

Lamorinda Teams Dominate Inaugural SMC Cup

By Zack Farmer

With five age divisions of play, four Lamorinda soccer teams walked away with championships at the inaugural SMC Cup. The Lamorinda FC 92 Boys, Lamorinda U12 Blue Team, Lamorinda U11 Gold Team, and the Lamorinda U9 Boys took home championships in their divisions.

The Lamorinda FC 92 Boys face the toughest challenge as they played against the largest field with eight teams.

Held at Saint Mary's College, the Tournament was split into five age divisions ranging from U9 (under nine) to U13-15 (under 13-15). Due to an insufficient amount of boy's teams competing in the Tournament (nine boys teams, 24 girls teams)

both boys and girls teams competed against one another. The boy's teams played up one age level.

Coordinator of the Tournament and Saint Mary's assistant women's soccer coach Lindsay Jones said, "We're going to look to do it every summer." Jones helped reinstate the program after there was no tournament last summer.

Jones said there was no tournament last summer because of coaching changes at Saint Mary's. Jones, as well as women's soccer head coach Kelly Lindsay, is going into their second year as the helm of the program.

Many of the Saint Mary's soccer players helped out by

being referees. Most of the 35 teams competing in the tournament were from the Lamorinda area. Teams from San Ramon and other East Bay cities participated as well.

The U9 San Ramon Stars were the only non-Lamorinda team to win their division and they did so against another Lamorinda team. They also played with the smallest pool of teams (four).

Jones hopes to expand the tournament next year and reach farther into the Bay Area. She was impressed with the turnout because of the late notice of the Tournament. "We're going to try to make it bigger and better every year," said Jones.



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