

April Communication
April 10, 2017

Annual General Meeting – April 24, 2017

Our yearly annual general meeting will be held on April 24, 2017 at the Charles Mack Citizen Center. The business meeting will be held at 5:30 – this is a meeting for each team’s board representative to attend. This will be followed by the General Meeting at 6:30 which is open to all LNSC members. We encourage everyone to attend as we will have a State of the Club yearly update, introduce new staff members, recognize our graduating players, give out some special awards and give our raffle prizes. Grand prize, as always, is a year’s club dues. There will be no training on April 24 for any teams to allow everyone to attend the meeting.

LNSC Golf Classic

Due to the large amounts of rain and storms recently, our LNSC Golf Classic has been moved to May 12, 2017. The event will still be held at the newly renovated Mooresville Municipal Golf Course. The good news is that this postponement has allowed us to expand our field and add some groups. This is a great way to support the club. If you would be interested in playing in the tournament, please use the following link to sign up – there is still room: http://www.lakenormansoccer.com/content/tournaments-events_annual-golf-tournament

New LNSC Staff Members Announced

We recently announced the hiring of several new LNSC staff members after a national search to revamp our Youth Academy structure and bring our programming to the cutting edge. The Youth Academy will continue to utilize many of our fine staff coaches, but the hiring of four full-time Youth Academy staff members signifies a level of commitment and investment unparalleled by any youth club our size. All will arrive and begin working with the Youth Academy in the coming weeks. Below is a synopsis of our new hires:

Youth Academy Director (Boys and Girls): Phil Dobbing
Director of Youth Player Development: Danny McManamy
Assistant Academy Director (Boys): Stephen Sweeney
Assistant Academy Director (Girls): Kellyn Zetts

For more information of these outstanding new LNSC staff members, please follow this link: <http://www.lakenormansoccer.com/news-detail/welcome-our-new-youth-academy-staff>

LNSC Team Success

Jefferson Cup

The Eclipse program saw an unprecedented level of success at the Jefferson Cup this past month in Richmond, VA. The Jefferson Cup is the largest youth tournament in the United States and currently rated as the #1 tournament for girls by GotSoccer.com. We sent six Eclipse teams in total and came back with three tournament champions and two runner-ups. This is a club record and a great accomplishment for any club.

Congratulations to these girls' teams:

- 06 Breakers – U11G Champions
- 04 Eclipse Blue – U13G Runner Up
- 02 Eclipse Blue – U15G Champions
- 01 Eclipse Blue - U16G Runner Up
- 00 Eclipse Blue – U17G Champions

Charleston Spring Cup

Meanwhile, our U12 Dash went to Charleston to compete in their first 11v11 event in the U13 division.

- 05 Dash – U13G Runner Up

United Cup

Finally, this past weekend, several LNSC teams attended the United Cup in Charlotte, and again, the club added to our collection of silverware. Congratulations to the following teams:

- 07 Burn – U11G Runner Up
- 06 LNSC SISA Juggernauts – U11B Runner Up
- 06 Foxes – U11B Runner Up
- 06 Galacticos – U11B Runner Up
- 06 Breakers – U11G Champions
- 01 Venom Black – U16B Champions

Celebrating Our Graduating Players

Recently we honored many of our college bound seniors, both boys and girls, between training slots at Mazeppa Road Park. While not every one of our 35 college commits could make it, most were in attendance and it was great to see the young players honor them. This represents the largest class of college commitments that LNSC has ever seen and dwarfs most club's recruiting classes.

More importantly, however, LNSC is about to say goodbye to all of our graduating players. It's a bittersweet time for us. While we will no longer see many faces that have been mainstays at the training grounds for the past 10 years, it is exciting to see these players go on to begin their next phase of life. Whether playing soccer in college or not, we are incredibly proud of every one of these young men and women, and we will honor them all at the AGM. Their individual contributions to the club over the years

have been significant, and hopefully LNSC will remain part of their hearts and minds. We wish them the best of luck as they begin this new phase of their lives.

Several graduating players have been kind enough to share their thoughts on what playing soccer has meant to them over the years. We asked them to put whatever thoughts they had on their mind – memories of good and bad times, advice to younger players, and personal thoughts. We have posted these thoughts on our website and encourage you to take some time to read them:

2017-2018 TEAM SELECTION

Mark your calendars because tryouts are just around the corner. Players can go online now and preregister.

U8 – U12 team tryouts will be held the week of May 15 in the evenings.

U13 – U19 team tryouts will be held the week of May 22 in the evenings.

A complete schedule with times and days for each specific age group will be posted online next week.

Also, we will be posting the 2017 – 2018 coaching slate for all teams (all branches) in the before the AGM on April 24. We have been busy hiring top-level professionals at every level and are very excited about our most experienced, knowledgeable and professional coaching staff ever (and possible the best in the region). Every player, ever team will have a fantastic coach!

LNSC Summer Camps

Sign ups for LNSC Summer Camps is live. We encourage anyone interested to sign up early as space is limited in each session. We have a wide variety of offerings for skill level, skill sets, dates and locations.

Follow this link to view all of our offerings and to register:

http://www.lakenormansoccer.com/content/camps_2017-summer-camps

LNSC Represented at id2 National Camp

Last month Kennedy Jones, a member of both the 03 Eclipse Blue and 02 Eclipse Blue teams was selected to attend the id2 national camp in Westfield, Indiana. This is a huge honor for both LNSC and Kennedy and represents her accomplishments as a player.

“Established in 2004, US Club Soccer’s id2 National Identification and Development Program provides an opportunity for the country’s elite youth soccer players to be identified and developed, and scouted for inclusion in U.S. Soccer’s National Team programs.” – usclubsoccer.org

Elite National Premier League

In March, it was announced that LNSC has been selected as an Elite National Premier League (ENPL) club. The ENPL is a national program that will allow the top clubs in the country to compete in a unique playing platform. One condition of participation is that every top team in the club U14-U19, in both boys and girls, must compete in regional competition with 11 other top clubs in the South Atlantic Premier League (NC, SC, GA, TN) throughout the year. Next summer, divisional winners from around the country will be invited to compete at the national championships. There will also be regional competition for U12 and U13 boys and girls in the coming season. This is an exciting development for the club and shows how far we have come collectively.

LNSC Launches Our New Elite Program

Starting June 1, LNSC will field its first ever Elite teams for girls ages U14 – U19 and also U14 boys. This new program is an added level of commitment and resources. It is player centric and designed to specifically address each individual players' needs as we strive to create a truly professional level training platform for the most committed players. The new platform will add an even higher level of training, experience and exposure to our already successful Eclipse and Force programs. Any age eligible player interested in trying out for the Elite program may do so in late May at regular tryouts. More information on the program can be found here:

http://www.lakenormansoccer.com/content/lpsc-competitive-soccer/programs_lpsc-elite-program-u14-u19

Lake Norman Eclipse – WPSL

This summer, the club will be treated to the second season the WPSL soccer and the Lake Norman Eclipse. In our inaugural season,

Open tryouts for all female players who are 16 years or older will be held on April 23, 2017 at 5:00pm at Mazeppa Road Park.

Players interested in trying out can sign up here:

http://www.lakenormansoccer.com/content/programs_wpsl-tryouts/eta

Elite Training Academy

High level senior girls' players (U15+) can participate in the Elite Training Academy this summer. The Elite training Academy runs through June and July and is a 3-time per week intensive training environment. It is run in conjunction with the WPSL training sessions and the players involved in ETA will also serve as reserve players for the WPSL team.

This is a great way for players to raise their game to the next level, by training with players and coaches who are at the next level.

To register for ETA: http://www.lakenormansoccer.com/content/programs_wpsl-tryouts/eta