

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Players and Parents:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome you all to our Spring '97 season. This is the 26th year that the Pinelanders have been providing youth soccer here in Howell. A special welcome to all our new members and their families – we sincerely hope you enjoy the club and will be with us for many years.

We have been busy this past winter providing not only coaches' licensing classes, but also a referee course and American Red Cross training in First Aid and CPR, along with getting ready for the Spring '97 season.

During the annual meeting, we elected new members to our Board of Trustees. **Tom Brandli** will be our new Commissioner. Tom has been with us for a few years as a coach in D5 and D6, and looks forward to his new responsibilities. We wish him well as he replaces **Rick Amsterdam**, who decided that he wanted to spend more time with his family. We thank Rick for his many years of service with the Pinelanders.

Our second new Board member is **Tom Murphy**. Tom has been with the club for the past two years and brings with him a rich sports background and excellent managerial skills. Tom replaced **Chuck Hoyt**, who decided not to run for re-election. We thank Chuck for his years on the Board and especially for his coordination of our Traveling program. Chuck oversaw the very successful transition of our program as we merged it with the Howell Soccer Club, to form the Howell United Soccer Club.

We had a rather sad winter season as we all mourned the passing of one of our most dedicated coaches, **Joe Parato**. Joe passed away quite unexpectedly this winter and he will truly be missed. Joe was involved not only with the Pinelanders but with many other sports organizations in Howell. We have decided to dedicate this season to Joe and we have instituted a new award this season for the coach who truly exhibits the sportsmanship that Joe showed to all of us. The award will be the "**Joe Parato Memorial Sportsmanship Award**," and will be presented at Trophy Day each season.

We have a busy season planned for all – from our regular season games to trips to **Major League Soccer** games, our annual **College Game**, **Trophy Day**, **All Star games** and finally our summer **Soccer Camp**. Each of these items is covered in more detail either in this newsletter or with this mailing.

One slight change we made this season is that we have changed our annual fund raiser to the Spring season, so as to not conflict with the many Fall school fund raisers. We hope you will continue to help us in this fund raiser as we only do this once a year!

I look forward to seeing you all at the fields this Spring. Please remember: *let the kids play, let the coaches coach and let the referees ref!*

Yours truly, **Ken Kinelski** President

## In Memoriam – Joe Parato

As you may know by now, Joe Parato, coach of the D2 Dominators and the D6 Tornadoes, recently died in his sleep.

Joe's passing is a tremendous loss to the children of Howell. Not only was he one of our own coaches, but he also coached for many years with Howell Basketball and with Howell Central Little League. All three clubs will miss him.

Joe loved kids and he loved to compete, and, win or lose, he always had a friendly word and a big smile after a game. He was a pleasure to know, an asset to our club, and a wonderful example of sportsmanship to our players, our parents and our coaches.

On behalf of all our members and all the kids of Howell, we offer our deepest sympathies to Joe's wife, Maureen, and their children, Mike and Melissa.

Maureen has asked us to pass on her thanks to the many people who have offered kindness and support to her family over the last couple of months.

## REFEREES

We're looking to expand the ranks of our refs this season. We're running a Referee License course March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Time is short, but we have seats. If you're interested, please call me ASAP. We particularly need adults!

And, as usual, let me remind you that **all** our refs deserve your support and respect. Most of our referees are teenagers, and many are still learning the fine points of officiating. Please give them the benefit of the doubt. If you have any questions about a call, come and see a Board member at the field.

Remember that refs have the authority to eject from the field any coaches and spectators who become disruptive!

**Bob Hoenig** Referee Coordinator

## FIELDS

Spring is in the air; flowers are getting ready to bloom; grass will need cutting and soccer fields will need new white lines! Yes, it's time to begin preparing the fields for the Spring season.

The initial field preparation includes pulling string between corners to set straight lines; putting the initial coat of paint on the lines; checking the nets and goals; putting garbage cans around and setting the stands. Nothing too difficult!

The three large fields need to be ready by March 16<sup>th</sup> for the first travelling games. To meet this deadline, I plan to work on the fields on **Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** Please call me to volunteer your time.

I would like to thank those who helped line the fields during the Fall season. There were some volunteers I didn't get to use, but I look forward to your services during the spring.

I'd like to have ten committed volunteers to work with me over the season to ensure that the fields are ready each week. If ten will volunteer, I can set a schedule. I'd also like to get a volunteer **Assistant Field Manager**, to help schedule and perform weekly requirements. Please call me if you're willing and able to take on this role.

And as usual, please help us to keep the fields presentable by picking up any garbage you see around the field.

**Gary Edinger** Field Maintenance

## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

It's soccer time once again! We're looking forward to another fun-filled season. Just a couple of thoughts to keep in mind as the season gets under way.

- The Pinelanders Club is for the kids. We want them to learn soccer skills, but most of all we want them to have fun.
- Remember that the coaches are giving their own time to try to accomplish this. If you want to help the coach, go talk to him or her. Coaches are always looking for help.
- Also, as spectators, let's be sporting and courteous to others. Again, we're all in this for the kids!
- Keep an eye on the message board located either on the trailer or at the snack bar for news on the club.

Let's have a great season!

**Tom Brandli Commissioner**

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## SNACK BAR

Welcome to another season of fun at PYSC fields. For the benefit of new members, we'd like to explain the purpose of the snack bar.

The snack bar profits pay for the referees. Convenience is the other purpose. We've all appreciated a cup of hot chocolate or coffee on a cold day. Likewise, that water or Gatorade that slipped our mind for a player, not to mention the restrooms. The snack bar is run by volunteers only. Nobody other than PYSC members benefit from the existence and profit of the snack bar.

This season, we'll try to make more use of volunteers. Teams will still be required to man the snack bar at a scheduled time, and supervisors will be scheduled to keep things running smoothly. We'll be adding another schedule for people willing to buy and stock. Anyone interested can sign up for one week or more.

Thank you in advance for all the help we're sure you'll give! Have a great season!

**Melissa Rocks & Patti Brandli Snack Bar**

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## EDUCATION

We put our winter "down time" to good use. More than 40 coaches – from our own club and from others – attended a coaching F-License course sponsored by Pinelanders. And more than two dozen people signed up for our referee course.

Congratulations, by the way, to three of our coaches who went to the next level and earned their E-Licenses over the winter: **Adnan Abu-Hala, Tony Valenziano, and Mohammed Hamami.**

**Bob & Lynn Hoenig Education Coordinators**

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## FIFA'S FAIR PLAY CAMPAIGN

These are the 10 points in the *FIFA Fair Play Code of Conduct*, as published in *FIFA Magazine*, December 1996.

1. Play to win.
2. Play fair.
3. Observe the Laws of the Game.
4. Respect opponents, teammates, referees, officials and spectators.
5. Accept defeat with dignity.
6. Promote the interests of soccer.
7. Reject corruption, drugs, racism, violence and other dangers to our sport.
8. Help others to resist corrupting pressures.
9. Denounce those who attempt to discredit our sport.
10. Honor those who defend soccer's good reputation.

See our web page for a link to FIFA Magazine, and the full text of FIFA's Fair Play Campaign article.

## FUNDRAISING

We're listening! You told us our Fall fundraising conflicted with the schools'. So, we're moving most of our activities to the Spring! Look for a Spring raffle (relax, you won't have to deal with it again until next Spring!)

We'll also be organizing team pictures again this season. In fact, so many of you have expressed an interest in pictures that we'll try offering them in both Spring and Fall. Pictures are, of course, purely voluntary.

**Lynn Hoenig Fundraising Coordinator**

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## REGISTRATION & THE DRAFT

Registration is a little lower this season than in recent seasons, so we have fewer teams in Divisions D5 and D6. But we've also been able to add a new team in D5G, so our all-girl program is expanding – though unfortunately we're still unable to offer the all-girl option to 12-year old girls. Maybe next season!

If you know anyone who wants to play, please encourage them to contact me for a registration form. Although all teams are currently at full strength, we *always* get drops, and waiting lists are non-existent in some divisions.

Please note that Club policy is *not* to transfer players between teams once they've been drafted.

As usual, we drafted by computer, using a process which attempts to produce evenly balanced teams without intervention – from coaches or anyone else.

We've found over the last few seasons that our drafting process really *does* produce closer games, but remember that there are a lot of factors involved in a team's success. Consider not only how the team was formed, but also the players' attitudes and ability to play as a team, the coaches' skill in teaching and their knowledge of a game which most American adults have never played, the number of players who drop or don't show up to practices or games, and, of course: Lady Luck!

But remember: the purpose of our Intramural program is not to win games, but to foster an environment where the kids can learn and grow in a healthy, enjoyable atmosphere, following the examples of sportsmanship set by parents and coaches.

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. And if your coach needs help, please do your best to give it. Thanks!

**Jem Treadwell Secretary**

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## THE SEASON AT A GLANCE

When	What	Comments
Fri Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Season starts</b>	
W/e Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	No games	Holiday
Sat Apr 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MLS - Metro's v. D.C.</b>	Giants' Stadium
Sat Apr 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>College Game</b>	
W/e May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No games	Holiday
W/e Jun 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Season ends</b>	
Sat Jun 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Trophy Day</b>	Location TBD
Wed Jul 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MLS - All Star Game</b>	Giants' Stadium
W/b Jul 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Soccer Camp</b>	Evenings, all week

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## ON THE INTERNET

We have our own web page on the Internet, that we use to keep you informed and point to interesting soccer pages. We're at:

<http://www.monmouth.com/~pinelanders>

If you'd like to receive reminders and announcements by e-mail, please send a brief message to:

[pinelanders@monmouth.com](mailto:pinelanders@monmouth.com)