

# Tom Duncan

## *Former Surrey United President*

As a current Board of Director and former President of Surrey United Soccer Club, Tom Duncan has been an integral part of the growth and success of the Club. Tom has held many roles within the Club over the years; from referee scheduler, field scheduler to manager of the men's premier team, a position he also still holds today.



As the soccer landscape has changed over the years, Tom has been a loud and influential voice for Surrey United, and for youth soccer generally. Under his direction and leadership, the former Surrey Metro Soccer Association was formed to serve the local Surrey soccer clubs; this is now what we know currently as the South Fraser District Association.

When Surrey United was required to relocate from Unwin Hall with very short notice in 1999, Tom formed a partnership with Cloverdale Minor Football and a vision to build a clubhouse at Cloverdale Athletic Park was created. The total project cost was \$150,000, which was shared with Cloverdale Football and towards which, Surrey United raised \$40,000 selling chocolates. This Clubhouse has most recently been replaced by a larger, brand new clubhouse which Tom was also involved in advocating for on behalf of the Club.

The Jesse Cadman tournament was started in 1993, through a friendship between Chuck and Donna Cadman, to honour their late son. From this tournament a scholarship was given to a Surrey United graduate in Jesse's name, a scholarship that continues to be provided to a Surrey United graduate to this day.

In 1993, Tom and Martin Foden also brought in the men's adult soccer program to Surrey United, expanding it to include women's team in 2000.

It was not until 1996 that Surrey United was granted a girl's program. This addition of female programming at the Club was accomplished through discussions and an eventual appeal to BC Soccer led by Tom and the Executive of Surrey United. Our female program thrives today and continues to grow year after year.



In the mid-2000's Tom and Jeff Clarke formed a partnership with Guildford Athletic Club which became known as the Surrey Guildford United metro program (SGU). This partnership and metro program is a strong program to this day with great achievements throughout the years.

After wearing green uniforms since 1988, in 2003, Tom convinced the Surrey United Executive to approve red and black uniforms, the colours of which we still proudly wear today.

Tom has been a part of countless other things to make Surrey United the club it is today, and we wish to thank him for all his years of service. His final year of Club president was served in the 2019-20 soccer season; however, he will continue as a Director on our Board. Thank you, Tom! We appreciate all you have done, and the time given to our great club!