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From the President

Another summer soccer season has come to pass and I hope all of our teams and players had a successful season. We can't always base success on wins and losses, we hope for improvement in team and individual play. Congratulations to our U12 C2 boys team, coached by Michael McNeff, for making it to the state tournament this summer. We are getting ready to start another fall season with 15 travel teams playing and over 300 rec players. We will be hosting the MYSA fall jamboree again this year for all of the U9 and U10 teams on Oct 1st at Elmcrest Park, please take some time to volunteer to help this event run smoothly. Look for updates on fundraising opportunities and winter training schedules in the near future. Good luck to all of our fall teams, we will see you out on the fields.

Regards,

Bret Fields
President
Northern Lights Soccer Club
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Important Dates

Soccer Committee Meetings
Sunday, Sept. 11th, 7 PM

Sunday, October 9th, 7 PM

ARAA Board Meetings

Sunday, Sept. 25th, 6 PM

Sunday, October 23rd, 6 PM

All meetings are at Central Park in the park building.

Registration for Spring/summer Soccer

Now open online at:
www.northernlightssoccer.org

Pay online at
www.northernlightssoccer.org

Payments:
All Fall soccer remaining balances now due

Super Soccer Saturday
Saturday October 8th
Central Park

MYSA Fall Jamboree
Saturday October 1st
Elmcrest Park

Youth Soccer Night
Thursday October 8th
7:00 PM
Goodrich Field

Summer Travel Soccer Season

As the 2011 MYSA Summer season has ended, we would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of all of the NLSC teams. We had 2 league winners this season who earned promotion to the next level. The U15C2 Girls (Coach Prosper) won their league and earned promotion to play at the C1 level next summer, while the U12C2 Boys (Coach McNeff) won their league and earned a promotion to play C1 as well next summer. We had 7 teams make it to the North District finals, with the U12C2B winning and going to play in the MYSA State Tournament. The U12C2B won their first game and lost in the second game to the eventual state champions. We also had multiple in-season tournament winners, whose accomplishments can be viewed on our Team Accomplishments page on the websites. Congratulations to these teams for their achievements and to all NLSC players for another enjoyable and successful season. Finally, many thanks to all our coaches and managers who put in many hours of work with their teams to ensure a successful season both on and off the field. The development seen in all of our players means as much, if not more, than the wins and losses that occurred during the season and this development will always be the priority focus for NLSC.

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Fall Travel Season

This fall, we will have 15 teams competing in league play for the U9-U14 age levels, doubling the number of players participating in Fall Travel soccer from last year. We want to encourage our players to play during the fall season, as it provides an excellent environment for player development due to having games only on the weekends. This gives us a better practice to game ratio and allows our players to spend more time with their coaches and trainers. New for this fall are four trainers who will be working with all of our teams to provide the players and coaches with high level training and development. We also will continue to hold our Goal Keeper training throughout the fall season for all our aspiring goalkeepers. To view the training schedule for all our teams and for the goalkeepers, please CLICK HERE.

I would also like to encourage all our players and parents to support the Anoka High School Soccer program by attending the Youth Soccer Night (Thursday, September 8th at 7:00pm at Goodrich Field). As we get closer to the date, please check our website for more details.

Winter Dome Training

Northern Lights Soccer Club is excited to announce we have reached an agreement with the MN Kings to use their dome during the winter to provide better opportunities for all our players. Winter training is becoming more and more popular with our players and is a necessity for those who strive to continue to play at the top level. It takes many hours of commitment and training to excel at soccer and NLSC wants to continue to be able to provide these opportunities to all our players.

The MN Kings Dome will provide our players and coaches with room to hold practices and scrimmages throughout the winter. Starting January, all of our teams will receive a weekly training session at **no extra cost**. This is different from past years, as players paid an extra $50-$75 to take part in winter training.

Frequently Asked Questions about the MN Kings Dome

Why a dome?

The dome is larger, allowing us to have more teams train at one time. This brings down the overall cost of winter training. The dome also is a friendlier environment and allows coaches to be more creative with their training activities. It even allows us to hold inter-squad scrimmages during the winter, which gives our coaches and players the chance to work on game-related problems.

Why the MN Kings Dome?

It was the most cost-effective among those sites which provided the quality and necessary environment and is less than 20 miles from Ramsey. We looked at a few other sites and along with it being more cost-effective, it also has the attraction of developing a future partnership with the MN Kings.Click here to learn more about the MN Kings.

Will it cost me extra, as in past years I've had to pay $50 or more for winter training for my player?

No, there is no extra cost for the team training. It is included in the summer 2012 registration fee for your player.

Will there be a large increase in my player's summer 2012 registration fee?

No! Even though this club has not raised fees in over 5 years, we will continue to offer excellent an program without making it a financial burden.While the Board is considering raising fees a minimal amount ($5-$10) it is simply to catch up to the yearly increased costs of running NLSC, as registration fees have not be raised in over 5 years.

How is this possible?

NLSC is one of the few clubs whose players get uniforms each year and the uniform cost has always been included in the registration fee. Most clubs get new uniforms every 2 years as most uniforms easily last through two seasons and that is when most manufacturers change their designs. Starting the 2012 season, NLSC will be moving to 2 year cycle for new uniforms and we will be using the money saved to help cover the winter training costs and to provide other opportunities for all our players while keep costs down.

What if I don't participate in the winter team training or can't make it to my team's practice?

We want to encourage all our players to participate, which is also why NLSC has an open training policy. If a player cannot make it to his or her practice time, he or she is allowed to practice with any other team within a suitable age range.

Will there be other winter training opportunities besides the Team Training at the MN Kings Dome?

Yes! This winter we plan to expand the Futsal League to allow for more teams and will also be holding a Foot skills development program for all our players.

How does this compare to other clubs?

One of NLSC's goals is to provide better training and development opportunities for all our players without it becoming a financial burden. We are able to provide our players with winter training, GK training, and in-season team training, while still keeping our registration costs lower than most area clubs. In our next newsletter, we will be providing a comparison of our club's fees and programs to other area clubs.

Fundraising Update

We have some great fundraising opportunities available to both traveling and

rec soccer families. I have tried to find several new unique opportunities

for families, hopefully there will be something for everyone!! Fundraising

is a great way to assist families in paying for their registration fees,

NLSC apparel, tournaments and training fees.

- * Annicks Premium coffee, tea and hot chocolate!! Your profit margin

will be 40% of your sales!! *

- * The Chip Shoppe gourmet breads, soups, desserts and more! Also 40%

profit of your sales!!* * *

- * Green Valley Green House, Christmas, Easter and Spring plant sales

making nice profits at approximately 40%. *

- * Papa Murphy's pizza cards fundraiser, also a great profit at 80%*

- * Encore discount cards, a 50% profit. *

Here is a tentative calendar for fundraising:

September: Annicks Premium coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

- Watch for the Email BLAST with more information on September 11th

October: The Chip Shoppe gourmet treats.

- Watch for the Email BLAST with more information on October 16th.

November, December: Green Valley Green House Christmas plants.

*March, April: *Green Valley Green House Easter plants and the Encore

discount cards.

- *April, May: *Green Valley Green House Spring plants.* *

- Watch for the Email BLAST with more information.

- *ALL YEAR* we will be selling the Papa Murphy Pizza Cards.

- *Northern Lights Soccer is also selling knitted hats, fleece mittens andscarves. Profits from these items will help fund an adversity fund for NLSC.

All questions can be directed to Marleen Cross, Fundraising Coordinator.

612-247-1614

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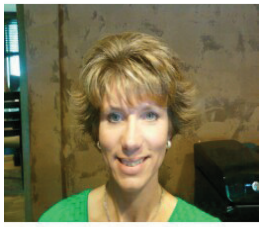
Prices are as follows:

Hats- $21.00 Scarves- $15.00 Mittens- $15.00

Committee Member Bios

Tammy Hayft, Director of Operations



I began my role with Northern Lights Soccer Club in the summer of 2007. I first started out as an Age Group coordinator for our recreational soccer program. I then began coordinating the Super Soccer Saturday tournament and then the travel Districts tournament. I took over the Director of Operations position last October, 2010. I have two boys who are both in the Northern Lights travel program, engaged to Bret Fields, Northern Lights President, and work full-time for State Farm Insurance. In my spare time I love the outdoors, hunting, and family time.

I have met so many wonderful people in my positions within Northern Lights and want to thank everyone for all of the hard work and dedication in getting your children to their games and practices every week.

Joe Helback, Recreation Director

I started coaching for NLSC in 2005, when my oldest daughter started playing Soccer at the fun age of 5. I was lucky enough to be able to coach her in some capacity for the next 6 years. Being a coach has definitely been the most rewarding experience I have ever had. It is so great to have players you have coached come back to you in following seasons and go out of their way to say "hi," or talk to you about the things they have going on in their lives. I became a member of the NLSC board in the Fall of 2010 as the Girl's Traveling Director and transitioned into the Recreational Director role in February of 2011. Even though my first season as the Rec Director was a "learning" experience to say the least, I am very excited with the direction the Recreational program is going. I look forward to improving the experience for players and parents in the coming seasons. My busy life consists of my two totally awesome daughters, Avery and Reese, my wonderful girlfriend, Cara and her two amazing children, Mekella and Kyler. I look forward to seeing you all out on the Soccer fields, or as our Director of Coaching and Player Development Michael O'Reilly would say "the pitch."

Joe Helback

Rec Director

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Thank you Northern Lights Soccer for the club t-shirts that were given to the Denmark team. We had a wonderful home stay exchange during the Schwan's USA Cup.

Sincerely,
The boys of NLS Galaxy and Skovshoved SIF '97

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Northern Lights Soccer Club was formed in 1985 and our mission is to provide quality recreational and competitive soccer programs for youth ages 4 to 19 in the communities of Andover, Anoka, Coon Rapids, Elk River, Nowthen, Ramsey and surrounding areas. Our soccer programs are affiliated and regulated by Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA), United States Youth Soccer (USYS) and we are a division of Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association.

Northern Lights Soccer Club, celebrating it's 25th year in 2010, is dedicated to bringing a high level of soccer to the youth in the Anoka, Ramsey, Andover, Coon Rapids and surrounding area. We focus on training our players to become quality players while gaining lifelong lessons and experiences. We are committed to developing strong community relationships with our players, families and community businesses and organizations. We are continuing to grow and develop winning teams over time, without compromising our beliefs and values.

Committee Members

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