

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another season of Pinelanders Soccer! I would like to extend a special welcome to those of you who are new to the club, and to those returning after what I hope was a very successful baseball season.

We've grown again, to record numbers in all divisions. To help support this growth and keep our fees low, we again will be holding our Fall fund raiser, under the very able leadership of Lynn Hoenig. Lynn will be writing to you soon with the information. Please help us to keep our programs viable and growing!

You'll notice some changes at the field this season, including a new public address system at the snack bar. Listen to this space...

You will also notice that the large parking lot has at last been lined. We ask for your cooperation in adhering to these lines and *not* triple-parking!

We also have a new set of goals for Field 2. As always, please cooperate in keeping the children off all goals for their own safety. Goals are securely anchored, but, as we all know, accidents can happen!

Each season, our coaches complain that many of their players don't come to practices, often without an obvious reason. The problem gets worse as the season goes on.

Our Intramural program is a *teaching* program – and the place to teach is at practices, not at games. When you register for our program, you're making a commitment to help us teach your child – which we can't do if he or she doesn't show up to practice!

Last season, we asked coaches to let us know which players were not showing up, and we've written to the parents of those players. If we got it wrong, please accept my apologies! We ask you, though, to remember that your coach is there because you asked him or her to teach your child. Please help!

We hope you have a wonderful season – enjoy the games, encourage the kids, get involved with your child's team, and don't harass the referees – remember: *it's only a game!*

Sincerely,

Ken Kinelski President

REFEREES

When you watch the games this season, please remember that most of our referees are teenagers. Many are still learning the fine points of officiating. Please give them the benefit of the doubt, and in the case of **all** refs – the kids **and** the adults – they deserve your respect!

Yelling at the refs will get you nowhere! Abusing refs will get you ejected from the game – or even from the field!

As always, our referees' decisions are final. If you have any questions about a referee's call, please see any Board member at the fields. Or you can specifically look for me, or for Commissioner Rick Amsterdam, or for our President, Ken Kinelski.

If you'd like to be a ref, and you have a license, please give me a call (938-2861) – we can always use an extra pair of hands.

Bob Hoenig Ref. Coordinator

REGISTRATION & THE DRAFT

This summer we assembled 54 teams, hooked up over 100 coaches and assistants, and took in a club record 730 registrations – so far!

As usual, we drafted by computer, and only the coaches' and assistants' own children, and those in D6, were pre-assigned to teams. In the couple of cases where I got things wrong, please bear with me – there's a lot of manual work in this, even with the computer!

Note that club policy is *not* to transfer players once they've been drafted.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to coach! If we didn't use you, please make sure your coach knows you're interested,

and **do** volunteer again next season. As I write, though, a couple of coaches do need assistants, due to last-minute withdrawals. If your coach needs help, please do your best to give it. Thanks!

Jem Treadwell

JUST ROOM FOR...

RICK'S BIT

Our Commissioner, Rick Amsterdam, reminds you to contact him or any Board member with any concerns or problems about your child's team or any incidents on the field. [Sorry this is short – it's nearly time to play ball, and we're scrambling... Ed.]

Team Pictures!

October 2nd & 3rd, Land O'Pines School
Forms and info nearer the time....

Dine-a-Mate Books!

Dine-a-Mate is a 2-for-1 dining coupon book – great value for dining out! We'll be selling these books for \$25 each this season. Take a look at a sample book at the snack bar, and let your friends know they're available!

Raffle Books!

*Raffle books will be distributed mid-September. Each player **must** sell at least two books, at \$10 per book. Four or more books qualify for prizes. Savings bonds go to the top salespersons. More info later...*

Americas Cup!

On November 2nd & 3rd we will host the Americas Cup tournament, for recreational players under 10. The tournament will be run as a cooperative effort between Pinelanders, Howell United and Howell Soccer Club, and will take place at Oak Glen Park. This is a fun tournament, with the emphasis on playing, not winning! More info (when else...) later!

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We now have our own web page, which we'll use to keep you up to date with what's going on in the club. If you have access to the Internet, check out our page, add it to your bookmark list, and keep watching it over the season. We'll use it to show general club information, an up-to-date calendar, details of make-up games, schedules, tournament data, coaching clinics, links to other soccer pages, Trophy Day information, and anything else we can think of. The URL and our e-mail address are at the bottom of this page.

If you're a talented web designer, or you want to be our webmaster, please call, or send me some e-mail. Happy surfing! Jem Treadwell