

Personal: My wife, Ranotta, and I moved back to Bend 6 years ago after having moved away 18 years ago. We have both retired from the US Forest Service after working for over 30 years each. Two years ago I retired from coaching soccer after 23 years. Now I have returned to coaching to see if I can fit it into our busy schedule of RV camping, skiing, mountain and road biking, and running. Our family also consists of Courtney (29), Alex (26) and Kona (9) our Chocolate Lab.

Professional: I started coaching my kids in Gresham, OR. in the recreation program there, continued coaching them in Asheville, NC, and moved into coaching them plus other girls teams in Coeur d'Alene, ID. for the Sting SC after earning my USSF D license. Our move to Bend brought me into the Bend FC Timbers program for 4 years. My coaching experience has spanned boys teams U9-U12 and girls teams U6-U16 over these 23 years.

My three most memorable soccer coaching experiences have been:

- watching my daughters HS and Club teams win State Championships in Idaho.
- Coaching the first U13G from the Sting SC to win Idaho State championship.
- Coaching a U12G Bend FC Timbers team to Oregon Championship in the Presidents Cup.

My philosophy : Individual success in sports comes from a confident attitude towards oneself and their abilities, a willingness to try harder each time you participate, and an acceptance of failure or defeat as a learning moment to strive forward for a different outcome next time. A coaches job is to ensure that all three of these factors are pursued by the young athletes, but most importantly to ensure that a confidence-infused relationship is established between the two. To ensure this connectivity it is my belief that this relationship is one of respect built out of a polite atmosphere and not a sternly critical one.

Quote: " *To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.*"- Steve Prefontaine