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## Arlington Travel Soccer Club

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## From the President

The spring 2007 season brought rewards to the Arlington Travel Soccer Club both on and off the field. On the field in league play the club produced an eye-popping seven division winners: the U13 Boys Earthquakes, the U13 Boys Generals, the U14 Girls Express, the U15 Girls Impact '91, the U15 Boys Fusion, the U17 Girls Blue Demons, and of special note the U14 Boys Venom, who earned the NCSL division 1 championship. You'll hear much more about these and other accomplishments elsewhere, but I want to remark on one of these teams in particular, the Fusion. Their division championship – their second consecutive division championship – is a great illustration of a team that did things the

right way. In the younger age groups the Fusion struggled at times to get results, but rather than chase wins they stayed focused on player development and now they are

charging through the tables. Well done Fusion!

In addition to the club's success in league play, our teams excelled in tournament play as well. and again particular note, congratulations to the U14 Boys Venom, the U14 Girls Express, and the U15 Boys Legend who kept the championships in their flights at the Arlington Spring Invitational Soccer Tournament in the county!

The success of our tournament highlights what I believe to be the biggest area of off-field accomplishment for the club this year, and that area is the creation of programs and services for our players outside of the team-focused environment. In addition to the tournament, which is destined to become a 'must play' for teams from the area and beyond, the club is also offering other services: technical training for younger players, functional training for our older players, advice and support to our oldest players with ambitions to play in college, summer and winter training opportunities, a residential summer camp, and more.

The Board of Directors is working hard to keep up with the fast-paced world of youth soccer.

Our goal continues to be to match the rapidly increasing technical quality of our program with an infrastructure capable of supporting our vision of the future.

As always ATSC would like to express its sincere thanks to the Arlington County Sports Office for the invaluable support that they give us. We have top quality fields, support for our tournament, helpful staff, and more.

Finally, I'd like to close with appeal to all of the members of the ATSC to consider what they can do to help the club reach its goals. I've highlighted above some of the results of club, but we should never lose sight of the fact that 'the club' is really us—the parents. I'd like everyone to consider what they can do next year for the club to help the club continue to grow and thrive.

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# News Briefs

## STAR Course in Arlington

Many of you are familiar with the Special Team Assistant Referees (STAR) program. Due to a scarcity of referees, the leagues have implemented a program that requires the U12 – U14 teams to have parents who are licensed referees work as assistant referees (“linesmen”) during their matches. STARs must recertify each year. Often this means a long drive at an inconvenient time to a certification course. This year, however, our NCSL rep, Diana Greenhalgh, has arranged for a STAR certification course to be taught here in Arlington at the Walter Reed Center on August 18th. Stay tuned for details, and good work Diana!

## Rising U14 Intensity Red Donates \$700

ATSC would like to thank the families and coaches from the Intensity Red for their generous donation to the Klurfeld Travel Soccer Scholarship Fund. The team had a scholarship drive and was able to raise \$700 to donate to the Klurfeld fund. The Intensity Red is coached by Gayle Wilson and finished 4th in WAGS Division 3. Thanks so much for your commitment to ATSC and the Klurfeld Fund.

## Sweaty Soccer 2007

July 10-12, July 17-19, July 24-26, July 31-Aug 2

5:30-8:30 Virginia Highlands, except on July 10, 11 (Gunston 5:30-8:00) and July 12 (Gunston 5:00-7:30)

Tuesday U15 and up 5:30-6:30 Girls, 6:30-7:30 Scrimmage Boys & Girls, 7:30-8:30 Boys

Wednesday U12-U14 5:30-6:30 Girls, 6:30-7:30 Scrimmage Boys & Girls, 7:30-8:30 Boys

Thursday U9-U11 5:30-6:30 Girls, 6:30-7:30 Scrimmage Boys & Girls, 7:30-8:30 Boys

On July 10, 11 and 12 at Gunston the sessions will be 30 minutes shorter. Each segment will be shortened by 15 minutes.



# ATSC News

## Club Council Meeting

The semi-annual Club council meeting will be held on August 21, 2007 at Yorktown HS Room 1B. Yorktown High School is located at 5210 North 28th Street. The Council, composed of each team's coach and manager, meets twice a year to review the Club's activities and prepare for the upcoming season. Major changes in policy must come before this body for ratification. It is also an opportunity for representatives from our teams to hear league reports, ask questions and become better informed about the Club's direction. Please be sure your team is represented at the meeting.



# Director of Coaching Update

## ATSC Residential Camp Summer 2007

The Arlington Travel Soccer Club and Kevin Long Soccer Academy have joined together to offer our very first team residential camp at Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ the week of 7/29-8/3. This is the first time ATSC has offered a residential camp and the Club is very excited about the opportunity to work with Kevin Long, Head Women's Coach at Rider.

The idea for the camp came from the fact the majority of the camps offered around the country are developed for the individual player. Players at the ATSC/KLSA camp will get that individual training, but the team will also have the advantage of applying those new techniques to the team's style of play. The coaches for the teams attending the camp will play a significant role in determining the curriculum so the instructors are focusing on team needs to prepare for the fall season. This is a unique soccer camp and will be used to advance a team and its players.

The players will enjoy a University that has an enormous amount of experience hosting large groups of players and teams. Rider U. has been the host of the USYSA Region I ODP Tournament and ID Camp for the past several years. The facilities have everything youth players need to improve their level of play including 9 full-size grass fields. The camp will also offer a swimming pool, full-time trainer, top dining

facility, first aid and a secure campus environment. There will be no bussing off the premises. Everything is within a 5 minute walk.

The staff will consist of professional ATSC, local Club and College coaches. The ratio of player to coach will be about 8:1, which you won't find at many other large camps. The focus is on the player and team development while offering the team a unique team-building experience.

I hope that this can grow into a program we offer all of the teams in the Club every summer. It is a great way to get away with your teammates and use the camp to improve the level of play of the entire team.

I look forward to working with our players and the staff for the camp! See you there.

Sincerely,

*Grant Smith*  
*Director of Coaching*  
*ATSC*



# Season Wrap-up

## Arlington Fusion

The Spring 2007 season capped off a fantastic year for Arlington Fusion. With the Fall came a win of Division 6 with a record of 8-1-0 and the Spring season gave us an undefeated season in league play, 7-0-2 at the top of Division 5. The 2 seasons combined gave us a goal differential of 50 goals for and only 12 against. Our success in NCSL was augmented with winning the Calverton Columbus Day Challenge & MCSA Fall Classic in November. The boys also showed well at the Arlington Invitational Tournament in March even when our competition consisted of all higher division teams.



Our combined record from the 2 seasons, including tournaments, was an overall 22-3-8.

The Fusion also had many members playing for their high school teams. There was plenty of friendly rivalry between the boys as they trained together for club and competed against each other for High School.

We're extremely excited for this summer and have begun to prepare ourselves for the challenges that Division 4 will bring.

## Arlington Impact



The Impact '91 wrapped up a successful Spring 2007 season as ODSL's U15G Division 1 champions with 17 points and a 5-1-2 record. The Impact, coached by Walid Amer, unseated Fall 2006 Division 1 champion LOUD Fury, finishing a point behind the Impact, with a 5-2-1 record. The Impact, comprised of all Arlington players, recorded three shutouts in the Spring season over Division 1 rivals. The team advanced to Division 1 this season after finishing Fall 2006 as ODSL U15 Division 2 runner up.

## U10 Girls

The U10 Girls Academy had a very strong spring season. Dynamo Arlington won promotion into Division 1 of ODSL where they captured a 3rd place finish. They also secured their second trophy in four U10 tries when they were edged out in overtime of the final of the PWSI Icebreaker. Dynamo move forward into U11 without their fearless leader, Coach Ann, but do warmly welcome Coaches Phil and Nikki. Juventus of Arlington started their exciting exciting season by capturing the signature of Coach Heidi who joined over the winter. Juve put on a convincing

display at the ASIST against some of the area's Elite teams and then played a WAGS season that featured a 3 game winning / shutout streak. Ajax of Arlington collected semifinalist positions at the ASIST and at the Virginian, where they were undefeated in the Gold division before falling in the 8th round of penalty kicks. Ajax also performed well in WAGS, scoring 39 goals in 9 matches. The highlight of their season saw Coaches Chris and Meghan take them to the prestigious Jefferson Cup, where after beating McLean, they were held from the semifinals by the slimmest of margins against the home side. Congratulations to all the players and good luck at U11!

## Arlington Blue Demons

The ARL Blue Demons, WAGS U17 team finished their season with an undefeated record for the Spring Season and placed first in their division. The Blue Demons had to win their last game to stay in first position and easily beat their opponents by a score of 3 to 1. Congratulations to the team and their new coach, John Westgate.

# Season Wrap-up

## U13B Generals Division 4 Champs



The U13 boys Arlington Generals, with a dramatic come-from-behind victory last Sunday, clinched the NCSL Division 4 championship, and will advance to Division 3 in the fall. Trailing TSC Red 1-0 late in the game, Jack Beckman scored the tying goal off a free kick by Ben van der Horst. With only minutes left, Carlos Sanchez put in the game-winner, off an assist by Jaras Chaimuangchuen. The Generals finished the season with a 7-2-0 record, leading the division in both goals scored and fewest goals allowed. The Generals are coached by Keith Moser.

## Arlington Express

The U-14G Arlington Express won their third championship of Spring 2007 by winning the U-14G Competitive Division of the Mid-Atlantic



Cup 2007 at the Maryland SoccerPlex. The Express also won the Classic Division at the Arlington Spring Invitational and won the Old Dominion Soccer League (ODSL) Division 1 championship. A big congratulations to all players who played for the Express this season: Alika Johnston, Katja Butts, Vasthy Delgado, Carrie Dawkins, Karen Sible, Molly Ramey, Molly McGovern, Lindsey Treweek, Courtney Herbolsheimer, Carol Balshaw, Courtney Taylor, Iliana Molina, Hayes O'Connor, Claire Bruno, Clare Terpstra, Alejandra Espinoza, Madeleine Greenfield, Gabriella Hafner, Mandy Munsch, and Camille Darling. The Express is coached by Shomit Mukherjee and Nick Brock and managed by Andrew Balshaw.

## Arlington Venom Division 1 Champs

The Arlington Venom racked up six straight wins this spring and quickly moved into first place of U14 Division One. The Venom's consistent ball control produced wins against strong challenges,

especially from the Dragons and TSC Ajax, and a scoring surge by MCSA Gold Tigers. A win over the always dangerous Arlington Premier capped this streak. The Venom won a hard-fought game against the SYA Lions 3-2. A first place finish in Division One was assured when the Great Falls Blue fell to the MSC Dragons, nullifying the Venom's earlier loss to them. With first place in Division One locked up, the Venom fell 2-1 in our last game to the Virginia State Cup winner, the McLean Hurricanes, in an exciting, first class exhibition of good soccer.

Venom Coach Jawed Sanie continues his quest to fine-tune the Venom's close knit team of hard-working athletes who demonstrate time and again that they can compete with any team they play against. The Venom's training and tactics make them serious contenders in every game.

The future is bright and the Venom looks forward to continued competition at the highest level.

