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News Release



Beach Soccer Jam 2012 - Dates Announced **April 28th – 29th, 2012 at Fiesta Island**

4th Annual Beach Soccer Jam Tournament Event

San Diego, CA, January 11, 2012: Beach Soccer Jam officially announces its event dates for 2012 on Fiesta Island in San Diego's Mission Bay. Fiesta Island is the west coast's largest Beach Soccer venue.

Beach Soccer Jam opens the Beach Soccer season in Southern California with unmatched excitement, hosting its 4th annual Beach Soccer Jam Tournament event for both Youth and Adults. The event takes on a Brazilian flair, in honor of Beach Soccer's origin country with dancing and entertainment throughout the event. Over 150 teams are expected to attend.

Full write up on last year's Beach Soccer Jam 2011 on SoccerNation.com at <http://www.soccernation.com/2011-recap-cms-1175> . The full print article is attached to this Press Release.

Date: April 28th and 29th, 2012

Time: Games begin at 10:00 am on Saturday and proceed throughout the weekend

Place: Fiesta Island, San Diego, CA – (same place as Over the Line)

Other Attractions: Brazilian Dancing and Entertainment, San Diego Sockers Legends Game, Professional Division, Fun Zone, Food Court, Vendor Village and more...

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2011 Recap

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Beach Soccer News: Beach Soccer Jam 2011

Fiesta Island, which is near Mission Bay and Sea World, was magically transformed on April 23 and 24th into a beach soccer haven for adults and youth players.

The first beach tournament of the 2011 season is the Beach Soccer Jam and this event announces Spring in the San Diego soccer world.

This was also first tournament under the **San Diego Soccer Club** moniker, the **SDSC B10** team took to the field against **AC Milan**. The game was fairly even until SDSC broke it open with a quality finish. This first strike would lead into goal after goal by SDSC at a rate that could not be matched by Milan. The sand offered a new obstacle for these boys but they adapted and overcame with quality defense, great touches and quick passing.



Beach Soccer Jam, according to **Raffi Rutolo**, "was a success and the participating teams enjoyed the competition and the atmosphere. The Sockers Legends game and the Brazilian production show, samba and Capoeira added to the festivities. On the men pro division, we were fortunate to have the U.S. National Team and the San Diego Sockers. The event was lots of fun and a great time was had by all."

"This year's Beach Soccer Jam was nothing short of fantastic," said Rick La Salle, Co-Director of 2011 Beach Soccer Jam. "There was just so much excitement throughout the weekend. Beach soccer is a whole different version of the game. Youth teams having fun challenging each other on the sand and adult teams going head to head."

There was so much excitement on the beach, especially on the pro circuit. The San Diego Sockers were amazing and obviously enjoyed the tournament.

As **La Salle** Said, "How about those San Diego Sockers, arguably the best indoor soccer franchise of all time dominated on the sand and won it all for the 3rd straight year! It was great watching the fans see them compete in amazement. Then everything stopped and longtime radio and television personality Gary Kelley introduced the San Diego Sockers' Legends, who again showed the fans why they won so many championships, year after year ... The worst part of Beach Soccer Jam is that we have to wait a whole year to do it again. I can hardly wait."



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Legends game was truly one for the books. Former professionals took to the main field and reignited their fiery passion for the game. Spectators gathered and watched as names like Brian Quinn, Cha Cha Namdar, Raffi Ruotolo, and Juli Vee lit up the scoreboards again. In a tightly contested game that was nearing its completion, the ball fell to Juli Vee's feet and he could only do one thing with it, hit the winner, and he did so to the delight of the crowd.

The San Diego Sockers won an exhibition match. The Sockers took on the Shoreline Soccer Club in the final game of the day at Fiesta Island. The action definitely had a more heated overtone to it as both teams fought hard in yet another tightly contested game. Both teams bypassed passing on the sandy surface and went for more aerial service to their teammates. After the first period the players from SSC began to divert their passionate attention towards the referees for not calling what they believed were fouls. This emotion would eventually manifest itself in the third period in a flurry of fouls that would mar an otherwise well played match. The Sockers were able to hit first with an early goal and maintained their lead despite multiple goals being scored to take the win.

Last year, the Sockers beat the Sand Crabs in an amazing, sand flying, pro player falling, fabulous match.



Champions and Finalists

Boys U9

1st Place **AC Milan**

2nd Place SDSC BU10

Girls U9

1st Place **Hotspurs GU10 Premier**

2nd Place Aztecs FC Carlin

Girls U10

1st Place **CSC GU10**

2nd Place SC Blues Mulligan G-U10

Girls U11

1st Place **Hawks Black - Basso**

2nd Place BGSC

Boys U12

1st Place **Scorpions FC White**

2nd Place Hotspurs BU11 Tejada

Boys U13

1st Place **NP United Green**

2nd Place CSC

Girls U14



1st Place **SDSC Sand Blasters (U13)**

2nd Place FC San Diego Sockers - San Diego Soccer Club

Girls U15

1st Place **Matrix El Cajon Blue**

2nd Place La Habra United

Boys U18/19

1st Place **Aztecs FC Gold**

2nd Place NP United

Adult Coed

1st Place **Estrellas**

2nd Place SunDaze

Mens Pro Div

1st Place **San Diego Sockers**

2nd Place **Shoreline Beach Soccer Club**

Congratulations to all the Champions and Finalists who participated in the 2011 Beach Soccer Jam



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For more information on Beach Soccer Jam, visit <http://www.beachsoccerjam.com>