



FC BERNA

Quarterly Newsletter



August 2019



Spotlight...a word from Club President Paul Silva:

Please take a moment to read through our newsletter as we reflect on the past great season and look forward to the new season. We celebrate the over 1,100 players that participated across 15 various programs this past year, by looking at some highlights. We welcome your feedback and below you will see some of the changes we are taking to continually improve our club and programs. For those that have been with us for years, THANK YOU for your continual support and for those that just joined us, WELCOME to the FC Berna family. As a non-profit, community minded club, the backbone of our club is our tremendous volunteers, so please take a moment to consider volunteering. See you on the pitch!

2018/19 Highlights:

- **FC Berna Summer Blast Off Tournament** - For the first time in Club history, FC Berna sponsored our own outdoor tournament, in collaboration with F360. The first annual Summer Blast Off Tournament hosted 45 teams across all age groups, all on our local fields. It was a huge success!
- **Legacy Futures for 5-7 year olds** – FC Berna launched our Legacy Futures program last season to offer additional exposure for our youngest players, in addition to our long-running Total Soccer program.
- **PEC Program** – Our FC Berna special needs PEC Program was extended from 5 weeks to 8 weeks to include more fun throughout the season!
- **FC Berna Picture Day** – FC Berna Travel sponsored our first Picture Day for all Travel teams.
- **Berna Cares** - As part of our ongoing philanthropic efforts, FC Berna sponsored the Purple Laces Fundraiser, Soccer Gear 4 Kids Drive and Operation Backpack Fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

Legacy 04 Girls Black crowned NJYS Presidents Cup State Champions



Notable Mentions

FC Berna players escort NY Red Bulls players onto the field at our annual NY Red Bulls outing



FC Berna 06 Boys Blue win Highlands Cup Tournament



2019/20 Season - What's new?

- **Updated branding** – New uniform kits, new color schemes and distinguishing features for each of our programs: Legacy Premier, Berna Travel, and Berna Recreation (includes our PEC, Total Soccer and Recreation programs). Take a look!



- **New turf** – Bernardsville Middle School turf field offers us a new and alternative venue.



- **Fall Finale Tournament** – Thanks to the success of our FC Berna Summer Blast Off Tournament, we are launching a fall tournament this November. Watch for additional updates!
- **Continued focus on player safety** – Expanding access to concussion baseline testing for more players than ever before, starting with our Travel and Legacy players.
- **Quarterly Newsletters** – Offering the opportunity to communicate new information and exciting Club and Program updates.

People Updates:



Boys Director of Coaching for Legacy – Welcome **Sean Sweeney** to the Legacy team! Sean will direct recruitment and development of our Legacy boys teams.



College Recruitment Coordinator for Legacy – Welcome **Tom Worthington** to the Legacy team! Tom will be assisting our players in using the College Fit Finder platform and general college recruitment.



Director for Berna Travel and Total Soccer – Congratulations to **Mark Dutton** on his expanded role as Director for both programs!

FC Berna would like to thank **Noreen Capo** for her many years of service as the administrator of the Total Soccer and Recreation programs.
We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

FC Berna has the following opportunities available:

Want to
get
involved?



- **Volunteer Team Manager & Assistant Coach** for Berna Travel teams.
- **Member, Board of Trustees** – 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.
- **Referees** for All level of recreation and competitive soccer in the area. Great part time job for young adults as well.

Important Reminders!

There is still time -
sign up for
FC Berna and Legacy
summer camps!
See website for more details.

Stay sharp over the summer!
Check out
70+ skills videos
on our FC Berna website
to learn and practice
various skills.

Don't forget to order your
uniform for the 2019/20 season!
Summer is peak demand, be sure
to order in time for the start of
the fall season!

Questions?

- Check out the FAQ section or locate our list of contacts on the FC Berna website at:
www.fcberna.com



Up next ... the 2019/20 Soccer Season!

