

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Dear Players and Parents:*

As another season winds down and we end our 30th year as a club in Howell, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Board for their tireless efforts in managing the club. Your Board members spend countless hours not only at the fields but also as coaches, not to mention the many hours behind the scenes to ensure things run smoothly. And thanks to the many volunteers who give tirelessly of their time, especially our coaches, snack bar volunteers and our administrative workers. Without all this help we could not function as a volunteer organization.

I would like to give special thanks to **Pete von Jess** of the D3G Vipers and D6 Bandits. Pete, who serves as a Lt. Col. in the US Army reserves, has been recalled to active duty and is leaving as I write this column. Pete has been a role model coach with his teams over the past few years and we will miss him for his on and off the field leadership. On behalf of the club we would like to wish Pete a very warm thank you and best of luck for a safe deployment with the army! As Pete returns to active duty his family will be relocating back to North Carolina to be near him. We would also like to wish **Jane**, his wife, daughters, **Whitney** and **Jodi** and son **Robert** best of luck – it has been a pleasure having you as Pinelanders! Also, thanks to **Laurie Szyarto** who has stepped forward to coach Pete's team for the remainder of the season.

I would also like to remind you that as we approach the end of the season and year we will be holding our Trophy Night and Annual Meeting on **Saturday, November 17th** at the Howell Middle School North. We will be holding elections for the Board and would like to see some new folks join us in the management of the club... we need **you!** If you are interested in running, please see myself or any Board member at the fields and we would be happy to discuss this with you. As the club continues to grow we need more people to help manage that growth and to be able to respond to the ever-growing community need.

Also, if anyone is interested in becoming a coach next season we will have sign ups at Trophy Night... please consider this as we are in need of more coaches to manage our growth... although not monetarily rewarding, this is a very *personally* rewarding experience!

Please read the other articles in this newsletter as there are some key messages and dates you need to know about, including coach and referee education, trophy night times, information on indoor soccer and messages from our other Board members.

I hope you had a good season and fun was had by all. I hope to see you all back again next season!

Sincerely, **Ken Kinelski** – President

## SNACK BAR

I would like to thank all of the parents who worked in the snack bar this season – without your help the snack bar would not be able to operate. Also a very special thank you to **Nina Smith** who has also been there for the club helping out, and to **Erin Aboff** for making all but two weeks of the phone calls. Thanks again to all, and have a great winter and holiday season! – *Bryan Epstein*

## Trophy Night & Annual Meeting

Our Fall Season Trophy Night and Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>** in the Howell Middle School North, at the following times by division:

- 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. D6**
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. D5 & D5G**
- 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. D4, D4G & Traveling Teams**
- 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. D2, D3 & D3G**

The meeting will include elections for the Pinelanders Board of Directors. If you are interested in standing, please contact **Ken Kinelski** or **Eric Hlava**, or send e-mail to [pinelanders@pinelanders.com](mailto:pinelanders@pinelanders.com).

## Indoor Soccer Program

Our winter indoor program runs from early January through the end of February, on Friday nights in the Middle School North gym. The program is open **only** to Pinelanders players and their parents – space is limited by gym time. Youth players must be at least 7 on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002. Registration forms and eligibility details will be available at our registration sessions.

## End-of-Season Awards

Please consider nominations for our season awards: **Coach of the Season, Referee of the Season** and the **Joe Parato Sportsmanship Award**. Please make your nomination by e-mail, through any Board member, or by leaving a note in the wooden box in the trailer. Please give a few words explaining *why* you are making the nomination. In particular, the Parato award can be given for any act or attitude of sportsmanship exhibited during the season by any member of the Club: player, coach, referee, parent or sibling. These are **your** awards, so please participate in the process by making a nomination!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our U8 Girls traveling team, the Pinelanders **Lady Bandits**. For the second year in a row, they've won their division at the Freehold Frightfest tournament. Coached by **Laurie Szyarto, Donna Saal** and **Lynn Hoenic**, this group of 7 year olds took Freehold by storm, beating the Manalapan Lightning 3-1 and Toms River Shockwave 5-2. Congrats to Taylor, Chelsea, Kelly, Shannon, Mary, Kayla, Tori, Alexa, Emily, Sami, Lauren & Erin!

The Lady Bandits is one of three teams in our fledgling Pinelanders traveling program.

## TRAVELING PROGRAM

As the season winds down we look at the teams that have competed in our traveling program. The **U8G Lady Bandits** had a nice first year. With two weeks to go they have a record of 4-3-1 and are tied for third with a shot at second. The **U9G Green Machine** are also having a good first year – their record is 1-4-1. It has been a learning year for these young ladies and they will be ready for next season. The **U10G Ladybugs** have had a rebuilding season. With half of the team being new, there was some getting used to each other. Their record is 3-4-1 and they also are currently tied for third.

Best of luck next season to all these girls! And thanks to their parents – the best fans a team could have – for all your support and encouragement!

And finally, watch out for some new U11/U12 girls' teams that are looking to get started. If you are interested in joining or starting a travel

team, please send e-mail to [Bryan.Epstein@pinelanders.com](mailto:Bryan.Epstein@pinelanders.com).

*Bryan Epstein* – Pinelanders Travel Program

## EDUCATION

We're moving ahead with our referee school, run by the US Soccer Federation, and scheduled for mid-January. We run schools as the need for referees arises. Right now, we see a need for both youth and adult referees. For youth referees, this an excellent way to gain respect and a better understanding of the game and to learn responsibility. For adults, it's great for staying in shape, and for taking part in your child's activities. We encourage players 13 and older to get their license and join the program. We're also recruiting parents and coaches in D6, D5 and D5G – though we encourage parents and coaches in **all** divisions to participate.

The class will be held on two Saturdays: **January 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**. The fee is \$25; if you pass the test, your first year's license costs another \$25.

If you're interested, please see **Bob Hoenic** at the fields, or send e-mail to [Bob.Hoenig@pinelanders.com](mailto:Bob.Hoenig@pinelanders.com). Seats are limited and going quickly!

For those of you interested in getting an F coaching license, we're starting work on a winter class for that as well. Stay tuned.

*Bob & Lynn Hoenic* – Education

## REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING

Registration for the Spring season is about to begin – please note the priority deadline, to avoid the waiting list! Each season we receive many late registrations, which makes it difficult to balance team numbers. We have to decide on the numbers several weeks before the season, so that we can organize coaches and order shirts – so late registrations can severely upset the balance. **Please help by registering as early as possible!** – *JT*