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## ***Nordic News***

***To: Coaches, Players, and Parents of Nordic Soccer Club.***

Welcome to the January 2009 **Nordic News** and Happy New Year to all our parents and players. Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday and we are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead both on and off the field. This month's Nordic News has information on all of our teams and their successes during the first session of indoor league play as well as the year ahead and some of the exciting club events that we have planned.

### **Nordic Soccer Center (NSC)**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> session of league games is under way at the Nordic Soccer Center. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> session is always a tough session for dates due to CVE events, so please take time to look at the schedule for league game dates. The Nordic calendar <http://www.nordicsoccer.org/html/calendar.shtml> is as good a tool as any to figure out what dates we are open/closed for 7v7 league games as well as Nordic team practices and pool training. During session 2, NSC will be closed from Thursday 1/8 until Monday 1/19.

### **Nordic Social Calendar**

Add the following dates and events to your calendar as we are in full swing for some fun social events for both our players and parents.

### **Nordic Ski Day at Smuggs – Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>**

This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> Ski Day and this year we return to Smugglers Notch for a day on the slopes. This is a fun, social occasion and a great opportunity for Nordic families to get together away from the soccer field and enjoy a day at one of Vermont's finest ski resorts. Nordic members will receive discounted rates (\$39 for Adults & \$32 for youth) on day lift passes. No need to pre-book! Just show up on the day and meet us in the Madonna Mountain Base Lodge between 9am to 11am to purchase your discounted lift passes and then enjoy a day's skiing with your Nordic team mates.

### **Casino Night- Friday April 3rd.**

This is the first of our two social fundraisers with all monies raised going towards the **Nordic Scholarship Fund**. This year's event will be held on Friday April 3rd at the Elks Club on North Avenue in Burlington. Last year's was a huge success (despite a snow storm) with over 100 people enjoying a night of Blackjack, Craps, Wheel of Fortune and other fun games. This year's location will allow for more people and will include a buffet style dinner and Silent Auction. More information will follow through the Nordic website and/or your team rep.

### **Nordic Golf Tournament- Monday July 27<sup>th</sup>**

This is the second of our two social fundraisers, again with all monies raised going towards the **Nordic Scholarship Fund**. This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and will be held at the highly renowned **Vermont National Golf Club** with a 7.30am(!!!!) shotgun start. Cost will be \$125 per player or \$500 per team of four. Enjoy a great day at one of Vermont's finest courses with your Nordic friends.



**Nordic is looking for players on the following teams:**

13 Boys Club  
14 Boys Club  
18 Boys Club

**Players in the News**

The Burlington Free Press named its Annual High School All State teams with Nordic players again taking many accolades. The following Nordic players gained honors:

**Burlington Free Press Boys All-State 1<sup>st</sup> Team**

David Ramada Essex HS  
Adam Hart Green Mountain Valley  
Tommy Gingras Milton HS

**Burlington Free Press Boys All-State 2nd Team**

Seth Rebeor BFA Fairfax  
Eric Mackey Harwood  
Ross Gruber Middlebury

**Burlington Free Press Girls All-State 1<sup>st</sup> Team**

Mimi Eckenstein South Burlington HS  
Haleigh Gill South Burlington HS  
Natalie LeClair Essex HS

**Burlington Free Press Girls All-State 2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

Janelle McCann Burlington HS  
Kirsten Bombardier Colchester HS  
Caitlin Nedde Colchester HS  
Asia Sienko CVU  
Michelle Finan MMU  
Ricci Celia Essex HS

18 Premier Girls **Natalie LeClair** was also selected as the NSCAA All American and all New England. **Mimi Eckenstein** was also selected for the NSCAA All New England team.

Nordic U15 Premier Girl's player **Lauren Bernard** attended Region 1 Olympic Development Program (ODP) training in Buffalo NY from December 26th to December 29th. The three days included field training with Region 1 coaches, classroom and teambuilding exercises and matches against older Canadian teams. This is Lauren's third year as a Pool player in the ODP program.

In addition to attending the training in Buffalo during the Christmas break, Lauren was invited and participated in the Inter-Regional Event held in Coral Springs, FL from November 22nd to November 29th. At the Inter-Regional Event teams from each of the four ODP Regions play matches against each other.

Congratulations to former Nordic coach **Gregg Olson** and his wife **Sarah**, who are expecting their first child. The Olsen's moved to California last year, where Gregg is the Men's Assistant Soccer Coach at Stanford.

Nordic teams dominated session 1 7v7 leagues with 10 teams claiming championships and a further 3 teams as finalists. Nordic 10Girls, 12 Premier Girls, 13 Premier Girls White and Green (Co-Champs), 14 Premier Girls, 15 Premier Girls, 10 Boys Black, 12 Premier Boys, 13 Premier Boys, 15 Boys Club and 17 Premier Boys all claimed titles with 16 Premier Girls, 11 Premier Boys and 15 Premier Boys finishing as runners up.

