

LOWER MERION SOCCER CLUB

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5-18

1993 SPRING NEWSLETTER

This newsletter includes:
SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM APPLICATIONS
AND THE TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUT SCHEDULE

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Included with this 1993 LMSC Spring Newsletter is an information sheet and application form for our spring intramural program. This program is open to boys and girls born on or after August 1, 1985. The program will run on Sundays from April 25 thru June 27th.

TRYOUTS FOR 1993 / 94 TRAVEL TEAMS

One of the primary objectives of the LMSC program is to develop our top players **ages 8 thru 18** for higher levels of competition. Our travel team program has had a lot of success over the years, including four state championships in the past five years. Many of our players have gone on to star at the high school and college levels.

LMSC fields approximately 25 travel teams each season. Tryouts are held annually to place players on a team that will offer him/her the proper level of competition.

Tryouts are OPEN to all youngsters of the proper age, regardless of previous soccer background. **Players from other local intramural programs are welcome to come out to tryouts.**

Tryouts for the fall teams will take place in April and May. A complete schedule of when and where tryouts will be can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. The head coach for the 'A' team in each age group is also listed. If you have questions about a particular age group, please call the coach.

This fall, we anticipate fielding teams at the following age groups and competitive levels:

BOYS TEAMS

Under 9 A, B
Under 10 A, B, C
Under 11 A, B
Under 12 A, B, C
Under 13 A, B
Under 14 A, B, C

GIRLS TEAMS

Under 9 A
Under 10 A, B
Under 11 A, B
Under 12 A, B
Under 13 A
Under 14 A
Under 16 A
Under 19 A

Additional boys teams U-15 and older will compete in the winter league. Tryouts for those teams will be in October.

Players wishing to tryout should plan to be at all tryout dates listed. Most age groups will have additional tryout dates which will be announced at the first tryout. If you cannot make the first tryout, call the coach beforehand.

Boys travel teams will compete in the fall Delco Soccer League while the girls travel teams will compete in the fall Tri-County League. Each team will be placed in either the 'A', 'B' or 'C' division based on the team's ability.

All players trying out MUST try out for the age group corresponding to their date of birth. USSF regulations strictly prohibit players from playing in younger age groups. Our club will allow players to play in an older age division only under unusual circumstances, with permission of the Directors. Be sure to show up at the proper age group tryout.

All players trying out will be required to bring a white tee shirt, a red tee shirt, shinguards and a soccer ball (size 4 for U-9 thru U-12, size 5 for U-13 and up). Players should also bring a plastic water bottle.

All travel teams will be picked and announced before Memorial Day. Player registration will be held right after the Memorial Day Weekend. All new travel team players will be required to provide proof of birthdate (photocopy of either birth certificate or passport).

LMSC SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

The second annual Lower Merion Soccer Camp for boys and girls will run from Monday June 28 thru Friday July 2 at Welsh Valley Middle School. The camp will again be headed up by Mr. Bob Davidson, head coach for the boys varsity team at Lower Merion High School. Travel team and intramural players are both encouraged to attend.

The staff will again consist of area high school coaches, as well as local high school and college soccer players. The cost for the camp is \$95.00 per player. The camp will have an impressive 6:1 camper to coach ratio.

Due to the enormous success of last year's camp, it was decided to expand to the following age groups for 1993:

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>AGE GROUPS</u>	<u>BIRTHDATES</u>
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	U-8 thru U-10	(8/1/82 thru 7/31/85)
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM	U-11, U-12	(8/1/80 thru 7/31/82)

Information and applications will be sent out in early March to all current LMSC players of the proper age.

EPYSA 'E' LEVEL COACHING COURSE

This spring, LMSC will again be sponsoring one of our state association's youth soccer coaching courses. These courses are geared for the parent/coach who is interested in learning 'state of the art' youth coaching methodologies.

The 'E' level course will be run over six evenings, three hours an evening and will be taught by an EPYSA staff coach. The course will be held at Lower Merion High School's Ardmore Gym on the following nights:

Monday March 22	Monday	April 19
Monday March 29	Wednesday	April 21
Monday April 12	Monday	April 26

The 'E' level course will be geared towards those people coaching youngsters ages 7-12. The 'E' level coaching license is the minimum license that is expected of our travel team coaches. The course is also highly recommended for our intramural coaches working with 7-11 year old players.

People wishing to get involved coaching in the travel team program in future years are urged to take the course now. It is NOT necessary to have taken the lower level 'F' course.

The cost for the course is \$50.00. Our state association will reimburse all successful candidates \$35.00 of that amount. LMSC will reimburse the remaining cost to all coaches who are active within our program. For more information and/or an application form, please call us at 953-8060.

INDOOR SEASON - ANOTHER STATE CHAMPION

This winter, we had three of our teams place in the Indoor State Cups, a tournament to determine the state champion in each age group. Leading the way were Joe Hopkins' two teams. His U-17 boys team was crowned state champions while his U-14 boys were state finalists, losing to Nether Providence in the championship game in sudden death. Our U-12 team, under Andrew Keech finished third in the state.

The U-17 team was led by goalie Chris Hanlon who allowed only three goals in five games. Jon Hanks, Chris Cox and Eric Hopkins led the scoring attack. The defense was anchored by Jeff Nelson, Ben Cooper and Rufus Frazer.

The U-14 team was led by Andy Gold, Mike Tiedeman, Tim Bradley, Richard Kinderman and goalkeeper Justin Wilson. Gold scored to give LM a 1-0 lead but Nether tied it up and won it in an exciting sudden death. The LMSC Dragons were the outdoor state champions at the Under 10 level.

The Under 12 boys had almost as much success, finishing 3rd in the State under new head coach Andrew Keech. Last year, the Hurricanes were second in the Indoor State Cup. The team was led by the standout play of Todd Zamzow, Luke Coyle, Terry Coghlan and Billy Rock.

Under 17 Indoor State Champions - LMSC Psychos

Razzaq Bauman	Jon Hanks	Ryan Larkin
Paul Bistline	Chris Hanlon	Jeff Nelson
Ben Cooper	Nick Harmelin	Peter Partow
Chris Cox	Eric Hopkins	Garret Schwab
Rufus Frazer	Jim Lannon	Chris Zaren

Jay Getto

Coaches: Joe Hopkins, Gary Getto

Under 14 Indoor State Finalists - LMSC Dragons

David Bloomman	Mike Keating	Mike Tiedeman
Tim Bradley	Richard Kinderman	Marcus Toconita
James Casey	Bobby Lentz	Andrew Wilmot
Andy Gold	Sean McLaughlin	Justin Wilson
Justin Hopkins	Matt Schuh	

Coach: Joe Hopkins

U-12 Indoor State Semi-Finalists - LMSC Hurricanes

Michael Bickell	Tripper Heckscher	Luke Ogelsby
Aaron Brill	Sean Keech	Jeffrey Porter
Terry Coghlan	Billy Kornberg	Billy Rock
David Cohen	Ben Levit	Fran Sutter
Luke Coyle	Tim Lord	Todd Zamzow

Brett Furber

Coach: Andrew Keech

Our Under 10 boys 'A' team, the Lunatics, have won 8 out of their last 9 indoor tournaments, going 30-1-2. Highlighting their season was goalie Teddy Domers who scored on a punted ball that bounced over the opposing goalkeeper's head. Matt Skipper, Fuzzy Zeller, Dan Geraghty, Ryan Gutzler, Drew Delaney and Bernard Horshaw also stood out.

The Under 9 'A' team, the Maniacs, won four tournaments during the indoor season. The team was led by newly acquired superstar Keith Carroll along with veteran stars Trevor Lord, Mike Greenspoon and Josh Rosenfeldt.

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR STATE CUP HONORS

Below is a list of all Lower Merion Soccer Club teams that have reached the semi-finals in the State Cups in the past five seasons. LMSC has had four state championship teams during that time.

1993	U-17 boys (76/77s)	Psychos	indoor champions
1993	U-14 boys (78/79s)	Dragons	indoor finalists
1993	U-12 boys (80/81s)	Hurricanes	indoor semi-finals
1992	U-11 boys (80/81s)	Hurricanes	indoor finalists
1991	U-14 boys (77 birth)	Gorillas	outdoor semi-finals
1991	U-12 boys (79 birth)	Dragons	indoor semi-finals
1990	U-13 boys (77 birth)	Gorillas	outdoor champions
1990	U-13 boys (77 birth)	Gorillas	indoor champions
1989	U-10 boys (79 birth)	Dragons	outdoor champions
1989	U-12 boys (77 birth)	Gorillas	indoor semi-finals

NEW SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

This fall, LMSC will be starting a new program geared for youngsters with physical handicaps. Since this will be the first year of the program, we do not know the specific age groups that will be involved or the exact range of player limitations that the program will be able to handle. The program will be run by Susan Reynolds who authored the following article for this newsletter:

"My six year old daughter, Heather, loves to kick a soccer ball.... if she is on a field alone. She has cerebral palsy which affects her balance and finds herself on the ground most of the time when playing in the soccer club's regular league. Therefore, I am interested in starting a special league for children whose physical coordination is slightly delayed or who have mildly-involved handicaps.

"I am an 'F' level soccer coach and have coached 5 to 8 year old girls for three years. We will be experimenting with minor modifications to the game to insure the kids have fun. Parental involvement is encouraged. If you know of boys or girls ages 6-8 who might be interested, please send their names, addresses and birthdates to:

Lower Merion Soccer Club --- Attention: Susan Reynolds
Box 469, Gladwyne, PA 19035

SPECIAL OLYMPICS HELP

Elaine Grech (664-7965) will be working with the Special Olympics program to form a team in the Lower Merion area. She is looking for adults and teenagers to conduct a few instructional practices for the team which will represent the Lower Merion Township in a Special Olympics tournament held in late October. Anyone interested in getting involved with this program is urged to call Elaine.

SUPPORT FOR INNER CITY SOCCER PROGRAM

The past couple of years, the United States Youth Soccer Association has created a new program designed to introduce soccer to youngsters in underprivileged areas, especially in the inner city.

The USYSA is asking for assistance from all of its members to donate equipment, uniforms etc. for the program. We are looking to start a recycling program to help this cause. Our goal will be to collect shoes, shin guards, shorts, uniforms etc. that players have outgrown, as well as old soccer balls.

We hope to kick this program off sometime in the fall but we are in need of someone to head up this effort. If you are interested in volunteering to run this program, PLEASE get in touch with us at 953-8060.

The position will not require a lot of work. All you would need to do would be post a few signs at our various fields, letting people know when and where they can drop off soccer items to you.

Items can easily be delivered to the program volunteer at any one of our fields during the fall season. Please help us by donating a little bit of time. Thank you.

COACHING HONORS WITHIN LMSC

Many of our travel team coaches have been selected to coach in other capacities and deserve recognition for their work.

Richard Woldow is the head coach for the Tri-County U-12 League Select team while Jo Grech is the head coach for the U-11 team. Richard and Jo have been coaching in LMSC for many years, starting in the intramural program. Richard and Jo also coach in the North American Maccabi Games. Jo coaches the U-17 boys and Richard the U-17 girls.

Brian Kammersgaard, our U-9 'A' travel team coach is also the Assistant Varsity Coach at University Of Pennsylvania. Brian previously coached for Brondby Soccer Club in his native country of Denmark where he played professionally.

Biff Sturla is in his eighth year as a head coach in the Delco League Select program, currently in the U-11 age group. He will also be coaching the Under 14 Boys State Select Team.