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Up to The Minute News for NSCAC Members

NSCAC Members: As you know, on occasion, when there are NSCAC events going on in the coaching community that fall between our newsletters, you will receive a special mailing of NewSoccer bulletin. This Internet Bulletin will help us communicate coaching information that may be time sensitive. Check here regularly for updated information. When NSCAC functions come up that fall between our newsletters, we will continue to mail our members special bulletins.

NSCAA Convention Information- 2004 Convention Date: Jan. 14-18, Charlotte, N.C.

Each January, the NSCAA plays host to the largest annual gathering of soccer coaches in the world. At the NSCAA Convention, soccer coaches from across the United States and around the world gather to enjoy the educational experiences of classroom and field instruction by some of the top national and international names in the sport. In addition, one of the largest soccer trade shows in the world is held in the Exhibit Hall. And of course, the opportunities for social interaction in a soccer environment are endless.

But don't take our word for it - look what was written in the Spring 2002 issue of *Insight, the F.A. Coaches Association Journal*, England's counterpart to the NSCAA's *Soccer Journal*:

Over a very wintry weekend in January 2002, Philadelphia played host to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Annual Convention. The fact that this was the organization's 55th annual gathering is an impressive statistic in itself. A record number of coaches attended the event and appearance by such international soccer dignitaries as Aime Jacquet, Craig Brown and Jurgen Klinnsmann, as well as home grown legends like Anson Dorrance (head coach of the women's soccer program at the University of North Carolina) and Greg Andrulis (head coach of the Columbus Crew franchise from the Major League Soccer), certainly support the notion that this event highlights another giant stride by the soccer authorities in the U.S. towards recognition as a major soccer force.

The NSCAA Convention also played host to one of the largest soccer trade shows in the world, and one need look no further than the A through Z of over 300 vendors who paid up to several thousand dollars for the privilege of holding booth space in the impressive Exhibit Hall to become aware that soccer in the U.S. is indeed undertaking somewhat of a revolution and now represents very big business. From the multinational sportswear and soccer equipment manufacturers, through to the local entrepreneurs, all are aware of the huge market that youth soccer provides.

NSCAA members receive a discount on the registration fee for both pre-convention and on-site registrations. Business meetings of all standing committees are open to members.

NSCAC members can take out membership to the NSCAA at special rates available only to members of the NSCAC and residents of Canada. To register, visit our membership registration page on this web site and print out the form. Fax it or mail it to our membership office.

LODGING INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE for NSCAA Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina

Coaches who are planning to attend the 2004 Convention and who wish to reserve a room at one of the designated hotels should visit the NSCAA web site, through their link on our link page, to obtain information on this. Rooms book quickly at the key hotels, so please send in your requests early for best choice of hotels.

Please note that NSCAC members should also register for the convention directly with the NSCAA. If unsure of your membership status with the NSCAC and NSCAA, e-mail our membership office and we will confirm your status. All coaches attending the NSCAA Convention must become members of the NSCAA in order to attend. If you are a member of the NSCAC but not a member of the NSCAA and wish to join, please e-mail your request to our membership office in Ottawa, and they will direct you on how to proceed.

Future NSCAA Convention Sites and Dates:

2005 Jan. 12-16, Baltimore, Md.
2006 Jan. 18-22, Philadelphia, Pa.
2007 Indianapolis, Ind.
2008 Baltimore, Md.
2009 St. Louis, Mo.

Bring The NSCAC Video Conference to your Community this November

The NSCAC is in the process of planning the annual video-conference for November 22, 2003. If you wish to bring this unique video-conference to your community, contact the NSCAC to find out how you can hook up live and be part of this educational opportunity. Contact the NSCAC at 416-291-7184.