

LAKE NORMAN SOCCER CLUB

Executive Director Communication - November

Casino Night

We are excited about our upcoming, first-ever LNSC Casino night, which will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017 at the Peninsula Yacht Club. This event will be a fantastic community-building event for the adults of LNSC to come together for a fun evening filled with great food and drinks, prizes, play table gaming and a silent auction. Proceeds will go towards the LNSC Financial Aid fund and also the LNSC Capital Campaign.

Buy your tickets today – the 10% early-bird discount ends on November 15.

Tickets can be purchased online at the LNSC website:

http://www.lakenormansoccer.com/content/tournaments-events_insc-casino-night

Fall Classic

Preparations are underway for the 24th annual LNSC Fall Classic, with our staff working very hard behind the scenes to pull together every detail. We are expecting one of our largest events ever, spread over two weekends. We will welcome more teams from out of state than we have ever seen at the Fall Classic. It should be a fantastic event and a great way for many teams to wrap up the Fall season.

LNSC Teams Earn Promotions

Congratulations to all of our LNSC teams who have earned divisional promotion through outstanding play this Fall. We are expecting 8-10 teams to earn promotion, which is the highest single-season count that LNSC has ever seen.

Confirmed promotions include:

U13G Eclipse Blue – will be promoted to the Elite division and has qualified for the Southern Regional Premier League playoff.

U13G Eclipse Black – will be promoted to the Elite division.

U13B Force Blue – will be promoted to the Elite division and has qualified for the Southern Regional Premier League playoff.

U14G Eclipse Blue – will be promoted to the Elite division.

U14G Legends Black – will be promoted to the Elite division.

U14G Legacy White – will be promoted to the Elite division.

U15G Eclipse Black – will be promoted to NCYSA Classic 1st Division.

U15G Eclipse Blue – Premier League winners will qualify for a Southern Regional Premier League Application.

Currently two other LNSC teams are in position for promotion, all remaining games in the league must be played prior to confirmation.

Winter Camps

While LNSC soccer winds down for the holidays for most teams in the month of December and early January, there are more soccer opportunities for players who want to continue to work, play and train. Players may participate in the following:

- 4-day Striker-Keeper camp held in the evenings
- 1-day Skills camp with LNSC WPSL players and coaches
- 6-week indoor LNSC futsal league

More information and sign-ups are available on the LNSC website:
http://www.lakenormansoccer.com/content/camps_2016-winter-camps

Space is limited and sign up deadlines will be approaching soon, so go online and sign up today.

Academy Festival

This past weekend, a large number of LNSC U9 and U10 boys and girls academy players participated in the NCYSA Fall Academy Festival in High Point, NC. Teams played 3-4 games against competition from all over the state. And while the level of competition was very high, LNSC teams did very well and found great success. Our players and families had a great time in an electric environment and represented LNSC well.

WAGS Success

This past month, four of our LNSC Eclipse teams attended the Washington Area Girls' Soccer (WAGS) Tournament in the Washington, DC area. This event is one of the largest and most prestigious girls' events in the Fall. All four teams performed very well, representing LNSC with some of the nation's best teams.

98 Eclipse Blue – Competed in a showcase format in the top flight against teams ranked #8, #11 and #42 nationally. The team went 1-1-1 on the weekend, allowing just one goal in 270 minutes of play!

01 Eclipse Blue – Finished top of their group with 2 wins, 1 draw and 0 losses against a very strong field in a showcase format.

02 Eclipse Blue – Finished top of their group by winning all three preliminary games before losing a heart-breaking 2-3 semi match.

04 Eclipse Blue – Finished top of their group with 2 wins and a draw in preliminary matches, before losing their semi-final match in penalty kicks.

NPL

8 LNSC teams (U12-U15, boys and girls) are about to start competing in the National Premier League, largely through the winter months. The South Atlantic Premier League (SAPL) is the regional division of the NPL that is comprised of 9 top clubs in NC, SC, GA and TN. Good luck to all of these teams in this elite level of play.

Additionally, LNSC will be hosting a NPL Showcase event in mid-December for U16-U18 boys and girls teams.

College ID Camp

Plans are underway for LNSC's 4th annual College ID camp, to be held on Monday, January 20, 2017. Last year, our camp featured 100 players and over 45 coaches from a wide variety of men's and women's programs representing regional programs in all divisions.

This year's event will be our largest ever in terms of both coaches and players attending. This one-day event is a great opportunity for players to showcase their abilities in front of college coaches in their home environment. This year's event will be open to 02-00 girls and 01-99 boys. There is a limited amount of spaces for both LNSC and non-LNSC players. LNSC players receive a discounted price.

Players can register for the camp on the website when the link goes live on November 7. Sign up immediately so that you do not miss your chance!

Soccer Schedule Next Week

Watching Soccer on TV is a great way for players to gain a better understanding, appreciation and love of the game. Players who want to grow need to see a “finished product” so that they can emulate players, “see” the tactical objectives of the game and grow their own enthusiasm. My advise to parents who want to help their children gain and appreciation and greater love of the game is to find a team to “adopt” as their household’s home team. It is always easier and more interesting to watch sporting events when you have a rooting interest. Here are some notable games that are upcoming in the next week. But in today’s age of cable and satellite television, there is literally a game from somewhere in the world playing at any hour of the day – it is, after all, the world’s most popular sport. Just a few matches to check out:

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Manchester United (ENG) v Fenerbahce (TUR) – Europa League 02:00 pm – Fox Sports, ESPN Dep

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North Carolina v Nothre Dame – NCAA Women’s – 5:30pm - WatchESPN, ACC Network

Florida State v Clemson – NCAA Men’s – 8:00pm – WatchESPN, ACC Network

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Real Sociedad v Atletico Madrid – La Liga – 11:15 am – BeIN Sports

Chelsea v Everton – EPL - 1:30 pm – NBC

Cruz Azul v Pachuca – Liga MX – 7:00 pm – Univision

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Arsenal v Tottenham – EPL – 7:00 am – NBCSN

Chievo v Juventes – Serie A – 9:00 am – BeIN Sports

Sevilla v Barcelona – La Liga – 2:45pm – BeIN Sports

NY Red Bulls v Montreal Impact – MLS – 4:00 pm – ESPN

Coaching Education

Last week we held our Fall season’s second coaching education event in which coaches from all over the branch came together to watch, evaluate and discuss the several training sessions runs by some of our Senior Staff members. This is a great mechanism for our club to grow in consistency and quality. Our third and final coaching education night for the Fall will be held on December 15. This session will be a classroom format in which coaches will explore the topics of nutrition, physical and athletic development, sports psychology and sports ethics.

Thank You To Our Sponsors

Below is a list of our current LNSC Sponsors. We would like to say thank you to these organizations and individuals for continuing to sponsor LNSC programming and encourage our members to consider using these businesses and services. Please be sure to mention that you are with LNSC when you do.

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If you or your business would like to be a sponsor of LNSC, please contact Trish Hughes, thughes@lakenormansoccer.com to discuss the many opportunities.

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