



FC BERNA-LEGACY NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2024



Check out our winter newsletter for a recap of the fall and winter seasons and learn what's happening this spring at FC Berna-Legacy!

LATEST NEWS

SPRING & SUMMER REGISTRATIONS

- Legacy Development spring session starting 3/22/24. Register [HERE](#).
- PEC Soccer special needs spring session, starting 3/22/24. Register [HERE](#).
- Summer Camps, Register [HERE](#).

LEGACY PREMIER 2024/25 TEAM TRYOUTS

- Tryout information, including dates and registration is now available. ALL PLAYERS, both new and returning, must create an account and register in advance. There is no cost to register.
- Legacy Premier 2024/25 Team Tryout Information & Registration [HERE](#).

FC BERNA-LEGACY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Our gratitude and appreciation go out to retiring board member **Paul Silva** for his years of service. Paul has been a key figure in guiding the direction of the club, especially during the time he served as the President of the Board of Trustees. We wish Paul and his family all the best!
- Welcome the newest members to our board:
Shari Brower Di Piazza
Maureen Maguire

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

BERNA CARES

Throughout the year FC Berna-Legacy engages in various forms of community outreach, from fundraising to participation in community events. Read below about our fall and winter community interactions.

The Food Bank Network of Somerset County

FC Berna-Legacy was a Gold Level sponsor of the Food Bank's Somerset Harvest Fundraiser Dinner in November. Our very own **Dave Byrne** is a regular volunteer at the Food Bank and represented the club at the event. Dave coaches a number of our Legacy Premier girls teams and is also the U7-U10G zonal director. Find out more about the Food Bank Network of Somerset County [HERE](#).



EDP SOCCER ANNOUNCES 2024 PROMISING YOUNG COACHES

Congratulations to Legacy coach **Jon Warner** for being recognized by EDP soccer as one this year's 30 most promising young coaches. Jon was selected for his hard work, dedication and ability to develop players and teams. Jon coaches several of our Legacy Girls and Boys teams.

Read the full article [HERE](#).



Somerset County Environmental Education Center

FC Berna-Legacy once again sponsored a decorated "Berna Cares" tree at the EEC's Annual [Festival of Trees](#). This year EEC saw its highest turnout ever. Over 2000 visitors attended the event to enjoy viewing 50 trees sponsored and decorated by various community organizations.



FALL & WINTER TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS



**Legacy 2013B Black
wins
2023 Presidents State Cup!**



Our Legacy 2013 Boys were recently honored at the MNJYSA annual awards dinner for winning the 2023 Presidents State championship. Many players on this team started playing together in our Legacy Development when they were four years old!



**2005/06B
Black**

Silver medalists

EDP Winter Classic



**2010G
vs.
parents and siblings**

Raising money for the Raritan Food Pantry!

Several of our Legacy teams took home hardware at the fall Full360 Columbus Cup.



2010B Black



2011G Gold



2013B Black

Not pictured,
2014B



2013B Gold

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT ... LEGACY DEVELOPMENT

What is the LEGACY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM?

Our long-running Legacy Development Program (commonly known as LDP) is our local recreational program for players aged U5-U12, designed for development and fun at all skill levels and for players who want to improve their skills with a lower commitment level. 8-week sessions run throughout the year to give young players the opportunity to develop. It focuses on creating confident and skilled players who can feel ready to make the jump to the next level if they choose.

For players U5-U8:

The program is designed to introduce the game of soccer in a fun and safe environment. Our professional coaches guide players through skills practice and 5 v 5 games. Legacy Development can help to prepare those players who want to advance to our Legacy Premier program.

For players U9-U12:

The program offers the opportunity to play recreational soccer in a lower commitment environment than Legacy Premier. Coaches or the Director of Coaching may recommend players who show skill and commitment to consider Legacy Premier as a better way to develop their skills.

Program Director Mark Dutton has transformed our grass roots program in many ways, and reflects below: "I first came to FC Berna-Legacy with a clear goal of making every child's first soccer experience something very special. I set clear goals I wanted to achieve: to give players who need the most help an experienced and qualified coaching staff, a low player: coach ratio to maximize player development, the best fields to play on and a quality uniform jersey like our top players wear. We use player rotation at all positions so every child can score, assist or stop a goal. We create a clear pathway to our Legacy Futures program and our Legacy Premier teams. Our coaching staff and players look forward to each and every session and there enthusiasm shines through. I cannot wait for the 2024 spring session to get under way as also we thank you all for your support."

To learn more about Legacy Development, please visit the program page on our website [HERE](#).



SPRING INFORMATION

SPRING TOURNAMENT ACTION

Our Legacy Premier teams are going to have a busy spring! We'll have teams participating in the following tournaments:

- DTS Winter Invitational
- Union County Kick Off
- Steel St. Patrick's Day Cup
- Baltimore Mania
- EDP Easter Showcase
- PDA Spring Kick Off
- USYS Regional Showcase
- YMS EPIC
- Steel Bloomsburg Showcase
- EDP Spring Cup Showcase
- Jersey Shore Champions Cup
- Legacy Summer Blast Off

Best of luck to all of our Legacy teams this spring!



KIMZEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year through the generosity of the Kimzey family and contributions from our supporters, FC Berna-Legacy offers two \$500.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who will be attending formal post-high school education. Applicants must have participated in any FC Berna-Legacy soccer programs for at least 4 full seasons.

The scholarships are given in memory of Jack Kimzey, who was an avid soccer player and a member of our parent Somerset Hills Soccer Club for several years.

Full scholarship criteria and application can be found [HERE](#).

Applications are due by April 30, 2024



HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS!

Did you know FC Berna offers volunteer opportunities that are approved towards your required community service hours? For more information, contact our club coordinator [HERE](#).



FC BERNA-LEGACY SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit wear items are available for purchase in our team store at soccer.com

FC BERNA-LEGACY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 and also to fund our PEC soccer program for children with special needs, provide scholarships to graduating high school players, purchase new equipment and for general needs of the club.

We offer various levels of small business and corporate sponsorship opportunities. Please visit the [PARTNERSHIPS](#) section on our website or contact president@fcberna.com for more information.

FC BERNA-LEGACY PROGRAMS

Legacy Development

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

For more information:
[Legacy Development](#)

PEC Program

(Parents For Exceptional Children)

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

For more information:
[PEC Program](#)

Legacy Futures

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

For more information:
[Legacy Futures](#)

Legacy Premier

White, Gold, Black

For players U9-U19, our most competitive program, requires a year-round commitment and travel/tournament participation.

For more information:
[Legacy Premier](#)

FC BERNA-LEGACY CLUB DIRECTORY

FC Berna-Legacy Board of Trustees:

Greg Richter	President
Liz Brown	Vice President
Dotun Adejuyigbe	Treasurer
Sarah Chamberlain	Secretary
Jeff Zaun	Member
Cheryl Thorpe	Member
Jim Pickett	Member
Seth Morgan	Member
Shari Brower Di Piazza	Member
Maureen Maguire	Member

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.

Legacy Premier Program Directors

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

Legacy Boys Director of Coaching:
Darren Shimwell, Darren@legacypremiersoccer.com

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
Jim@legacypremiersoccer.com
- Zone 1 U7-U10 Boys, Mike Marks
mike@maestrosoccer.com
- Zone 2 U11-U14 Boys, Matt Beaglehole
Matthew@maestrosoccer.com

2023/24

Legacy Premier Teams & Coaches

Boys	Girls
2015 Black - Mike Marks	2015 Black - Jon Warner
2015 White - Mike Luke	2015 White - Jon Warner
2014 Black - Luke Valerio	2014 Black - Dave Byrne
2014 White - Mike Luke	2014 White - Mark Dutton
2013 Black - Andres Henao	2013 Black - Dave Byrne
2013 Gold - Matt Beaglehole	2013 White - Mike Luke
2013 White - Alistair Foale	2012 Black - Dave Byrne
2012 Black - Andres Henao	2012 White - Matt Beaglehole
2012 White - Mario Sanchez	2011 Black - Dave Byrne
2011 Black - Darren Shimwell	2011 Gold - Mark Dutton
2011 Gold - Jon Warner	2010 Black - Dave Purcell
2010 Black - Mario Sanchez	2010 Gold - Dave Purcell
2010/11 White - Alistair Foale	2010/11 White - Mark Dutton
2009 Black - Mike Marks	2009 Black - Jim Buchanan

Legacy Development & PEC Coaches

Mark Dutton
Alistair Foale
Davis O'Neill
Walter Castillo