

December 2016 – Executive Director’s Communication

A Letter from the Executive Director

I hope everyone had an enjoyable fall season with LNSC. I hope it was successful and challenging for all teams and players alike. As we head into the holidays and prepare for winter and spring soccer, it is a good chance to take stock on where we are and where we are going.

Personally, I think we have had a great fall at LNSC. Many of the goals that I have set forth for the club have been evident, as we have created a more competitive environment for our teams; not just our top level teams, but at all levels. This fall saw many firsts – we had 9 teams promoted during the season, including two to Region Three Premier League. This is the most that the club has seen in a single season and a great accomplishment for any club in the state. This also includes teams being promoted from both the South and the West branches – another first for the club. We have had teams winning tournaments all over the place and teams competing at a level that was unthinkable five years ago – the 98 Eclipse Blue team tied a team ranked #8 nationally at WAGS and the ‘04 Force Blue team just beat (4-1) a team ranked #5 in the US at Disney.

More importantly, I am pleased with the program that we are developing – one of consistency and quality for every member of our club, regardless of their age, branch or gender. Every decision that we make as a staff considers each of the three pillars of our clubs mission: 1) to find competitive success for our players and teams, 2) to provide a great membership experience and 3) to teach life lessons to our players. We remain, by far, the most affordable club in the state for the level of coaching and competition that we offer; in my opinion, there is no club in NC or the region that does a better job and the level of coaching that we have been able to provide and continue to add to our programs is unparalleled. All of this however, means nothing, if our players are not happy and growing.

In the coming weeks every LNSC player who participated in the Fall season will receive a written evaluation from their coach as well as an invitation to sit down as a family and to discuss their past, present and future as a player. This is a critical piece for each player’s growth and each family’s happiness. Please engage in this opportunity to express what you are pleased with and what you are concerned with. As I said, from my 100-mile view, I think the club is doing great and moving in the right direction. But, I also recognize that what matters most to each family is their own experience. While we constantly try to get everything right, we also know that we never will get every piece perfect – but we will always try. Help us to continue to build the club into something truly special and unique. And help us make sure that your child gets the experience that you want for them.

The next month will see some very exciting announcements about the future direction of the club. I am looking forward to sharing this with the membership as I think we are now about to take a great club and make it even better. Thank you all for your support. And on behalf of the LNSC staff, we would like for everyone to be safe and enjoy their holidays!

4th Annual College Combine

Lake Norman Soccer Club will be holding its 4th annual College Combine on Monday, January 16. This has been a hugely successful event for our players and the club in the past and has directly yielded a number of college commitments. It is a fantastic platform for players to show what they can do in their home environment in front of a large pool of college coaches. The event has grown in numbers every year – last year featured more than 60 college coaches from both men’s and women’s programs, representing all division of play in North Carolina and surrounding states.

We expect that this year will be the biggest event that we have hosted to date, in terms of both players and coaches attending. Because of this and the fact that we are limited by field space, there is a finite number of spots available – once we reach our maximum, we will not accept any more players – do not wait and get left out in the cold.

The combine is for all LNSC players - boys ('01, '00, '99 and '98) and girls ('02, '01, '00 and '99). It is strongly suggested that every player with aspirations of playing college soccer attend. The cost of the combine is \$115 for LNSC players and \$125 for non-LNSC players. Players can find more information and sign up at this link:

http://www.lakenormansoccer.com/content/tournaments-events_lnsc-college-combine

Casino Night

For those who have not yet done so, please go online and purchase your Casino Night tickets today! LNSC’s first annual Casino Night will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017 at the Peninsula Yacht Club from 7:00 – 11:00 pm. There will be food, drinks, play gaming, prizes, music and a silent auction filled with great prizes. This is a great way to support the club and enjoy a fantastic evening of club fellowship. All proceeds will be split evenly between the LNSC scholarship fund and annual fund.

Purchase tickets:

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November Accomplishments

November was a busy month for LNSC teams. Congratulations to the following teams for some outstanding accomplishments.

LNSC Fall Classic

- U9B Magpies – Champions
- U10G Burn – Champions
- U11B Juggernauts – Champions
- U11B Galaxy – Finalist
- U11G Breakers – Champions
- U12B Dynamo - Champions
- U15G Eclipse Black – Finalist
- U17B Force Blue – Finalist
- U17G Eclipse Black – Finalist
- U18B Spartans – Champions

U19G Legacy - Champions

CUFC Under Armor Cup

U13G Eclipse White – Champions

CASL Jr Showcase

U13B Force Black – Finalist

NCYSA Fall League

U11B Red Bulls – Open West Champions

U11B Juggernauts - 2nd West 1 Champions

U12B Union – Select Runner-Up

U12B South Vallense - Select West 1 Runner-Up

U13B Force Blue – Open West 2 Champions

U13B South Vallense – Select Piedmont/West Champions

U14B South Vallense – Select West Runner-Up

U15G Eclipse Black – 2nd West Champions

U15G Eclipse Blue – Premier Champions

U19 Eclipse Blue – Premier Champions

Kepner State Cup

U15G Eclipse Black – Semi-Finalist

For a full list of LNSC Fall Accomplishments:

[Accomplishments](#)

Winter Camps

For players looking to continue to improve their game over the winter holiday (or parents looking to get the kids out of the house), LNSC is offering two winter camp options. There is still space, so sign up today:

http://www.lakenormansoccer.com/content/camps_2016-winter-camps

Striker-Keeper Camp

One of our consistently most popular camp opportunities, Striker-Keeper Camp allows players to work intensively on specialized skill sets that revolve around two of the most important aspects of the game – scoring goals and stopping goals. The winter Striker-Keeper Camp runs 12/11 – 12/14 in the evenings, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Mazeppa Road Park. This is a great chance for players to work on specific skill sets that they rarely get to focus on during the normal team training environments. This camp is open to players from U8 – U15.

Skills Camp

A 1-day Skills Camp for players U8 – U12 will be held on December 10 from 12:00pm – 3:00pm at Mazeppa Road Park. This is a great way for players to get out and work on ball skills and challenge themselves in a fun and engaging environment.

Coaching Education

Our 3rd and final Fall Coaching Education Session will be held for all LNSC coaches on December 15. This session will focus on interactive discussions and thought-provoking challenges for our coaches in three key areas – sports psychology, sports nutrition and coaching ethics. This is another example of LNSC's commit towards building a stronger, better and more cohesive coaching staff.

LNSC Christmas Sale

Looking for a great Christmas gift idea? Or just want to support the club? LNSC is offering two great, unique items available only this time of the year in a limited edition. Orders must be placed by December 9 in order to be received before Christmas.

LNSC Engraved Tumbler

RTIC insulated tumblers, available in 20oz. or 30oz. versions. They keep beverages cold for up to 60 hours and cold for up to 12 hours. Great for hot coffee during cold morning games or cold iced tea at hot summer games. These tumblers are available in black, teal and silver, all engraved with the LNSC logo. They are available only through this promotion and are available for a limited time only. Tumblers are \$39.99 each.

LNSC Limited Edition Hoodies

Back by popular demand, these hoodies have not been available since last December. Available in Grey or Black, the LNSC hoodies have a full color LNSC logo on the front chest and the words Lake Norman Soccer Club printed on the back. Since our Christmas time order last year, I have received numerous requests for these hoodies. Now is your chance to get one. \$25.00 per hoodie, +\$3.00 for XXL.

If you would like to order either of these items, please send or drop off a check at the LNSC office along with the following information:

Name

Items: Hoodies (amount, color, size) and/or Tumblers (amount, color size)

Contact Phone Number

Contact Email

Paid orders must be received by December 9. Orders may be mailed or dropped off.

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If we are away from the office, order can be slipped under our office door.