

# GRFC Q&A with Leighton

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What are your thoughts on the upcoming GRFC Winter Classic?

- We are looking forward to hosting what has become overnight one of the biggest tournaments in the state. Last year we had just over 100 teams and this year we have 175! It is great timing for these teams to get competitive games after a long winter break. It also provides meaningful games right before the start of PDL spring league and state cup depending on the age.

From a behind the scenes look who has played a role in the GRFC Winter Classic?

- It is truly a team effort from top to bottom. The vision and organizational skills of the board from Todd Johnson the president all the way through has been exceptional. Kevin Legg is the tournament director and has great experience with big tournaments in Oregon and Arsenal FC tournaments in Southern California. We are very lucky to have his experience and guidance on the needs of a first class tournament.

How is the Club coming along in Year 3?

- Fantastic!! Things have been going well all year with the club. It really has been a great year on and off the field. The credit must be given to the staff at GRFC. We really have an exceptional group of coaches. Each year we have grown as a club and continue to bring in more quality coaches. The best thing about the club has been the growth of our players and to see them improve their play on the field is tremendously satisfying to myself and the coaching staff.

What is the new Greater Renton Junior Program?

- We are offering advanced training program for ages U8 and U9 boys and girls. It starts on February 1<sup>st</sup> and will consist of twice a week training with games on the weekend. This eight week program will be a great lead up to GRFC tryouts in April. We will be offering a GRFC U-9 boys and girls program starting in April that will participate in the PDL