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## Beth Balint inducted into the York County Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2023

Announced today by the YCSHOF Board, Beth Balint's selection for induction into the York County Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2023. The York County Soccer Hall of Fame will hold its annual dinner and induction ceremony August 31, 2023.

Anyone who has been involved with soccer in York County, knows the name Beth Balint. She was the longtime Registrar for Discoveries Soccer Club and helped run much of the day to day activities of the Club. She was involved in all aspects of the Club. Whenever there were soccer tournaments in Rock Hill, Beth was always the point of contact for overseeing things and making sure everything ran smoothly. These tournaments were very large in scope and required many different venues due to the amount of teams participating. These tournaments raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years for the Club and Beth is credited for much of this success. When Discoveries Soccer Club merged to become the mega Club Charlotte Independence, Beth became the new Club's Director of Registration and League Compliance. Beth and her team of Registrars oversee all aspects of player/coach/team registration and team compliance, including USL. Whether it was keeping coaches and staff in line, dealing with an upset parent or player or dealing with the many issues that can pop up at tournaments, Beth was the master at handling these types of situations. If you were involved in club soccer in York County, you knew Beth, and usually being the first person you dealt with. She was the face of Discoveries Club for many years.

Shortly after moving to Fort Mill Beth Balint started her career as team manager for her sons' teams at Tega Cay Soccer Club where her husband, George, was a coach. In 1998 Beth met Bill Whitman who was President of the Rock Hill Area Soccer Club. He convinced George to become Treasurer of the Rock Hill Area Soccer Club and Beth was writing the monthly newsletter. George started working in VA and Beth took over as the club Treasurer. In 1999, the club changed names to Discoveries Soccer Club. In 2001 Beth assumed the position of Admin. and Registrar for Discoveries Soccer Club. In her almost twenty-five (25) years being involved in York County Soccer and as Registrar Beth has registered literally thousands of players, coaches and teams.

"Beth was always the voice of reason in the room. She knew all sides of running the Club and was very willing to share her thoughts. She was very much part of the 2009 National Championship Team as if she was the one that scored the winning goal in the final game.", said former DSC President Niel Welborn.

Joe Raad, also a past DSC President said, "When it comes to Registrars, Beth is at the top of the list in the Carolinas. During my time as DSC President, Beth was a wealth of information and guidance. Her cool and calm demeanor under extreme situations was invaluable to me. It would have been difficult to operate our Club without her."

The York County Soccer Hall of Fame will hold its annual dinner and induction ceremony Thursday, August 31, 2023 at the Courtyard Marriott (Kingsley) in Ft. Mill, SC. Tickets are \$55 per person and can be purchased online at <u>www.yorkcountysoccerhof.com</u> Get your tickets today as past years have sold out. The Ceremony will begin at 6:00 PM with a cocktail social (cash bar) followed by dinner at 6:45 PM with induction speeches and teams of distinction beginning at 7:30 PM.

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