



## Calendar Dates

- ☞ Raffle money and stubs returned to Team Parent by **October 30th**.
- ☞ Trophy Night - Saturday **November 20th** at St. Veronica's.  
**Division 1, 5-6 p.m., Division 2 6:30-7:30 p.m., Divisions 3/4 8-9 p.m.**
- ☞ Summer soccer camp - first week in **August '94**.

## Info

- 📖 Bill Young will buy copies of FIFA's *Laws of the Game* for anyone wanting them, at \$2.75 per copy. Please contact Bill (☎ 458-6538) if you're interested. Recommended for coaches *and* assistant coaches.
- ☑ Please don't forget to make sure that each of your players plays **at least 50%** of the game, and think about rotating any players who may have been type-cast in one area of the field.
- ☹ If you have makeup games which haven't been scheduled yet, please contact Rick Amsterdam (☎ 364-7377) ASAP.
- ☹ We occasionally see instances of players refusing to shake hands with the other team after a game, spitting on their hands etc. **Please remind your players** about the importance of sportsmanship, and explain that the club has a policy of *automatic suspension* for players exhibiting bad sportsmanship during or after a game. Coaches are asked to report such incidents to the Commissioner, Rick Amsterdam. **To set an active example of sportsmanship, we strongly urge coaches to lead their teams in the lineup, not to follow them.**
- ☺ Have you noticed that the fields have been in exceptionally good shape each weekend this season? Don Deakyne and Bill Young start work around 4 p.m. each Friday, and are doing a great job for us!
- ☛ The order of the crutch to Gary Strucke (broken leg) and Rich Syrek (achilles). What goes on at those practices? Steve Stein had an expensive nose job, but did it help? Opinion is divided.
- ☹ Please call ☎ **1-800-8-NJSYSA** if you'd like information about "F" license or "E" and "D" license courses, referee courses or the State Cup. Several license courses are being run in the area over the next few months.
- ☹ Anyone interested in coaching a traveling team (any age group, but particularly '85/'86) starting next Fall, please contact Lou Napolitano.
- ☹ Several of our traveling teams are competing in the Lacey Township Thanksgiving Tournament over Thanksgiving Friday, Saturday and Sunday. As always, your support will be welcome!

## Tell Your Mom...

- ☹ Rick Amsterdam has certificates for kids who attended the Summer Camp but who didn't make the last day. Certificates can be collected from the snack stand. That's if Rick remembered to leave them there.
- ☹ Please ask everyone not to litter the fields, and to clear up anything left lying around after a game. The fields are often left in a very poor state - and someone has to clean up.
- ☹ Also, would you please remind everyone about the need to recycle - we've received another warning from the Township about non-compliance. Thanks.

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*He stands on the field with his heart pounding fast,  
The score is all tied, the die has been cast.  
Mom and Dad cannot help him, he stands alone,  
A goal at the moment would send his team home.*

*The ball nears his foot, he kicks and he misses...  
A groan from the crowd, some boos & some hisses.  
A thoughtless voice cries "Take that kid out"..  
Tears fill his eyes - is this what the game's all about?*

*So open your heart and give him a break,  
For it's moments like this a man you could make.  
Keep this in mind when you hear someone forget,  
He's just our little boy - and not a man yet!*

*Anon.*

**Over...**

## The Snack Stand

- ☺ Please pass on the Club's thanks to all parents for helping so willingly in the snack stand once again this season. The snack stand is an important source of revenue for us, and all help is sincerely appreciated!
- ☺ Responsibility for snack stand organization is being shared by various Board members this season, but we seem to be doing OK despite this. We're not as enthusiastic about making reminder phone calls as Terry was, though, so would you please ask your team parents to keep an eye on the schedule, and also make sure they're aware that we need *two* parents each time your team is scheduled for duty. Thanks!

## The Raffle

- ☺ The raffle is the Club's *only* fundraiser of the year, and is vitally important in enabling us to keep our fees at the same low level year after year. Please urge parents to try to make sure that *all four* of their children's books are sold. Extra books are available from Joe Papola (☎ 938-3412).
- ⌚ Also, please make sure that all stubs and cash are returned to your organizing Team Parent by October 30th.
- ☺ Joe and Janice are once again putting a *lot* of effort into the raffle's organization, so please help to make the job go smoothly. Thanks to them, and thanks to all the players and their families for their support.



## Oh Refereeee!!

- ☺ Bill Young says that there's been little or no problem with referee abuse so far this season - a great improvement! Bill, who can be seen each Saturday refereeing with a 200lb attack dog at his side, points out that it makes a difference especially to the younger refs, who are able to make calls with greater confidence and to enjoy the game more. All our referees appreciate the improvement - thanks!
- ☺ Because of the complexity of the offside rule, its implementation is often misunderstood by spectators - leading to frustration. Some points you could try explaining are:



- ☐ The offside rule only applies in open play. You cannot be offside from corners, throw-ins goal kicks or a dropped ball - but remember that these plays are over as soon as another player touches the ball. You also can't be offside if you're in your own half of the field, if the other team has possession, or if the ball is in front of you.
- ☐ Timing is a key factor in the offside rule. Offside is only called if the player is in an offside position **when the ball is passed**. If he begins to run forward *after* the pass has been made, but *before* the ball reaches him, he is *not* offside.
- ☐ An offside may be called against **any** player who is in an offside position, **not** just a player receiving a pass. However, it is up to the referee to decide whether a player in an offside position is interfering with play or seeking to gain an advantage for his team.
- ☐ The rule is open to the referee's interpretation - and referees often disagree amongst themselves about calls in particular instances. Offside is often a hard call to make, and the referee has to make an instant decision. It is harder still when there are no certified linesmen to assist!

## National Soccer Championships

The top eight men's and eight women's junior college teams from across the country will compete in the National Soccer Championships at Mercer County Community College, **Thursday through Sunday, November 18-21**. There will be eight games on each of Thursday and Friday, four on Saturday and two finals on the Sunday.

The Mercer Area Tournament Association has offered free tickets to our coaches who wish to take their teams to see the tournament. If your team is interested please write, simply stating the number of tickets you need, to:

**Douglas S. Kokoskie, Athletic Director,  
Mercer County Community College,  
PO Box B, Trenton, NJ 08690**

## Coaches' NewsLetter

Hope this info was useful - please share it with your team's parents, and let me know if there's anything else you want to see in the next one. There should be at least one more issue before the end of the season.

*Jem Treadwell* (☎ 938-2041)