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FALL SEASON WRAPUP

The 1996 fall season has finally ended for the 2300 players at LMSC. This newsletter will discuss some of the highlights and lowlights of the past season and provide a look at upcoming events, including our indoor program Sports Rink, the 1997 Spring Intramural Program, the 1997 Fall Intramural Program and tryouts for the 1997 Travel Team Program.

LMSC continues to grow and grow. We had 24 boys travel teams play this fall, the most of any of the 45 clubs in the Delco League. This total includes an unprecedented six teams in the Under 9 age group. Of those 24 teams, 9 of them reached the championship game in their division and 4 were crowned champions.

We had an all time high 16 girls travel teams. Many of them also made it to the playoffs in their division. A record 1590 players participated in the Fall Intramural Program. Fortunately, thanks to the efforts of township Commissioners Brian Rosenthal and Alan Kessler, we were able to acquire several new fields this year, most notably Penn Valley Elementary School. These new fields helped to ease our overcrowded field situation.

The township is now working on helping us to acquire additional fields for our Spring Intramural Program. If successful, we are planning on creating a "Girls Premier Division" for our top 6-7 year old players, similar to the very successfully "Boys Premier Division" which is geared towards future travel team players.

This winter, LMSC has taken over operations for Sports Rink, Inc., which provides indoor league play for 420 youngsters ages 5-8. Sports Rink is also running 14 indoor travel team tournaments. Sports Rink quickly filled to capacity with over 50 players on the waiting list. We are in the process of acquiring access to a second gym for the 1998 season to fill the demand for indoor soccer. This will enable us to expand the program to include more age groups than we are currently able to accommodate.

LMSC ACQUIRES THE PHILADELPHIA FREEDOM

In December, LMSC acquired ownership of the Philadelphia Freedom, the local professional outdoor soccer team. The Freedom are a Division Three team which plays in the U.S.I.S.L. The past couple of years have seen the Freedom playing their games way up in Bucks County. Under our new ownership, the Freedom will be playing their home games at Marple Newtown High School and, hopefully, Lower Merion High School.

LMSC plans on using this acquisition to further enhance our youth program. Many of the Freedom players have their origins in the Philadelphia area. We hope that having the Freedom under our ownership will enable youth players in LMSC to aspire to higher levels of play in the future. We also plan to have the Freedom players work in some capacity within our Travel Team Program.

The deal to acquire the Freedom was done by LMSC Vice President Joe Hopkins who will be serving as the President of the Freedom. Russ Naylor will remain as C.E.O. and Director. LMSC President Chick Ceccarelli will also be serving as a Director for the Freedom. Chick's son Justin played on the Freedom for two years before moving to Boston where he currently plays for the Boston franchise in the U.S.I.S.L. Many of you remember Justin who used to head up the 5 and 6 year old divisions in the Spring Intramural Program and the Fall Intramural Program.

Serving as General Manager for the Freedom will be LMSC Vice President and Director Of Coaching Biff Sturla. Also working in a business capacity for the Freedom will be LMSC coach Dave Roy who played with the Freedom the past two seasons.

We will have a lot more information about the Freedom in the near future. Hopefully the LMSC players and their families will come support the Freedom. We are very excited about this acquisition, we feel that it will be a tremendous boost to the Lower Merion Soccer Club.

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BOYS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

This fall, Lower Merion Soccer Club was the largest of the 45 clubs that entered teams in the Delco League. We had 24 teams, including an unprecedented six in one age group (the Under 9's). Of our 24 boys teams, a league high 9 made it to the championship game of their division. In all, 4 were crowned league champions for their age groups. Below is a collection of articles written by several of our teams for our newsletter.

The U-9 'A' Lasers completed their first travel season with a second place finish in the Mohinder Thanksgiving Tournament. The team registered victories over Bucks County League Champion Pennridge and Philadelphia Soccer Club (Delco League Finalists). The team lost to a very powerful Council Rock team in the finals. Goalie Alex Stitt received tons of praise from opposing coaches and players for his stellar performance throughout the tournament.

The Lasers also took second place in the prestigious Marlboro, New Jersey Tournament in August where they beat teams from South Jersey and North Jersey, losing only to the host team, Marlboro.

The team's offense was led by Scott Lavoritano, Lee Rubenstein, Jon Glass, Mark Leven, Ben Smolen, Ricky Horshaw and Peter Vale. These players created many nightmares for opposing goalies.

On defense, the team had Tim Ivory, Drew Erickson, Robby Goldwein and Eric Mustin. This group gave up the second fewest amount of goals in the league.

The U-9 'B' Heat won the Delco League's 2nd Division. In regular season play they went 7-1-2, then won the championship game against Radnor in the last minute of overtime. The Heat also took 2nd place in the Yardley Morrisville Columbus Day tournament, losing the title game on penalty kicks after two scoreless overtimes.

The team was led all year by the clutch goalkeeping of Harrison Avart who also scored several goals when in the field. Kevin Healy starred at defense while Chris DiLullo dominated at center midfield. Dave Rublin took on the "special assignments", particularly at defense. He was very gutsy and tenacious. Chris Aitken scored lots of goals and also helped out well in goal.

Nick Carter was the team's "ice breaker" since his goals were often the first of the game. David Bershad was not only an acrobatic ball-handler and shooter, but under pressure a defensive rock. Tyler Goldman showed cunning and stealth on attack, but loomed large and fearsome whenever the net required protection.

Matt Byrne displayed a deadly combination of speed, focus and opportunism. Matt Yankowitz provided offensive ignition and thrilled crowds with his many "steal and steamroll" breakaways.

Andrew Richardson was a man of many skills, he was an outstanding juggler, dribbler and passer who provided strength, reliability and intelligence wherever and whenever needed. Zack Malet brought speed, stamina and spirit, as well as daring drives, creative assists and heroic rescues. All tolled, it was a great first year.

The U-9 'C' Hurricanes were also crowned league champions in their first season of travel team play. The team started off with a 2-2 tie against Rose Tree and then ran off 10 consecutive victories, topping it off with a 3-0 crushing of Havertown in the championship game.

During the year, the defense earned seven shutouts, thanks to the efforts of Evan Coren, star goalie and "The Wall", Chris Leto, Rob McCallion and Mikey Conry along with Scott Schnieder and Michael Schikman.

The team's leading scorer was Chase Becotte who received excellent midfield support from Tyler Love, Evan Weiss, Chris McGinley, Daniel Tennekoon and Jesse Kasser. This was a season that won't be forgotten.

The U-9 'D' Aliens became the third U-9 LMSC team to win a title as they captured the Division 5 Delco League title. They finished first in the regular season, then defeated Swarthmore 2-1 in the semifinals and Radnor 1-0 in the championship game played on a rain soaked field. Radnor was the only team to give the Aliens a loss in the regular season so the championship game was certainly "sweet revenge."

The Aliens defense, which allowed only 4 goals in 10 regular season games was anchored by Dan "The Man" Escott and Adam "Constant" Conston in goal. The suffocating defenders featured Todd "Tower Of Strength" Herman, Emil "E-Mail" Gogineni, Alex "Smooth" Kadesch and Noah "No Way" Hecht.

The midfield corps featured Todd "The Truth" Ruth, Darcy "Big Red" Bacha, Ben "Speed" McGovern and the team's second leading scorer, Ben "Tiger" Schutzman.

The offense was led by Erik "Trick" Abi-Khattar, Sam "Bam" Herman and the team's leading scorer, Matthew "Light 'Em Up" Levin. In all, it was a fun filled season.

The U-9 'E' Vipers got off to a slow start as many new teams do but came on very strong at the end, winning four of their last five games. The Vipers spent much of their season learning different positions. They started the season with an offense of Josh Goldfine, Thomas Pritchard and John Argenbright. On defense they had Peter Fullbright, Max Maeder and Chip Switkay. Later in the season, the offense consisted of Kevin Fitzgerald, Ryan Hoffman, Peter Lucas and Paul Meissner. Their offense led to the great end of season. The newly formed defense began to shut down opponents thanks to the efforts of David Berlin, Patrick Fullbright, Logan Snyder and Evan Gibson.

The U-10 'A' Delinquents had another great year. They finished the regular season undefeated at 6-0-4 and in first place in the very competitive First Division. In the championship game against Downingtown, they lost in a heart breaking 1-0 overtime game.

The Delinquents won all three tournaments they played in this fall, winning tournaments at Marlboro (New Jersey), Redlands (Harrisburg), and Yardley-Morrisville. Overall this fall, including tournaments, the team went an amazing 18-1-5.

The goalkeeper duties were shared by Dan Shuptar and Brendan Cannon, both of whom were fearless and superb in goal. The defense and midfield continue to be major assets to the team, led by the consistent and excellent play of Max Westman and Alex Kahn. The Delinquents look forward to playing several indoor tournaments and then moving to the 11 v 11 format.

The U-10 'B' Slammers had a great year. They played in the Delco League's Second Division which was made up of all 'A' teams except for Lower Merion and West Chester. After an inconsistent start, leading scorers Mike Ruben and Mike Goldberg led the team to a fourth place tie and a spot in the playoffs. The tie was broken when the Slammers destroyed West Chester 5-0 behind a hat trick by Panos Panidis, along with goals by Ruben and Daniel Cooper.

The next day, the Slammers played previously unbeaten Tredyffrin. Defenders Philip Jackson, C.J. Hayward, Brett Schildhorn and Fitz Nowlan held Tredyffrin (who averaged over 4 goals a game) to one first half score. In the second half, Corey O'Rourke tied it. With two minutes left in regulation, Jack Hartman took a pass from Panidis to win the game.

The championship match was won by Greater Chester 1-0 despite the efforts of goalie Tim Heuisler. Matthew Schwartz, Hartman, Jackson and Ruben all barely missed getting the equalizer before time ran out.

The U-10 'C' Renegades went 8-2 during the regular season in Division 4. This record was good enough to put them into the championship game against Radnor. LMSC had a 1-0 lead on an Alec Schoenfeld goal but bad luck and a great Radnor defense prevailed and the Renegades went down 2-1. The team also reached the semifinals in the Delco Columbus Day Tournament, losing in the semifinal game in overtime to AGRA.

On offense, the Renegades were led by a 16 goal effort from Steve Mayernick who had three hat tricks. Adding to the team's 36 goals was Alec Schoenfeld with 7 goals, John Shaw with 5 goals and Evan Goldberg with three.

The defense was led by Jesse Greenberg and Dan Penne in goal along with the "two Justin defense" of Justin Jeffers and Justin Kopicki. The Renegades are now looking forward to indoor ball and spring ball.

The U-10 'D' Marvels defeated Rose Tree 3-0 in their championship to cap off a perfect season. The team went 10-0-0 in the regular season. The Marvels earned shutouts in each of their first nine games thanks to goalie Dan Kaufman. A meaningless "fluke" goal in the last minute of play in game 10 was the only goal the team allowed all season.

Dan had lots of help from the defensive unit of Bobby Nasuti and Ben Brier-Rosenfield.

Tom Wurfel and Jacob Tulsy led the way at midfield with Dyland Sklar and Blake Lieberman supplying some great offense. Andrew Herman scored several very timely goals while Alex Adler provided some expert ball handling skills.

The U-12 'C' Crushers had their best season ever, finishing second to West Chester who gave the Crushers their only loss of the regular season 2-1. The defense was solid all year with Adam Boudreau and Joe Abel doing an exceptional job. The Crushers goalkeeper was Brian Hillsberg who allowed only four goals during the entire regular season. Teddy Oxholm and Ardrick Butler anchored a solid midfield with their blazing speed and gritty play. Scoring was nicely distributed among our midfielders and our attackers, most notably Ben Margolis, Matt Sachs and Jamie Snider.

The semifinal game against Southern Chester saw Jamie Snider score two goals in the 2-1 win to put the Crushers into the finals against West Chester. Brian Hillsberg again came up big in goal, stopping one shot after another, including a penalty shot. West Chester did manage to sneak one by and the Crushers were unable to get the equalizer.

The U-14 'B' Red Devils had their best ever season as they finished the regular season with a very strong record of 8-1-1. The team had a very strong front line of speedy Don Munro at right wing, Tim Klein at striker and Dan Rodgers and Chike Outlaw at left wing.

The powerful midfield controlled play most of the time thanks to the efforts of Ryan Courtney, Eric Price and the highly skilled Brian Gambesica.

The defense kept the opposition out of harms way. Brian Brown, Anthony Wilson and Joe Lozano, along with sweepers J.P. Kelly and Joel Wishkovsky were always helping out goalies Alexander Allan and Alex Pientka. Also helping the defense was David Ramsay and Charles Cacioppo.

The Red Devils got to the Division Championship game against Lansdowne. The score was 0-0 with only five minutes to go when a very controversial call by the referee enabled Lansdowne to convert an indirect kick into the only goal of the game. Despite the bad luck that game, it was the best season yet for the Red Devils.

Members of our League Champion teams:

LMSC HEAT

1996 U-9 Division 2 DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Aitken, Chris	Carter, Nick	Malet, Zachary
Avart Harrison	DiLullo, Chris	Richardson, Andrew
Bershad, David	Goldman, Tyler	Rublin, David
Byrne Matthew	Healy, Kevin	Yankowitz, Matt

Coaches: Bryan Richardson, Ed Malet

LMSC HURRICANES

1996 U-9 Division 4 DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Becotte, Chase	Leto, Chris	Schickman, Michael
Conry, Michael	Love, Tyler	Schneider, Scott
Coren, Evan	McCallion, Rob	Tennekoon, Daniel
Kasser, Jesse	McGinley, Chris	Weiss, Evan

Coaches: Frank Leto, Ed Weiss

LMSC ALIENS

1996 U-9 Division 5 DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Abi-Khattar, Erik	Hecht, Noah	Levin, Matthew
Bacha, Darcy	Herman, Sam	McGovern, Ben
Conston, Adam	Herman, Todd	Ruth, Todd
Escott, Daniel	Kadesch, Alex	Schutzman, Ben
Gogineni, Emile		

Coaches: Alan Escott, Stuart Conston

LMSC MARVELS

1996 U-10 Division 4 DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Adler, Alex	Kaufman, Daniel	Sklar, Dylon
Fitzgerald, Vince	Nasuti, Bobby	Thompson, Alex
Herman, Andrew	Brier-Rosenfeld, B.	Tulsky, Jacob
Lieberman, Blake	Shiffrin, Deen	Wurfel, Thomas
Luehrs, Greg		

Coaches: Gary Steinberg, R. Herman, R. Kaufman

Summary of the Boys Travel Team Program.

DIV.	TEAM	COACH	SEASON	PLAYOFFS
U-9A	1 Lasers	M. Rubenstein	4-4-1	
U-9B	2 Heat	B. Richardson	7-1-2	Champions
U-9C	4 Hurricanes	F. Leto	9-0-1	Champions
U-9D	5 Aliens	A. Escott	7-1-2	Champions
U-9E	6 Vipers	J. Berlin	4-5-1	
U-9F	6 Kixx	G. Frank	5-3-2	
U-10A	1 Delinquents	D. Grauman	6-0-4	Finalists
U-10B	2 Slammers	B. Hayward	5-4-1	Finalists
U-10C	4 Renegades	M. Schoenfeld	8-2-0	Finalists
U-10D	5 Marvels	G. Steinberg	10-0-0	Champions
U-11A	1 Hooligans	J. Krotec	0-6-3	
U-11B	2 Flames	R. Hurtado	9-1-0	Semifinals
U-11C	4 Taz. Devils	B. Payne	3-4-2	
U-11D	5 Spikes	A. Antrim	2-6-2	
U-12A	1 Derelicts	J. Hopkins	4-6-1	
U-12B	2 Gators	E. Urbach	0-5-4	
U-12C	4 Crushers	J. Hillsberg	7-1-2	Finalists
U-13A	1 Maniacs	K. Lord	3-5-3	
U-13B	2 Banshees	J. Rose	2-6-3	
U-13C	3 Hotshots	G. Gibson	0-10-0	
U-14A	2 Blackhawks	C. Scott	3-5-2	
U-14B	4 Red Devils	H. Brown	8-1-1	Finalists
U-15A	1 Sharks	Rock/Whelan	6-4-0	
U-15B	2 United	D. Horowitz	0-10-0	

GIRLS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

The U-10 'A' Lightning Bolts had yet another successful season. After some pre-season trial by fire in the upper brackets of the Marlboro and Warminster tournaments, the team compiled an 8-5-3 record in Tri-County play. Their 5 defeats were by a grand total of only 6 goals. The team captured the Havertown Columbus Day Weekend Tournament, beating runner-up Tredyffrin 3-1, thanks to Carly Rotfeld who scored three goals in the second half of the championship game.

Another highlight of the season was a 3-1 win over Hockessin in which the girls again broke through after a scoreless first half, with Olivia Hamilton scoring twice, Caroline Feldman once and Rebecca Maller contributing an assist. The Lightning Bolts defeated Downingtown 2-0 on goals by Jennifer Tintenfass and Elyse Siegel and defeated West Chester 3-0 after West Chester had defeated the Lightning Bolts 3-1 earlier in the year.

Offensive highlights of the year include a five goal game by Carly Rotfeld against Nether Providence and four goals in one half of play by Caroline Feldman against Greater Chester Valley.

Another shining moment came in a 4-3 win over Radnor where Francie Shafer scored from outside the penalty area after receiving a corner kick from Jessica Kahn.

Ashley Brooke White and Amy Kessock led the defense at sweeper, helping goalies Alexandra Pillion, Sarah Cines, Sarah Bernstein and Elyse Siegel. The defense finished with 5 shutouts and a goals against average of only 1.25 for the year.

Bess Friedman, Jennifer Nahikian, Sarah Overhiser, Devon Rose and Deanie Hoxter all contributed great speed and hustle from their midfield positions.

The U-13 'A' Hawks finished a successful regular season at 6-2-2 and advanced to the championship game in the Tri-County League.

Molly Swartz, a newcomer to the team, led all scorers, followed by veteran Jesse Olsen. The balanced nature of the Hawks attack was shown by the fact that 10 different girls scored goals, including Heather Berlin, Lindsey Blumenthal, Emily Cooper, Katie Dunn, Lauren Fine, Laura Hoffman, Kristin Kessock, Emily Irving and Lindsay Tintenfass.

The defense was led by veterans Joanna Lane in goal, Lauren Gottlieb at sweeper, and defenders Emily Davis, Sabrina Perry and Sarah Pittman.

After defeating a strong Radnor team 5-2 in the first round of the playoffs, the Hawks played West Chester who finished the regular season with the best record. Down 1-0, the Hawks came back with three unanswered

goals to knock off the number one seed. The Hawks played Lionville in the championship game, the teams had split their two regular season matches. Lionville took this one 3-0 to claim the championship but it was still a great year for the Hawks.

The U-14 'A' Mandrills finished the regular season in first place with a 6-1-3 record only to lose a close playoff game 1-0 to Tredyffrin in the semifinals. The Mandrills also finished second in the Parsippany (New Jersey) Columbus Day Tournament, losing in the finals to Ramapo, NJ after the Mandrills had posted three opening round shutouts.

A strong defense, led by keeper Megan Michitti, sweeper Meg Maley, defenders Rebecca Kornberg and Nina Pantano and stopper Ursula Henwood (a first team State Select Player), keyed four league shutouts, including three 1-0 wins, and allowed only nine goals in ten regular season games. The Mandrills were paced offensively by Kirah Miles (4 goals and 1 assist for 9 points in five games before injury), Lauren Herman (4-1-9) and Claire Laver (2-5-9). Also helping the offense were Rachel Prowler (1-3-5), Johanna Gelber (2-0-4) and Emily Moore (1-2-4).

The team's record belies an inordinate number of injuries through the fall season. Three players missed a total of 16 regular season games. With everyone healthy, the Mandrills hope to make a strong run at the January Indoor State Cups. Last year, Lower Merion made it to the semifinals of the Indoor State Cups.

The U-14 'B' Lasers rebounded from a shaky spring season (due to numerous Bar/Bat Mitzvahs which forced numerous players to miss games each week) to go all the way to the league finals this fall. The team added six new players, two of which move in from Ohio and Illinois. They finished the regular season at 5-1-4, good for second place in the league. In the league semi finals the Lasers beat undefeated West Chester 2-1 in the best match the Lasers played all year. Laura Connor scored in the first half and Liz Chernett scored the winner. Liz was the teams leading scorer during the year with an amazing 28 goals (5 hat tricks). Amanda Baker excelled in goal throughout the season.

In the finals against Springfield, the Lasers took the lead early in the game but could not hold on as Springfield got two goals to come from behind and claim the title.

The Lasers players included Amanda Baker, Jillian Bassman, Alison Batansky, Elizabeth Chernett, Laura Connor, Stacey Cutler, Johanna Gelber, Lindsay Hayward, Jackie Henisee, Sarah Hershey, Jenna Kay, Amanda Kiley, Toby McGovern, Jennifer Santovito, Samantha Schecter, Monika Sutton and Emily Wren. The Lasers are coached by Dan Sutton and Ken Kay.

UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENTAL TRAVEL TEAMS

Each winter, LMSC has tryouts for the top 7 year old players in the intramural program to form Under 8 Developmental Travel Teams (one boys team, one girls team). This year's teams were open to players born between August 1, 1988 and July 31, 1989. Both teams practice indoor during the winter, the boys team will play in five indoor tournaments at Woodhaven Sports Centre and Sports Rink during the winter. The girls team will play in some games at Sports Rink in Haverford.

During late October and early November, tryouts were held for the two teams. The boys team had 81 players tryout, the girls team had 45 players try out.

Congratulations to the following 20 boys who were chosen for the Boys U-8 team, the LMSC Rovers:

Blechs Schmidt, Michael	Lawrence, Chris
Broderson, Josh	Mayernick Danny
Feldbaum, Sam	McDermott, Brian
Goldman, Billy	Meinster, Andrew
Grant, Ben	Moore, Sam
Griffith, Jordie	Perilstein, Alex
Huc, Max	Schwartz, Tyler
Ivory, Ryan	Shapiro, David
Jones, Philip	Weinerman, Austin
Krantz, Matthew	Yoshimura, Brandon

Coaches: Biff Sturla, Allan Greaves

The boys U-8 Developmental team kicked off their season by reaching the semifinals of the Hulmeville Invitational Tournament in late November. The Rovers split into two equal teams for the tournament

The Blue team finished their bracket games 0-2-1 with both loses by the same 2-1 score. The Red team finished 2-0-1 despite having no substitutes for the entire tournament. In the semifinals, the Rovers outplayed Horsham but could not get the ball into the net although great efforts by Josh Broderson and Billy Goldman almost gave LMSC the equalizer. With no subs, the Rovers got a little tired and allowed a late goal to lose 1-0. Defenders Sam Feldbaum and Ryan Ivory played outstanding the entire tournament.

The Rovers opened up their indoor season by reaching the championship game of a tournament in West Chester, playing against players a year older. The team dropped the championship game in sudden death overtime despite the outstanding efforts of defender Alex Perilstein and forward Danny Mayernick.

Congratulations to the following 20 players who were selected to play on the girls Under 8 Developmental Travel Team, the LMSC Force:

Adelman, Nikki	Kivitz, Erica
Barnes, Alexandra	Lattif, Melissa
Berman, Jill	Lewis, Morgan
Chestnut, Taylor	Lile, Maggie
Crowther, Ludmilla	Munabi, Naikhoba
Fleming, Talor Marie	Roberts, Julie
Friedman, Sarah	Russakoff, Alexandra
Golden, Leslie	Spagnola, Nicole
Green, Rebecca	Trope, Michal
Katz, Talia	Worby-Robinson, Dana

Coaches: Nancy Worby, Nancy Barnes

FALL INTRAMURAL ROUNDUP

With the addition of the Penn Valley Elementary School fields, our program was less crowded than in previous years. It is still very difficult to fit almost 1600 intramural players onto a limited amount of fields but we were able to do so without too many headaches.

We need to address two major problems. First, we had over 300 people register after the August 10th deadline. This caused the LMSC Directors untold headaches, forcing us to work straight through Labor Day Weekend and not getting any holiday time. Because of this, we have adopted a new policy effective in the fall of 1997:

We will NO LONGER accept registrations for the Fall Intramural Program after Labor Day Weekend, except for the Atoms and Neutrons Divisions.

The only exception to this is for people who have moved into Lower Merion Township over the summer. We will also be increasing our late registration fee up to \$100 for registrations received after August 10th. We WILL be enforcing this.

Bottom line: Get your registrations in on time!!!!!!!

Our second biggest concern in the Fall Intramural Program was the shortage of referees. We need to have more referees available for games. We will be including applications for referees for the Fall Program in our Spring Newsletter. We are looking for people ages 11-20. These are well paying jobs. If you know of someone who is not on our mailing list that might be interested in refing, please have them send us their name and address.

Those of you who plan to coach in the Fall Intramural Program in 1996 are strongly encouraged to please register quickly so that we will be able to organize the coaching assignments and divide the players into teams. Registering early will also allow us to send out the necessary coaching materials in a timely manner.

ATOMS AND NEUTRONS DIVISIONS - Our five year old boys program (the Atoms) and our five year old girls program (the Neutrons) both use the informal "pick up" soccer structure where players are not placed on set teams for the season. Players who played in these two divisions this year should be aware that next fall, these players will move up to divisions where the players will be placed on teams of 12 players with their own head coach and have one practice a week.

The Atoms Division players will move up to the Bantams Division while the Neutrons players will move up to the Microns Division. Due to the fact that these divisions are limited to 16 teams for the Bantams Division and 8 teams for the Microns Division. Be sure to get your registrations in on time.

Each year, we have a shortage of coaches in the Bantams and Microns Divisions. If you have a child who will be playing in one of these divisions, PLEASE give consideration to coaching next fall. If we do not have enough head coaches sign up, we will have to turn children away. LMSC provides a very extensive collection of coaching manuals and coaching videos to coaches in these age groups.

BANTAMS DIVISION - The players in this fall's Bantams Division will have a choice of two divisions next year. The Intermediates Division will be open to boys born in 1989 and 1990 who are above average athletes, very competitive and have soccer experience. The Juniors Division will be open to boys of the same age who are less athletic, less competitive or have little or no previous soccer experience.

Players hoping to play in the LMSC Travel Team Program in future years should choose the Intermediates Division over the Juniors Division.

Players in these divisions should also note that tryouts for the Under 8 Developmental travel team will be held in late October. Eligible players must be born between August 1, 1989 and July 31, 1990. Those players will receive notices about tryouts in the mail.

Here is our tentative plan for structuring the 1997 Fall Intramural Program:

BOYS DIVISIONS

Atoms:	1992 births
Bantams:	1991 births
Juniors:	1990, 89 births, less athletic
Intermediates:	1990, 89 birth above average athletes
Seniors:	1988, 87 births
Majors:	1986-84 births

GIRLS DIVISIONS

Neutrons:	1992 births
Microns:	1991 births
Protons:	1990, 89 births
Electrons:	1988, 87 births
Cosmos:	1986-84 births

Special Needs: Boys and girls born 1986-1990.

INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAMES

During the year, LMSC sponsors Intramural All Star Games for many of the divisions. Each participant is given an All Star Game Tee Shirt and printed lineup form with the players' names on it. An MVP was picked from each team and awarded a game ball.

One of the purposes of the All Star games is to allow the Travel Team coaches to evaluate the top players in each division in a pressure free environment. Players selected for the mid-season all star games should give serious consideration to trying out for the Travel Team Program when they are old enough.

The following pages list the rosters for the 1996 all star games along with the MVP's of each game.

INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

INTERMEDIATES EAST DIVISION

<u>RED TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Jonathan Blistein	2 Asher Halbert
3 Fred Hudson	3 Philip Jones
4 Danny Mayernick	4 Andrew Meinster
5 Brandon Yoshimura	5 David Shapiro
6 Ethan Alderman	6 David Cassanelli
7 Josh Fox	7 Ryan Goldman
8 Nikhil Gregg	8 Peter Vagnoni
9 Josh Aichenbaum	9 Adam Allouche
10 Tikki Bingham	10 Rory Byrne-Dugan
11 Ryan Fee	11 Michael Geschke
12 David Goldstein	12 Jonathan Haldy
13 David Kline	13 David Klumpp
14 Matthew Leddy	14 Alec Raiken
15 George Stevens	15 Brett Toran

MVP Awards: Danny Mayernick, David Shapiro

BANTAMS EAST DIVISION

<u>RED TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Mathew Bernstein	2 Justin Cerone
3 Max Bloom	3 Michael Collinelli
4 Jake Greenberg	4 Joseph Holland
5 Martin Connor	5 Adrian Galbraith-Paul
6 Justin Corrado	6 Richard Hofmann
7 Matthew Hyman	7 Spencer Jones
8 Kevin Escott	8 Danny DiLullo
9 Benny Schwartz	9 Robby Kay
10 Alec Weiss	10 Michael McNulty
11 Aram Bingham	11 Charles Baron
12 Patrick Rapuano	12 David Fox
13 Tyler Frandsen	13 Gary Magill

MVP Awards: Martin Connor, Danny DiLullo

INTERMEDIATES WEST DIVISION

<u>RED TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Zachary Asbury	2 Noah Bachow
3 Michael Blechschmidt	3 Josh Broderson
4 Eric Buckmann	4 Carter Cox
5 Will Devon-Sand	5 Walter Einhorn
6 Drew Fieo	6 Sam Feldbaum
7 Chris Giorno	7 Billy Goldman
8 Ben Grant	8 Ryan Ivory
9 Jordan Griffith	9 Benji Kendall
10 Sam Kessler	10 Max Huc
11 Matthew Krantz	11 Chris Lawrence
12 D.J. Kurz	12 Jai Lucas
13 Sam Moore	13 Matt Magill
14 Jeffrey Puklin	14 Alex Perilstein
15 Luke Rappoport	15 Tyler Schwartz

MVP Awards: Ben Grant, Max Huc

BANTAMS WEST DIVISION

<u>RED TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Sam Agoos	2 Derek Burdo
3 Jordan Blumenthal	3 Alex Gottlieb
4 Patrick Campisi	4 Jake Schutzman
5 Dan Grossman	5 Douglas Ammon
6 Alex Kassarich	6 A. Moran-Santangelo
7 Brendan Willcox	7 Ben Moser
8 Zachary Birenbaum	8 Jonathon Fleisher
9 Dominique Griffith	9 Ben Lucas
10 Danny Kessler	10 Reid Whelan
11 Matt Quinn	11 Hiram Stelzig
12 Croom Beatty	12 Steven Stewart
13 Geoffrey Rogers	13 Tyler Williams

MVP Awards: Dan Grossman, Douglas Ammon

INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

PROTONS EAST DIVISION

RED TEAM

2 Ashley Burgio
 3 Anne Marie Burke
 4 Mica D'Achille
 5 Nicole DeRosa
 6 Bari Laskow
 7 Courtney Fenimore
 8 Caroline Flynn
 9 Juliette Gorson
 10 Dana Kessler
 11 Megan Grove
 12 Michal Trope
 13 Naikhoba Munabi
 14 Sophie Gorson
 15 Leila Driansky

BLUE TEAM

2 Andrea McGovern
 3 Maya Orchin
 4 Jennifer Robbins
 5 Lizzy Hamlin
 6 Erica Sergott
 7 Brooke Stokes
 8 Katie Collins
 9 Eva Zeller
 10 Valerie Kirk
 11 Nina Carpenter
 12 Carly Rubin
 13 Kate Light
 14 Erica Kivitz
 15 Jessica Goldstein

MVP Awards: Courtney Fenimore, Valerie Kirk

PROTONS WEST DIVISION

RED TEAM

2 Nikki Adelman
 3 Janey Arronson
 4 Katie Barker
 5 Alexandra Barnes
 6 Ryan Becker
 7 Jill Berman
 8 Carly Bernstein
 9 Samantha Blum
 10 Andrea Bowring
 11 Taylor Chestnut
 12 Kacie Corzel
 13 Ludmila Crowther
 14 Aimee DellaPorta
 15 Taylor Marie Fleming

BLUE TEAM

2 Sarah Friedman
 3 Gracie Ginn
 4 Leslie Golden
 5 Rebecca Green
 6 Talia Katz
 7 Melissa Lattif
 8 Morgan Lewis
 9 Maggie Lile
 10 Julie Roberts
 11 Alexandra Russakoff
 12 Beth Rutstein
 13 Grayce Selig
 14 Dana Worby-Robinson
 15 Brittany Wurzak

MVP Awards: Jill Berman, Sarah Friedman

JUNIORS DIVISION

RED TEAM

2 Colin Fleming
 3 Eric Nehls
 4 Calvin McCartney
 5 Jack Quinn
 6 Benjamin Gage
 7 Andrew Johnston
 8 Jonathan Drucker
 9 Aaron Greenspan
 10 Seth Finkelstein
 11 Ryan McKenna
 12 Josh Abel
 13 Brett Bankoff
 14 Tim Becker
 15 Sterlynn Harris

BLUE TEAM

2 Michael Christodoulou
 3 Brett Waters
 4 David Adler
 5 Michael Moran
 6 Jonathan Cohen
 7 John Overhiser
 8 Aaron Gross
 9 Nick Venafra
 10 Michael Deasey
 11 Scott Gershenbaum
 12 Mark Moosburner
 13 Billy Reagan
 14 Alex Murray
 15 Danny Ruggieri

MVP Awards: Sterlynn Harris, Aaron Gross

ELECTRONS DIVISION

RED TEAM

Emily Ashe
 Samantha Berschler
 Hailey Brodtkin
 Caitlin Curran
 Lauren Falcao
 Alida Haslett
 Lara Kobrin
 Margot Lesch
 Allison LoPreto
 Lizzy Madva
 Brigit McLaughlin
 Julia Meyer
 Darian Murtagh
 Kristin Nottebohm
 Kate Tracy

BLUE TEAM

Ashley Christiansen
 Rebecca Doery-Stein
 Casey Gilbert
 Emily Gilbert
 Sara Greenberg
 Ali Hayes
 Katie Irving
 Julia McCarthy
 Lynne Metzler
 Elizabeth Moore
 Sarah Roberts
 Amy Weiser
 Allison Wolfe
 Stephanie Yoshimura
 Ima Good

ELECTRONS AND COSMOS DIVISIONS ROUNDUP

The Electrons Division (girls born in 1986 and 1987) filled to ten teams of twelve rapidly. The Electrons were divided into two divisions. At the end of the season, the Rough Riders, Terminators and Imperials were in a three way tie for first place. Applying the tie breaker rules, the Rough Riders finished in first place. The Freedom won the National Division. The championship game ended in a tie but the Freedom won on tie breaker rules.

Members of the champions were:

Sophie Alexander	Rebecca Dorey-Stein	Julia McCarthy
Molly Braverman	Alison GarrityLynne Metzler	
Julie Cohen	Grace Garrity	Sarah Purring
Allyson Donnelly	Ali Hayes	

Coaches: Barry McCarthy, Kathleen McNulty

Members of the second place Rough Riders were:

Sarah Gelb	Katie Irving	Lindsay Powell
Melissa Glazer	Ruth Mendelbaum	Andrea Rogoff
Emma Greene	Kate Morse	Amy Weiser
Grace Hollaender	Emily Powell	Allison Wolfe

Coaches: Andrew Morse, Randy Powell, Marty Rogoff

The Cosmos Division, comprised of girls born in 1983, 1984 and 1985 had ten teams of twelve. They were divided into two divisions. At the end of the season the two first place teams were Denmark and Sweden

Members of the Denmark team were:

Rachel Collins	Joanna DiPaul	Jeanmarie Mercier
Katie D'Orazio	Alexandra Gamboa	Kristina Quattrone
M. DeHoratius	Jessica Gaspari	Paula Rolon
Erica DelGrippo	Dora McFarland	Suzy Tollerud

Coaches: Joe D'Orazio, George MacFarland

Members of the Sweden team were:

J. Bork-Hadley	Lauren Love	Monica Sciacy
Kate Conaboy	Leila Orchin	Darrah Sipe
Terrie Gershenbaum	Samantha Powell	J. Tomlinson
Cheryl Goldstein	Brooksie Riley	

Coaches: Trevor Hadley, Jay Riley

At the end of the season, the Cosmos held an all star game for the top players in the division. This was a chance to honor all the players who had excelled during the season. The following is a list of players who were chosen to play in the all star game:

RED TEAM

Lisa Bildersee
Jennifer Bork-Hadley
Rachael Boseman
Deanne DeCrescenzo
Perri Devon-Sand
Alexandra Goldstein
Melissa Krahn
Megan Lewis
Lauren Love
Caroline Meiers
Lilila Orchin
Alisa Sandler
Jessica Tomlinson
Kathryn Willcox
Cheryl Goldstein

BLUE TEAM

Miriam Bowring
Mary Ann DeHoratius
Talia Lerner
Julie Louis
Abby McKenna
Jeanmarie Mercier
Lauren Milstein
Chelsea Nader
Kristina Quattrone
Meghan Snyder
Addie Spector
Julia Straka
Suzy Tollerud
Jennifer Vigdor
Stacey Alfaia

Special thanks to the 12 people who refereed for the Electrons and Cosmos this fall. Their names, in order of games refereed are: Monkia Sutton, Laura Conner, Lindsey Hayward, Katie Heuisler, Amanda Baker, Matt Keyser, Elizabeth Rosenfeld, Jordan Brock, Dirk Boden, Ashley Siembieda, Katie Smith and Johanna Gelber. The Directors would also like to thank the ever reliable field crew workers at Bala Cynwyd Playground. The field crew this year consisted of Amanda Baker, Ryan Broderick, Matt Keyser, Nick Pulos and Monika Sutton.

Finally, a special thanks for another great season to Commissioner Dan Sutton who made sure that the leagues went well all year and that there were no conflicts with the four travel teams that used the fields. Dan has been a tremendous force in the growth of girls soccer over the years, his work is greatly appreciated. Dan is also a head coach in the Travel Team Program.

SENIORS DIVISION ROUNDUP

The Seniors Division (boys born in 1986 and 1987) finished their season with the Lions winning capturing the championship game. The winners of the title winning team were:

Jesse Amoroso	Andrew Kahan	Ken Silver
Matt Dobbins	Kevin Kelly	Patrick Wilkinson
Alex Feinberg	Alex Mintzer	Taney Wilcox
Robert Fox	Max Mishkin	Kit Zipf
Griffith Gyde	Michael Oppenheim	
Ted Hesser	Chris Sherwin	

Head Coach: Jeremy Mishkin

A special thanks to Mary Beth Gehret who did an excellent job as Division Commissioner of both the Seniors Division and the Majors Division. Also, special thanks to Craig Stretch for organizing the field crew and the referees during the season.

COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Each year, the LMSC Directors honor our top travel team coaches and one intramural coach for outstanding contribution to the program and overall success in adhering to the club philosophy of "providing each child with a fun filled experience in a soccer environment."

This year for the first time, we are going to honor a travel team coach from the girls part of the program and a coach from the boys part of the program.

Our Boys Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to Ray Hurtado, head coach for the Under 11 'B' Flames. Ray's team was probably the most enthusiastic and improved bunch of players to be found anywhere. They were practicing together all summer and the hard work paid off as they finished the regular season with a 9-1-0 record, putting them in first place at the end of the regular season. Ray is now coaching the U-11 'A' team.

Our Girls Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to a newcomer to the coaching staff but a veteran to LMSC. Traci Brody, a star player at LMSC for many years and more recently at Penn State, returned to the program, taking over the U-11 'A' girls team, the Fireballs. Traci's knowledge of the game, along with her ability to work with youngsters was a major asset to the Fireballs this year.

Traci is one of many former players to join the coaching ranks in our program. Two of our LMSC directors, along with numerous other travel coaches and intramural coaches are former players at LMSC. Hopefully this trend will continue. Congratulations to Traci on a job well done, hopefully Traci will be coaching here for many more years.

Our Intramural Coach Of The Year Award goes to a veteran of the program, Joe D'Orazio. Joe has been coaching in many of our different divisions over the years. This year Joe outdid himself, coaching his daughter Katie on the Denmark team in the Cosmos Division, his son Joey on the Islanders team in the Intermediates Division and his youngest son Bobby in the 5 year old Atoms Division.

Joe's ability to work with young players, along with his strong athletic background have been a great asset to LMSC for years (we lost track of how many years he's been with us, we think it's around 7 years, we're not really sure anymore). We'd like to thank Joe for all the hours he's spent coaching, as well as driving around from one field to the other.

We'd like to congratulate Ray, Traci and Joe and thank each of them for their excellent work this year.

LMSC Coach Of The Year Award Winners

1996	Ray Hurtado	(Boys Travel Program)
	Traci Brody	(Girls Travel Program)
	Joe D'Orazio	(Intramural Program)
1995	Dan Grauman	(Travel Program)
	Marty Rubenstein	(Intramural Program)
1994	Kip Lord	(Travel Program)
	Susan Reynolds	(Intramural Program)
1993	Chris Campbell	
1992	Chris Scott	
1991	Lance Laver	

1997 LMSC SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

Once again, LMSC will be running its Spring Intramural Program for younger boys and girls. The program is tentatively set to run every **Sunday** afternoon from April 20 through June 22 (except Memorial Day Weekend). The sight will most likely again be the Vernon Young Memorial Park, located on Greenfield Avenue in Ardmore, just down the road from Recreation Station.

Most divisions will be structured similar to the Atoms and Neutrons Divisions, i.e., players will not be placed on permanent teams for the season.

We will once again offer the advanced Boys Premier Division for those born between August 1, 1989 and December 31, 1990. This division will be open to boys with above average athletic ability who are considering playing in the Travel Team Program in future seasons. This division will most likely play at Merion Elementary School. Players will be placed on teams of 12 and play a regular league schedule, playing 7 versus 7.

For 1997, we plan to add a new division to the Spring Intramural Program, that being the Girls Premier Division. Similar to the Boys Premier Division, this division will be open to girls with above average athletic ability who are considering playing in the Travel Team Program in future seasons.

To be eligible participants, for the Spring Intramural Program must be born between August 1, 1989 and December 31, 1992. More information, including registration forms, will be sent to all eligible players in our Spring Newsletter. You should receive this in late March. If you know of anyone not on our mailing list who might want to play, have them phone in their name, address and date of birth.

LMSC TAKES CONTROL OF SPORTS RINK, INC.

Last winter a new indoor soccer program, Sports Rink made its debut, running leagues for 367 players. This year Sports Rink is back but now under the direction of Lower Merion Soccer Club. For 1997, Sports Rink filled up long before the registration deadline, filling all 420 available spots in the seven divisions.

Sports Rink runs on Saturdays and Sundays during January and February at the Parker Gymnasium at The Haverford School.

LMSC is looking into expanding Sports Rink for 1998. We are hoping to be able to use both The Haverford School and a second gym (at a different school). This would allow us to offer indoor soccer for more players and for a wider range of age groups.

This will also enable us to run the program at better hours. Right now, league play starts at 8:30 AM on Saturdays. If play were to start at a later time, we would have had to turn even more youngsters away.

This year's leagues are for children born between 1988 and 1991. We are hoping to expand our age divisions in 1998 to include older players. This will be contingent upon our ability to access another gym next year.

Sports Rink also runs Travel Team Tournaments on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings. A different age group is run for each tournament. Each tournament has five teams. Each team plays the other four teams in a 20 minute game. The top two teams after round robin play go against each other a second time for the championship. Trophies are given to the first and second place teams.

Teams registered for tournaments this year come from clubs such as West Chester, Downingtown, Lionville, Swarthmore, Greater Chester Valley, Aston, Parkwood (Northeast Philadelphia) and Kirkwood (Delaware) among others.

With the successful debut of the Philadelphia Kixx (the new professional indoor team), indoor soccer should continue to grow in the area. Hopefully in 1998, Sports Rink will have access to a second gym and be able to offer indoor soccer to even more players.

Special thanks to Sneaky Pete's Discount Sneakers for increasing their line of indoor soccer shoes for young players the past two years to accommodate the players at Sports Rink.

ADULT WOMEN'S PROGRAM

The LMSC Moonlight Ladies finished their second fall season and are gearing up for the indoor season. With all the enthusiasm generated by this team, they decided to hire a coach to continue their development. Bill Charlton, a USSF 'A' licensed soccer coach and head coach for the Beaver College Men's team took over the coaching chores and works with the players each week at practice.

This fall, the team held practices on Monday evenings for the experienced players and on Thursday mornings for the novice players. Many players attended both practices during the season.

The team lined up numerous games during the year, against such clubs as Swarthmore, Treddyfrin, West Bradford and Northeast Philadelphia.

The highlight of the season came in mid-November when the Moonlight Ladies organized their own four team tournament, played at South Ardmore Park. The tournament was run by Karin Sturla, founder of the Moonlight Ladies team. With the help of Nancy Worby and Angela Keelan, the team labeled the tournament the First Annual "Help For The Homeless" Tournament where all the participants brought canned goods and other needed items for the homeless.

The tournament was won by Swarthmore who defeated the Moonlight Ladies in the championship game 2-1. Some players standing out for LMSC were Traci Brody and goalie Holly Brown, both of whom are head coaches in the LMSC Travel Team Program.

The team got their name from that fact that many of the players refuse to leave the practice field even when it becomes dark and then the only remaining light is from the moon.

The Moonlight Ladies extend an invitation to any other adult women who would like to join the team. No prior soccer experience is necessary, only an interest in learning to play the sport. Many of the current players had no soccer background before joining.

The Moonlight Ladies will continue to have practices during the winter (indoor) and play in a few indoor games. They are also planning to put together an indoor tournament in early January. The team looks forward to staying in good shape during the winter and then heading back outside in the spring.

1997 TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

One of the primary goals of our intramural program is to develop the top players for our highly prestigious Travel Team Program. This program is where the vast majority of our most talented players wind up playing. The Travel Team Program is essential for players who wish to compete at higher levels of play in the future (high school, college and beyond.)

Please remember that in 1997 our Fall Intramural Program will only be open to players born between 1984 and 1992. The only soccer that we will be providing to players born before 1984 is the Travel Team Program.

Tryouts for the fall season travel teams are held each spring, just before Memorial Day. We will send tryout notices to all people on our mailing list in our Spring Newsletter (early March). Boys teams will be formed for ages Under 9 (Aug. 1, 1988 - July 31, 1989 birth) up through Under 15 (Aug. 1, 1982 - July 31, 1983). Girls teams will be formed for Under 9 through Under 16. There will be 3-6 boys teams in each age group and 2-3 girls teams in each age group. The exact number of teams is dependent on the number of players attending tryouts and qualified coaches being identified for each team.

The primary season for the travel teams is in the fall, except for our older boys teams (U-15 and above) which compete in the Winter League, after their respective school seasons have finished.

Our U-8 Developmental Teams will again have tryouts in October. Next year's Under 8 teams will be open to children born between August 1, 1989 and July 31, 1990. There will again be a boys team and a girls team.

EQUIPMENT RECYCLING FOR INNER CITY SOCCER

Each year, LMSC makes a major contribution of soccer clothing and equipment to the Philadelphia P.A.L. Our contributions help them run youth soccer for over 200 youngsters. They are always in need of soccer shoes, shinguards and most of all, soccer balls which are given to the children to practice with on their own.

PLEASE save outgrown soccer items. We will have our annual collection drive in early June at the Lower Merion High School cafeteria during Travel Team Registration night. Information about this will be given out in our spring newsletter.

For more information about this program, please call our collection drive chairperson, Marilynne Rose at 664-5260.

INTRAMURAL REFEREE AWARD

In previous seasons, we have received numerous complaints about our intramural referees. During the past two seasons we have set up ways to ensure that the quality of the referees would improve. We felt that this was necessary to better ensure the safety of the players and also to help the players better understand the game.

Most of our referees are players in our Travel Team Program. Senior referees, those reffing games for players ages 7 and up must be a minimum of 13 years of age. Junior referees, those reffing games for 5 and 6 year old players must be a minimum of 11 years.

In 1995 we required all of our referees to attend our pre-season coaches meetings to better understand the rules and procedures for the divisions that they would be reffing. The referees are given a quiz at the end of the evening to see if they understand the rules and their responsibilities. Referees who do not pass the quiz are not given referee assignments.

In 1996, we initiated a referee evaluation program where our coaches were asked to rate the performance of the referee that they had each week. We received a lot of constructive feedback from this and passed it along to each referee. It also helped us to identify 4 or 5 referees who we felt were not qualified to referee.

While the quality of the referees has improved this year, we had a significant decrease in the number of referees. As a result, we did not have coverage for some of our intramural games.

Our biggest priority for 1997 will be to increase the quantity of referees without lowering the quality of referees. We NEED referees. If you know of boys or girls 11-20 years of age who would like to referee in the fall, please pass their name on to us. Some of our referees earned over \$400 this year.

We also instituted a new program where the referees who did the best job during the season would get recognized both in this newsletter and with end of season bonuses. Our top three senior referees were given \$60 bonuses. Six others were given \$30 bonuses for their work. We also honored the top Junior Referee.

The Outstanding Referee Award Winners for 1996 are:

Michael Day Paul Richards Zachary Carson

Honorable Mention went to the following referees:

Katy Heuisler Johanna Gelber Joel Wishkovsky
Greg Frattaroli Dan Erstad Jacob Guzman

Our Outstanding Junior Referee Award winner was Josh Allison. Congratulations to all of the above refs.

SOCCER COACHING COURSES

As mentioned several times, we are in big need of having MANY more people to coach in the intramural program. You do not need to have a significant background in soccer, many of our coaches have never played the game. We need people with an interest in working with children. Our program is run by volunteers and we need parent volunteers to continue making the program a success.

This spring, we again plan to offer the United States Soccer Federation's six night 'E' level coaching course. This course is recommended to those planning to coach in the 6 - 10 year old divisions. LMSC will pay the full cost of the course for any coach in our program.

Each course covers the following topics: Coaching Methodology, Team Management, Care and Prevention Of Injuries, Technique, Tactics and Laws Of The Game. The course is taught by a Staff Coach from our State Association.

Most all of our Travel Team coaches have completed the 'E' course or higher, many of our intramural coaches have also completed the course.

Information on the spring "E" level coaching course will be sent out to all current LMSC coaches at a later date. People who have not coached at LMSC but who would like information about the course should call our hotline.

U.S.S.F. REFEREE CERTIFICATION COURSE

Many people have expressed an interest in gaining certification to be a licensed referee. This certification enables people to do travel team games as well as other levels of play beyond intramurals. There is a great need for referees, the money that can be made is quite good. Many adults referee games to earn extra income, in addition to their regular job.

Referees must be at least 13 years of age. Some of the referees currently doing games are adults, some are teenagers.

The course will be held at Lower Merion High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM on the following dates:

Tuesday, April 1 Thursday, April 10
 Thursday, April 3 Tuesday, April 15
 Tuesday, April 8 Thursday, April 17

People attending the course will need to arrive promptly at 6:30 PM each night of the course.

The cost for the course is \$50, payable to EPSARC. This is a nonrefundable fee. Neither LMSC nor the associated leagues will not reimburse you for this. The money earned while reffing will quickly cover the cost.

This course is a first step in reffing. The Delco Chapter of EPSARC offers clinics, newsletters and mentors to help develop referees.

Anyone interested in this course should send their check, before March 1st to Dan Sutton, 401 Kent Road, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. For more information, call Dan at 664-4890. The registration will take place at the first night of the course. Fifteen applications are required for the course to be held.

STATE CUP HONOR ROLL

Each year our travel teams Under 11 and up are eligible to compete in both the Indoor and Outdoor State Cups. Last winter, we had three teams make it to at least the semifinals of the Indoor State Cups. The highlight came when our U-11 boys, the Derelicts won the Indoor State Championship. Their victory earned LMSC their seventh State Championship since 1989.

In 1990, the U-13 Gorillas won the Indoor and Outdoor State Cups in the same season. They are one of only nine teams in the state to ever accomplish that feat.

In the past eight seasons, LMSC has had 21 teams make it to the semifinals of State Cups, including the seven State Champions:

Year	Age group	Birth year	Team	Result
1996	U-11 boys	(84/85s)	Derelicts	indoor Champions
1996	U-13 girls	(82/83s)	Firebirds	indoor semifinals
1996	U-14 boys	(81/82s)	Sharks	indoor semifinals
1995	U-12 girls	(82/83s)	Firebirds	outdoor semifinals
1995	U-16 boys	(78/79s)	F.C. Joe	indoor Champions
1995	U-12 boys	(82/83s)	Lunatics	indoor semifinals
1995	U-13 boys	(81/82s)	Sharks	indoor semifinals
1994	U-11 boys	(82/83s)	Lunatics	outdoor Champions
1994	U-11 girls	(82/83s)	Firebirds	outdoor finalists
1994	U-11 boys	(82/83s)	Lunatics	indoor finalists
1994	U-11 girls	(82/83s)	Firebirds	indoor finalists
1993	U-17 boys	(75/76s)	Psychos	indoor Champions
1993	U-14 boys	(78/79s)	Dragons	indoor finalists
1993	U-12 boys	(80/81s)	Hurricanes	indoor semifinals
1992	U-11 boys	(80/81s)	Hurricanes	indoor finalists
1991	U-14 boys	(77 birth)	Gorillas	outdoor semifinals
1991	U-12 boys	(79 birth)	Dragons	indoor semifinals
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 semifinals

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

We'd like to congratulate the numerous LMSC alumni who played soccer in college this year. This impressive list is headed up by Will Kohler, captain of the Harvard University team and Ivy League Player of the Year. Last year, Will was 2nd team All American. Hopefully he will receive similar honors this year. Joining Will on the Harvard varsity were LMSC alum's T.J. Carella, Richard Wilmot and Jobey Hollinger.

Jon Conway was the starting goalie for nationally ranked Rutgers this year. This past summer, Jon was training with the Under 20 National Team. His former LMSC teammates include Josh Pincus (Cornell), Adrian Cox (Richmond), Nathan Laver (Lafayette) and Nick Harmelin (Johnson and Wales).

Other LMSC alumni include Jon Hanks who was captain at Lafayette College, Rufus Frazer at Swarthmore and Ben Park and Tulane.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Each of our intramural divisions is headed up by one volunteer who runs the program with guidance from the LMSC Directors. Their work helps to make the program a major success each fall. We would like to thank the following people who served as Division Commissioners this fall:

Boys Divisions

Majors	(1983-85 births)	Mary Beth Gehret
Seniors	(1986, 87 births)	Mary Beth Gehret
Inters.	(Advanced 88, 89s)	George Moore
Juniors	(Beginners 88,89s)	Brian Kunz
Bantams	(1990 births)	Steve Bloom
Atoms	(1991 births)	Jim Van Dusen

Girls Divisions

Cosmos	(1983-85 births)	Dan Sutton
Electrons	(1986, 87 births)	Dan Sutton
Protons	(1988, 89 births)	Nancy Worby
Microns	(1990 births)	Brad Bernstein
Neutrons	(1991 births)	Jim Van Dusen
Special Needs	(1985-1989)	Susan Reynolds

Thanks also to Michael Mark who did an excellent job helping Jim Van Dusen with the Atoms and Neutrons divisions. This was Mike's first season coaching in the program. His enthusiasm and love of working with kids was a great addition to the program. Mike played soccer for Lower Merion High School before playing at the collegiate level up on Long Island.

We are looking for Division Commissioners for 1997. Several Division Commissioners will not be returning since their children will be moving up to the Travel Team Program. Anyone who would be interested in serving as a Division Commissioner should let us know as soon as possible. Your help will be a big part in the success of the program and a big part in the happiness of the children. Please note that we will cancel any intramural division that does not have a Division Commissioner to run it.

A special thanks to Paul Geraghty, Jr. who has been our referee assignor the past three years. Paul will be moving off to college next year. We want to thank him for his excellent work and wish him the best of luck.

Taking over the job of referee assignor, starting with the Spring Intramural Program will be Suzie Grech, the starting goalie for the Shipley girls varsity. Many of you know that Suzie's older brother Dan was the referee assignor before Paul Geraghty. Dan is still very active in the program, he did all the initial field layouts and field lining as well as set up equipment during the month of August, before heading off to Princeton University.

Special thanks to the various members of our field crews, especially Field Crew Directors Tagg Boyle (all Gladwyne Fields), Mike Cleary (Penn Valley Elem.), Richard "Fuzzy" Zeller (Merion Elementary), Andy Herman (South Ardmore Playground) and Monika Sutton (Bala Cynwyd Playground). They did a great job all fall and their work is very much appreciated.

Special thanks also to Frank Leto for helping organize end of season trophies and publication of all of our newsletters. Special thanks to Bill Booth and his team of photographers for their excellent and courteous work doing team pictures and individual pictures.

Finally, thank you to all of the coaches who put in many hours this fall. Without you, there would be no program. Hopefully you enjoyed it as much as the players.

Sincerely,

The LMSC Directors:

Bruno Ceccarelli, President, Girls Travel Director
Joe Hopkins, Vice President, Boys Travel Director
Biff Sturla, Vice President, Intramural Director
Allan Greaves, Associate Director
Nancy Worby, Associate Director