



FC BERNA-LEGACY Newsletter

FALL 2023

2023/24 FC Berna Board of Trustees:

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Are YOU interested in becoming a Board member?

Parents who are interested in shaping the direction of the club are encouraged to apply to join the volunteer Board of Trustees. We welcome professionals with all backgrounds, including IT, accounting, finance, administration, law and insurance.

Contact president@fcberna.com to learn more.

FC Berna-Legacy Sponsorship Opportunities

Did vou know...

FC Berna is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization? Each year FC Berna awards \$25,000-30,000 in financial aid to players with demonstrated need. The club relies on donations to provide financial aid, fund our PEC soccer program for children with special needs, provide scholarships to graduating high school players, purchase new equipment and general needs of the club.

We offer various levels of small business and corporate sponsorship opportunities.

Please visit the PARTNERSHIPS section on our website at http://www.fcberna.com/ or contact president@fcberna.com for more information.

Legacy Premier Program Directors

Legacy Premier Director, Girls Director of Coaching: Jim Buchanan, Jim@legacypremiersoccer.com

Legacy Boys Director of Coaching:

Darren Shimwell, <u>Darren@legacypremiersoccer.com</u>

Legacy Development Program Director:

Mark Dutton, Totalsoccerdirector@fcberna.com

Legacy Premier Zonal Directors:

- Zone 1 U7-U10 Girls, Dave Byrne DaveB@maestrosoccer.com
- Zone 2 U11-U14 Girls, Jim Buchanan <u>Jim@legacypremiersoccer.com</u>
- Zone 1 U7-U10 Boys, Mike Marks mike@maestrosoccer.com
- Zone 2 U11-U14 Boys, Matt Beaglehole Matthew@maestrosoccer.com

Legacy Development & PEC Coaches

Mark Dutton Alistair Foale Davis O'Neill Walter Castillo

2023/24 Legacy Premier Teams & Coaches

2015 Boys Black - Mike Marks

2015 Boys White - Mike Luke

2014 Boys Black - Luke Valerio

2014 Boys White - Mike Luke

2013 Boys Black - Andres Henao

2013 Boys Gold - Matt Beaglehole

2013 Boys White - Alistair Foale

2012 Boys Black - Andres Henao

2012 Boys White - Mario Sanchez

2011 Boys Black - Darren Shimwell

2011 Boys Gold - Jon Warner

2010 Boys Black - Mario Sanchez

2010/11 Boys White - Alistair Foale

2009 Boys Black - Mike Marks

2015 Girls Black - Jon Warner

2015 Girls White - Jon Warner

2014 Girls Black - Dave Byrne

2014 Girls White - Mark Dutton

2013 Girls Black - Dave Byrne

2013 Girls White - Mike Luke

2012 Girls Black - Dave Byrne

2012 Girls White-Matt Beaglehole

2011 Girls Black - Dave Byrne

2011 Girls Gold - Mark Dutton

2010 Girls Black - Dave Purcell

2010 Girls Gold - Dave Purcell

2010/11 Girls White- Mark Dutton

2009 Girls Black - Jim Buchanan



FC BERNA-LEGACY PROGRAMS:

FC Berna-Legacy Programs & Tiers of Play

- Legacy Development Program
- PEC Program
- Legacy Futures
- Legacy Premier White
- Legacy Premier Gold
- Legacy Premier Black

Legacy Development Program

For players ages U5-U12, 8-week sessions designed for development and fun at all skill levels.

PEC Program

(Parents For Exceptional Children)

Designed for players with special needs to learn the game and have fun.

Legacy Futures

For players U7-U8, more competitive than LDP and designed as a transition into our Legacy Premier travel teams.

For more information: <u>Legacy Futures</u>

Legacy Premier White, Gold, Black

For players U9-U19, Our most competitive program requiring a yearround commitment and travel/tournament participation.

For more information: Legacy Premier

For more information: <u>Legacy Development</u>

For more information: <u>PEC Program</u>

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT ... PEC SOCCER



What is the PEC soccer program?

PEC is an 8-week soccer program for children with special needs. Players learn about soccer, have fun and get exercise. PEC is staffed by Legacy coaches and player volunteers from within FC Berna-Legacy. The program takes place in both the fall and spring and there is no charge. Program director Mark Dutton reflects on the success of this long-running club program below:

"I want to start by saying a huge THANK YOU to everyone associated with our PEC soccer program. This season more than ever we rely on our volunteers, and the Legacy players have stepped up to the plate in droves. We use a buddy system so parents can take a break for just an hour of their day. In past years we've struggled to have 1 buddy per player, however this year players have 1 to 3 buddies EACH! This has allowed us to maximize the quality and safety of the program. Our training sessions are FUN, and the energy level and smiles are priceless. I always say this but it's true – PEC special needs soccer class is the best end to my week. We greatly appreciate all our volunteers.

Go Legacy!"

- Coach Mark







TOURNAMENT SUCCESS!

STA Kick-Off Classic

2011 Girls Black **Tournament Champions** 2010 Girls Black **Tournament Finalists**





Congratulations to the recipient of the 2023 Kimzey Memorial Scholarship Erin Belmont

Erin has been a player with FC Berna-Legacy for 12 seasons. As the recipient of this award, Erin received a

\$500 scholarship check. Wishing her the best of luck at Xavier University!

Congratulations to 2-time NJ Gatorade Player of the Year Melina Rebimbas

As part of the award, Gatorade donated \$1,000 to the charity/organization of her choice. Melina chose FC Berna's PEC program, where she has been a volunteer mentor. Wishing her the best of luck at the University



CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS!

- ✓ Did you know FC Berna offers volunteer opportunities that are approved towards your required community service hours?
- ✓ Did you know FC Berna is an approved provider for Option II?
- ✓ Did you know FC Berna offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors? The Kimzey Memorial Scholarship application is available on our website at www.fcberna.com.

DON'T FORGET!

- Spirit wear and cold weather gear are available for purchase in our team store at soccer.com
- Check out the FAQ section or locate our list of contacts on the FC Berna website: www.fcberna.com
- ✓ Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

