

Dear Niel,

I just wanted to say congratulations on winning the US Youth Soccer Southern Region III Championship! I'm so proud to hear from Barry Bynum that you won the Fair Play award too. My understanding is that Coach Dom's award, as our 2009 Coach of the Year, was shared with your team and their parents, too!

Good luck and safe travel to the US Youth Soccer National Championships in Lancaster, Mass. It will certainly be my pleasure to cheer for your team in Massachusetts! I know that I am excited, and I cannot begin to imagine how ecstatic your team, players, coaches, trainers, parents, club, and the community must feel.

Bob Brantley, SCYSA Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

That says it all. The above quote was taken from an email we received from a member of the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors.

For those of you who have missed last week's news, Discoveries Soccer Club has experienced its finest hour. The 90 Green team coached by Dom Wren, won the US Youth Soccer Southern Region III Championship and this is the first time in several years that a team from South Carolina has advanced to the US Youth Soccer National Championships.

Discoveries Soccer Club's proudest moment was when the 90 Green team was bestowed the "Fair Play Award". The "Fair Play Award" is presented by Region III officials to the team, coaches, parents, trainers, club and community for outstanding behavior and sportsmanship on and off the field.

To top things off, Steve Ballentine, President of South Carolina Youth Soccer Association announced that Dom Wren had been named the "2009 SCYSA Coach of the Year". Coach Wren will be presented the award at the Annual President's Meeting August 1, 2009. This is the best June Discoveries Soccer Club has ever experienced.

Now as Discoveries Soccer Club prepares to send the 90 Green team to the National Championship in Lancaster, Ma, on July 21, 2009, the Discoveries Soccer Club Board of Directors is asking that each Discoveries family make a contribution to the Club to help offset the expenses of the traveling team. Fund raising projects need time to plan and there is little time, but the boys need meal money, to purchase airline tickets, and make hotel accommodations now.

Please be reminded that Discoveries Soccer Club is a 501 (c) (3) corporation and any monies donated will be considered a tax deduction much like a donation to any non profit organization. If each family would contribute \$25, it would mean an extra \$5000 towards our scholarship fund and the expenses for the 90 Green team's trip to Lancaster, Ma and the US Youth Soccer National Championship.

The Discoveries Soccer Club Board knows that in these economic times some of you may not be able to give as much as you would like, but please know any amount will be greatly appreciated. The Board will not divulge the amounts, only the names of donors. Our goal is not to be measured in dollars but by participation only and we encourage everyone to rejoice in the moment.

Please make your checks payable to Discoveries Soccer Club and write 90 Green Team in the memo section. Mail your check to Treasurer Clarence Mundy at 1355 Ebinport Rd, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

This is a special occasion and we have never asked that our membership help provide for the expense of another team, but we have never had a Region III Champion in our Club. Please join the Board of Discoveries Soccer Club and help make this trip a realization of a dream come true.

Sincerely,

Niel Welborn
President
Discoveries Soccer Club