

## *A New Look For The New Season*

We welcome players, parents and coaches to a new season of Pinelanders soccer.

As you'll see, we're planning some significant changes this season, including a new tournament style format for the competitive divisions, a draft in Division 2, and outdoor awards – all of which we hope will make playing soccer at our club more enjoyable and a better learning experience for the kids. And our events once again include an inter-college game and a summer soccer camp.

If you have any comments, concerns or problems during the season, please don't hesitate to contact a club official, at any time, either at the field or by phone.

At least one member of the Board of Directors is always on duty at the fields during regular playing time, and can be contacted via the snack stand. Our Commissioner, Rick Amsterdam, can usually be found at the field on Fridays and Saturdays, and Jim McMullan, the club's President, is always there Saturdays.

For your convenience, you'll find a list of all the Board members and their phone numbers on the next page. Enjoy the season!

## *Division 2 Fields The Draft*

As you know, we've been using a drafting system to select teams in Divisions 3 and 4 over the past few seasons, and it's been so successful in those divisions that we have now extended it to Division 2.

Although the draft means some upheaval for children who have become comfortable being with the same coach for a number of seasons, we hope you'll see that it also brings some real benefits.

As players move around over the seasons a draft gives them the opportunity to experience a variety of coaching techniques. And it leads to a more open, balanced, and competitive division – which should mean a more exciting season for players *and* spectators.

## *College Soccer Back At Pinelanders*

Pinelanders will be hosting a college soccer game again this year – this time featuring **Monmouth College** battling the **University of Delaware**.

The game will be played **Saturday evening, April 16th**, at our own fields. Kick off is at **7 p.m.** – and there's **no admission charge**.

This is an open event which we'll be advertising around the area, so please help to make it a success by inviting friends and neighbors.

## *Coaches Wanted*

Anyone interested in coaching a traveling team (any age group, but particularly '85/'86) starting this Fall, please contact Lou Napolitano (☎ 458-5199).

## *A New Intramural Format*

This season brings a new look to the way the competitive divisions in the Intramural league (Divisions 2-4) run, giving better opportunities for teams to compete as they develop new skills over the season.

During the first few weeks of the season, teams in these divisions will be playing for points as usual, earning three points for a win and one for a tie.

But the second part of the season will now take on a tournament style, with teams being seeded according to their records from the regular season. A win at this stage earns two points, while a tie is worth one.

The season culminates in a championship weekend, featuring a "Seniors" exhibition game in Division 1, while the top teams from each of the other divisions battle for first, second and third positions.

And in another change for this season, trophies will be presented *at the field* during the championship weekend – a great opportunity for a team picnic!

More details will be available from your coach and on the snack stand bulletin board. Look forward to a new level of excitement at the club as this season heats up!

## *The Snack Stand*

A sincere thanks to all parents for your time in manning the snack stand each game. The stand is very important to the club, paying for referees and for much of our essential equipment – and it wouldn't be possible to run it without your help. It's actually a lot of fun, too!

We try to arrange it so that you never have to miss more than 30 minutes of your team's game, and we publish a duty schedule at the beginning of each season.

As a suggestion to team parents organizing team schedules, it may help to make up a roster of volunteers right at the start of the season. Check that parents know well in advance when they'll be on duty, and remind them a day or two beforehand – it might avoid a scramble on the day, and save parents working the previous slot from having to work overtime. Thanks for your help!

## *Traveling Soccer*

You may know that our club fields eight traveling teams, spanning a range of age groups. Teams play Sundays against clubs throughout the region, and they welcome your support at all their games. You'll find the full home schedule for the season on the next page.

Tryouts for places on new and existing teams will be held in May. Contact Lou Napolitano (☎ 458-5199) later in the season for details.

## *But Is It Legal?*

Please contact Bill Young (☎ 458-6538) if you'd like a copy of FIFA's *Laws of the Game*, at only \$2.75 per copy. Recommended for players, parents, coaches *and* assistant coaches.

## Summer Soccer Camp In August

Once again this year we will be holding a summer soccer camp at our fields during the first week in August, with sessions each evening from **Monday, August 1st to Friday, August 5th**. The camp will be open to **all players in the club**, from all divisions, and will again be run by Coach Wayne Ramsey, head soccer coach at Monmouth College, and his excellent team.

The cost is **\$65** per child if you sign up before the end of April, or **\$75** if you sign up after that time. A family discount will be available for two or more players

attending from the same family. The price includes a Soccer School T-shirt.

The camp is limited to 150 players. Last year we had 120 kids sign up in only two weeks, so get in early to make sure of a place. You might want to talk to people who went last year – as you can see from the Tri-Town News report below, it's a lot of fun, and the kids *and* parents learn a lot!

Signup forms are available at the snack stand. Contact Rick Amsterdam (☎ 364-7377) for further details.

# Pinelanders' camp a success

**HOWELL** — When Pinelanders Youth Soccer Club in Howell ran its Summer Soccer Camp during the first week in August, 120 kids ages 5-12 showed up to improve their skills under the guidance of Monmouth College's head coach, Wayne Ramsey, and his coaching staff.

The Pinelanders' organizer, Rick Amsterdam, said that he was delighted with the club's turnout for the event.

"This was the first year we had run a camp that was open to our intramural players as well as to the traveling teams," Amsterdam said.

"We organized it late in the season, and the response was overwhelming. We had 107 signups over two

weekends, and 13 more kids signed up on the day the camp opened."

The camp was run at the Pinelanders' headquarters at Hugh Hoffman Memorial Fields, Route 524, with the players being divided into groups according to age.

Each evening started with an impressive and entertaining demonstration of the day's core skills from the coaching staff, whose members included Mike Flynn, Coach Ramsey's assistant at Monmouth College, Southern Regional High School Head Coach Andy Kmosko, and several of the players from the college's own soccer team, The Hawks.

Then it was the kids' turn to take the field, where they worked hard on

essential skills such as passing, tackling, dribbling and shooting.

Jeanette Nash Ramsey, a former Monmouth College goalie, instructed the club's goalkeepers in their specialized art, and each evening finished with a scrimmage game.

The Pinelanders hope to build on the success of this year's program by expanding it next year to offer an all-day camp as well as the evening camp.

The Pinelanders Youth Soccer Club runs an active intramural and traveling program in the Howell area each spring and fall. For more information, contact Rick Amsterdam, 364 7377.

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### Pinelanders Traveling Teams - Home Games, Spring 1994

	U-19 Boys Div. I <i>American Panthers</i>	U-14 Boys Div. III <i>Premier Green Machine</i>	U-11 Boys Div. IV <i>National Gold Bombers</i>	U-11 Boys Div. IV <i>National Silver Gladiators</i>	U-10 Boys Div. V <i>American Gators</i>	U-10 Girls Div. V <i>National Mighty Ducks</i>	U-9 Boys Div. V <i>National Gold Blast</i>	U-9 Boys Div. V <i>American Sharks</i>
<b>March 20</b>	10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.			3:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		
<b>March 27</b>	10:00 a.m.		12:00 p.m.			3:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	
<b>April 10</b>		12:00 p.m.					1:30 p.m.	
<b>April 17</b>	10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.				4:30 p.m.
<b>April 24</b>						12:00 p.m.		
<b>May 1</b>			12:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.		4:30 p.m.	
<b>May 7</b>		12:00 p.m.			1:30 p.m.			
<b>May 15</b>	10:00 a.m.		12:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		3:00 p.m.		4:30 p.m.
<b>May 22</b>		12:00 p.m.			3:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
<b>June 5</b>	10:00 a.m.		12:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.			3:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.

### Pinelanders Youth Soccer Club - Board Of Directors, 1994

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