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***BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS COME TO END
FANTASTIC FINISH TO EXCELLENT BASKETBALL SEASON***

On Friday, March 4th, the Junior and Senior Boys Basketball League at The Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach came to an end, with two excellent finishes in the championship games. In the Senior division, Coach Jeff Harris led his second place Lakers against the extremely talented first-place Celtics. The Celtics, who had been out rebounding every team they played this season, stuck to their game plan. Led by league M.V.P. Dakota Holm and tough big men Richie Nunis and Dylan Handel, the Celtics looked to show their dominance over a balanced Laker team. Laker's star Sam Harris returned from injury to try and bolster the Laker's rotation of talented scorers. All-Stars Jordan Harris, Steven Nugent, and Conor Hauer played tough against the Celtics, but it came to no avail. The Celtics had the size advantage, and it showed as they littered the score sheet with rebounds the entire game, taking a commanding 13-6 lead at half time. The Lakers stayed tough, and outscored the Celtics in the third quarter, but the Celtics had seen enough and came out really strong in the final two quarters, tallying 17 points in the fourth and fifth quarters to help bury the Lakers 36-20.

In the Junior playoff bracket, the Lakers(7-1) took on the Hornets(6-2). The Lakers were led by league M.V.P. Charlie Rounaghi, who went on a scoring tear this season totaling 105 points over the regular season. Rounaghi's, team mate Jeremy Shutts, and the rest of the Lakers, faced a stiff challenge from the red hot Hornets. Hornet's stars Noah Handel and Grady Morgan gave the Lakers two tough scorers to guard throughout the whole game. After almost being shut out in the first quarter by the Laker's stingy defense, Handel and Morgan led the Hornets to a tie going into half time. Then everything went downhill for the Hornets. Rounaghi and Shutts came out hot in the third quarter, combining for 16 points. A strong fourth quarter effort from the Hornets came a little too late as the Lakers pulled away and finished the game with a strong championship win, 45-34.

Also, in this year's Staff vs. Senior All-Stars game, the staff provided a very entertaining, one sided game. Led by game M.V.P. and Boys & Girls Club staff Jasa Laliberte, the staff gave the kids all they could handle and more, destroying the All-Stars, 42-14. For more information about next season and this year's upcoming Girls Basketball season, call (949) 494-2535.x 110 or visit www.bgclagunabeach.org

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