

TONI ARCURI – General Board Position

I've been an Emerald City FC parent and volunteer since 2007. This is my daughter's fifth year playing for ECFC. Prior to that, she played Rec (BYSC), CYO, and one year with Eastside FC. – So I have served 10+ years 'hard time' as a soccer mom. 😊 As a club volunteer, this is my third year as a team manager. I work with another wonderful manager (we co-manage), as it can be a very labor-intensive job! This past year has been extremely difficult – and it took a lot of effort from all of us to keep our team together. Now our GU-16 team has eleven returning players, plus six great new players! Our team is stronger than ever, and I plan to do my best keep these players together until they are off to college.

I strongly believe that we can grow Emerald City FC into a new direction – leaving behind the negativity of the past conflict. We can move forward, and continue to grow as one of the top Premier clubs in the State. Should I be elected to the ECFC Board, these are my strengths that I can share with the club: Marketing, Public Relations, and Fundraising.

My goals:

- Provide development opportunities to all players (not just the 'A' team – as the 'B' and 'C' team players' development is just as important!)
- Continue to improve communication – both within the club, and externally
- Promote involvement throughout club – fundraising to increase financial aid will make our club more available to all kids to want to play. I want to allow every player who makes an ECFC team to be able to play (and I don't want them to be afraid to try out, because of the fear of the cost).
- Promote club PRIDE and spirit. I want to spent time celebrating the things that make ECFC great and build on them.

Employment:

- Business Development Executive for iBridge Global Services, LLC. <http://ibridgellc.com/>
- Litigation Support Technology Consultant for the last 15+ years.

Leadership Experience:

- Two years as Membership Director, Seattle Chapter, Women in Ediscovery
- Three years, ECFC team manager (currently www.F94green.com)
- Speech team and Art teacher school volunteer - 10+ years

I care deeply about the future of Emerald City FC and pride myself on being one of its enthusiastic supporters. I truly believe that the best club is built on the involvement of its members. It would be an honor to represent you on the Board.

Jim Lyle

Candidate for General Board Positions

Position:

As Emerald City FC enters a new period of its history I think it is a particularly exciting time to run for the board. There are great opportunities in front of us as well as significant challenges. It is now time to move beyond the difficult year we have endured and build on the base of excellence that has been the hallmark of ECFC for 30 years. To do so will require the club to change. In the past ECFC was effectively the only premier choice in Seattle. Now there is competition. In a competitive environment the club needs to grow its skills in marketing, communication, to enhance its current strength of meeting the needs of its customers, the players. I see this as an opportunity for the club to move to a new level of maturity that has the potential of setting the gold standard within the state.

To set this standard the club will need to retain its core values:

- Commitment to player development as the primary mission of the club
- Democratic governance
- Access for every player with ability and commitment regardless of the player's financial resources

In addition the club will need to address these challenges:

- Insuring that every qualified player in the Seattle area sees ECFC as a highly competitive option
- Reshaping the club to be open to new and innovative programs that add revenue, expand the club's visibility and establish the club as the preeminent youth soccer organization in the area
- Establish a stable financial base in the new competitive environment

If we do the above the club will be able to:

- Provide excellent coaching and playing opportunities to a wide variety of players and teams
- Continue to excel at the highest levels of play
- Insure the club will be viable over the long term

Background:

I am the father of Mac Lyle who is on the M97 Green team. We've been members of the club for a little over 2 years. For the past year, I have been manager of the M97 Green team and worked hard to insure that the team remained with the club for the coming year. M97 enters the next season with 26 players and a solid base for success. Professionally, I am a program manager at Getty Images where I am responsible for the development of several technical products. I have served on a number of boards in the past including 5 years on the Corinthian Yacht Club board including serving as commodore (board president). As commodore I initiated the largest capital campaign in the club's history and over saw substantial improvements to the club's physical facilities. My oldest son, Jeff, competed at the national level in junior sailing. During that time I was heavily involved with the development of Sand Point Sailing Center at Magnuson Park. My wife Belinda Chin works for Seattle City Parks and keeps our family committed to serving diverse communities with a focus on under served youth.

Josie Arcuri - GU-16 Green

I have played soccer since the age of 5 – first with Ballard Youth Soccer Club and CYO teams, then began premier at GU-12. This is my fourth year with Emerald City F.C., and I am running for the Player Rep position. I am proud to be affiliated with ECFC and I want to help the club move forward and grow. I have played on the White team, the Blue team and now the Green team. Overall, my experience has been a great one, and ECFC has provided me with skilled coaches who helped me develop into a central defender. I will be in 10th grade at Shorecrest High School in the fall, but right now, I am looking forward to another fun summer of tournaments and adventures with my team. (www.f94green.com)

My goals for working as the ECFC Player Rep include:

- Increase opportunities for players to be heard
- Increase Club spirit
- Work to make our club available to all kids who want to improve their soccer skills, and love to play the game.

Please feel free to contact me at josiearcuri13@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thanks!

Hello, my name is Jack Peterson. I would like to run for the ECFC Men's Players Board Representative. I will be 15 at the end of this month and have just completed my freshman year at Bishop Blanchet High School.

I feel I would be a good candidate for this position because I am what ECFC is all about: player development, passion for the game, and teamwork. I joined Erik Oman's U-15 team last year and had a lot of work to do as a player. By the end of the season I was named "Pivotal Player" for our team. I would apply this same dedication and effort to representing ECFC players on the board. I am friendly, approachable, a good communicator and very organized. I have been able to manage my time well this past year, playing 3 sports and maintaining a 3.8 GPA. I am excited about this opportunity and think I would represent the players well.

Thank you for considering me for this position,

Jack Peterson