years coaching:** 15.
- **Best moment of past season:** Best moment of this past season was having one of my players write me a letter telling me thank you for giving him the chance to play for my team. He is having the best soccer experience ever.
- **Coaching philosophy:** Work hard and have fun because in the end it'll not only pay off in soccer but in life also!

Competitive Girls Coach of the Year -- Chris and Kim Jacky



- **Team:** Girls U12 White.
- **Years involved in youth soccer:** We have been coaching youth soccer for three years.
- **Your favorite part of coaching:** Seeing improvement in each girl is our favorite part of coaching. From the girl who finally figures out how to execute a particular dribbling move to the girl who overcomes self-doubt and insecurities.
- **Best moment of the past season:** The best moment of the past season was when we lost in a shootout at the Jackson Hole tournament. The feelings and experience from that loss helped the team push forward into a first-place performance at the Gem State Tournament.
- **Coaching philosophy:** Our coaching philosophy is to help the girls develop a love for the game that they carry for the rest of their lives.

Competitive Volunteer of the Year -- Ann Marie Davis

- **Role:** Team manager, boys U13 Nike.
- **Years involved in youth soccer:** Seven.
- **Best moment of the past season:** My favorite soccer moment was when we organized a trip to Salt Lake City (special thanks to Brian Kraus). The team played two friendlies then attended an MLS game between Real Salt Lake and New York RedBull. For many, this was their first MLS game. Rush was announced overhead and the team was allowed to be on the sideline during the National Anthem. At halftime the boys were able to play a mini-scrimmage on the field in front of thousands of fans. To end the night, Brian had set up a meet-and-greet with RSL defensive back Chris Wingert at our hotel. It was a perfect ending to a great weekend.
- **Why I volunteer:** I volunteer because I enjoy sports and watching my kids play sports. Volunteering allows me to spend time with them doing something we all enjoy. They will be grown up before I know it and this will be a wonderful memory to look back on.

2011 Volunteers of the Year

Rec -- Boys Coach of the Year	Phil Upton-Rowley
Rec -- Girls Coach of the Year	Kim Peterson
Rec -- Volunteer of the Year	Amy & Mike Edmondson
Select -- Boys Coach of the Year	Aaron Billingsley
Select -- Girls Coach of the Year	John Egan
Select -- Volunteer of the Year	Tim & Tammi Riecker
Comp -- Boys Coach of the Year	Will Fahsholtz
Comp -- Girls Coach of the Year	John Gwin
Comp -- Volunteer of the Year	Tracie Johnson
Blue Standard Award	Tom & Denae Kudera

2010 Volunteers of the Year

Rec -- Boys Coach of the Year	Bryan Simpson
Rec -- Girls Coach of the Year	Kip Ladd
Rec -- Volunteer of the Year	Eric & Anne Allen
Select -- Boys Coach of the Year	Mike Knoll
Select -- Girls Coach of the Year	James Brighten
Select -- Volunteer of the Year	Jerry Brenkmann
Comp -- Boys Coach of the Year	J.R. Wind
Comp -- Girls Coach of the Year	Shelley Schilz
Comp -- Volunteer of the Year	Debbis Poole
Blue Standard Award	Steve Garcia

2009 Volunteers of the Year

Rec -- Boys Coach of the Year	Troy Allen
Rec -- Girls Coach of the Year	Craig Forsdick
Rec -- Volunteer of the Year	Sandi Francis
Select -- Boys Coach of the Year	Peter Vaughn
Select -- Girls Coach of the Year	Kris Samer
Select -- Volunteer of the Year	Beth Allen
Comp -- Boys Coach of the Year	Jake Spencer
Comp -- Girls Coach of the Year	Ric Gale
Comp -- Volunteer of the Year	Szabina Revelle
Blue Standard Award	Mike Schlag

2008 Volunteers of the Year

Rec -- Boys Coach of the Year	Kim Stasny-Herbold
Rec -- Girls Coach of the Year	Kent Hembree
Rec -- Volunteer of the Year	Brenda Kramer
Select -- Boys Coach of the Year	Zach Yunker
Select -- Girls Coach of the Year	Mike Schlag
Select -- Volunteer of the Year	Josh Lane
Comp -- Boys Coach of the Year	Bill Reimers

Comp -- Girls Coach of the Year	Brian Shields
Comp -- Volunteer of the Year	Kathy Ball
Blue Standard Award	Shaun Dunn

2007 Volunteers of the Year

Rec -- Boys Coach of the Year	Lori Dingle
Rec -- Girls Coach of the Year	Lance Teel
Rec -- Volunteer of the Year	Cynthia Bennett
Select -- Boys Coach of the Year	Dave Spurling
Select -- Girls Coach of the Year	Robyn Madaras-Kelly
Select -- Volunteer of the Year	Heather Koepecky
Comp -- Boys Coach of the Year	Dennis Hasanovic
Comp -- Girls Coach of the Year	Stephen Lynch
Comp -- Volunteer of the Year	Margaret Hepworth
Blue Standard Award	Gary Kincaid

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