

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Players and Parents:

I certainly hope that everyone has had a great season so far! The weather unfortunately has not cooperated so far in October...let's hope our remaining few weeks are OK! We will make every attempt to schedule games that have been rained out. Unfortunately a Saturday rainout takes 3 week nights to make up and we only have permits for Wednesday and Thursday and an occasional Tuesday. I ask that you please be patient.

I believe we have had another good season with our continuing soccer education program on Saturdays, run by Mario Guarino and assisted by Mike Palladino, and our goalie clinics from Vinnie Cafiero...all are very good coaches and experienced players themselves. Special thanks to them for the extra time they have given to provide additional instruction to our kids and coaches.

The season is just about over, the trophies have been ordered and we are looking forward to another fun **Trophy Night at Middle School North on Saturday, November 19th**. See the panel on this page for the schedule. You can also find the schedule on our web site shortly and on signs posted around the fields. Please plan on attending and have a fun team party! The format this season will be a little different to try and cut down on the noise. Coaches will be called to the stage to pick up the trophies and they will distribute them to their teams individually at their tables. Unfortunately the Fall season does not allow us to have an outside event like we did last Spring.

I would like to thank our many volunteers who stepped forward to work the fields, man the snack bar, do mail-outs and help with registrations...we cannot run such a large organization without additional volunteers. I ask that those of you who have NOT stepped forward yet please do so as there are still many things that still need doing...remember, this is **your** club for **your** kids. So please get involved! I have been disappointed with the snack bar volunteer turnout for our makeup games, just not enough people are volunteering...**We need your help**...if only for half an hour!! Please step forward and help **your** club!

We will be holding our annual board elections again at Trophy Night and I encourage you to consider running for a board position. If there is some special talent you can bring to the board or just have a general interest in seeing kids have fun, please consider running...it is personally rewarding to see our kids have fun and succeed on and off the field from skills they have learned at the Pinelanders. If you are interested in running, please see myself, Bob Hoenic our Board Secretary or any other board member at the fields...**We need you!**

We plan to restructure the board for next season, to streamline our operation and attract more volunteers. Current proposals, which are subject to board approval, call for an Executive Board of 12 elected members, with an additional 8 appointed members who

will serve a one-year term. You will be asked to vote on amended bylaws at Trophy Night. No changes will be made to the structure without the approval of our members.

We are also considering **separating our 5 & 6 year-old players into two divisions**. The key reasons are the continual growth of D6, which at 24 teams is by far our biggest division; and the disparity in the skills and maturity of the youngest and oldest players in the division, which leads to frequent blow-out scores. This is also subject to Board agreement, and while no decision has been made yet we feel it is time to address the issues. **We welcome any comments you may have** as we prepare to make this decision.

TROPHY NIGHT
Middle School North Cafetorium
Saturday, November 19th

Time	Divisions
3:45 – 5:15 p.m.	D6 only
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	D5, D7
7:15 – 8:30 p.m.	D4, D4G, D5G
8:45 – 9:45 p.m.	D2, D2G, D3, D3G

Please wear your team shirts.

Special thanks to our “retiring” board member, Ray Gaszynski for his service to the Pinelanders over the years.

Please remember to register early for the Spring season...we cannot continue to do a last minute scramble to accommodate your children...you need to do this early!

See you all at Trophy Night!

Sincerely, *Ken Kinelski, President*

HELP WANTED-REFEREES NEEDED

Pinelanders is in need of referees, especially adults, to officiate our games. Referees are an important part of soccer – in fact you can't play the game without them.

You must have a USSF Grade 8 referee license to do games here. Don't have a license? No problem! We're having a class right here this winter (see article). Referees must be at least 14 years old. We're also looking for adults over 21 to do games in our older divisions. We have some very good adult referees, but our ranks are beginning to thin a bit, and we'll need a few more very soon.

Besides a license, the most important prerequisites are a love of the game and a willingness to learn. Once you're licensed, we'll provide you with ongoing training and the assistance of experienced referees.

Interested? Contact our referee assignor, Lou Hagggar, or myself. You can catch us at the fields most weekends, or e-mail us at:

Lou.Hagggar@pinelanders.com or Bob.Hoenig@pinelanders.com

Bob Hoenic, Referee Committee chair

SNACK BAR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you Snack Bar Volunteers for your effort and commitment this season. You keep the snack bar running smoothly, generating the proceeds necessary to pay the referees during the season. Also, thank you for signing up via the Snack Bar Schedule on the Pinelanders web site or via e-mail. Doing so helps me fill the schedule easily and efficiently.

Supervisors are needed! If you have been a Server for several seasons and are familiar with the running of the Snack Bar, please consider volunteering to be a Supervisor when registering for the Spring Season. If you have questions about being a Supervisor, you can contact me at BobbiSue.Bowers@pinelanders.com.

Thank you again for your support,

Bobbi Sue Bowers, Snack Bar Volunteer Coordinator

REFEREE SCHOOL IN HOWELL TOWNSHIP

Pinelanders will host a U.S. Soccer Federation Grade 8 referee school on **Saturday, February 4; Sunday, February 5; and Monday, February 6, 2006**, right here in **Howell Township**.

Successful candidates will receive a USSF Referee license that will allow them to officiate recreation, traveling and lower level semi-pro games anywhere in the country.

To qualify, you must complete 16 hours of instruction and pass a 100 question test.

You must be at least 14 (ages will be checked) to take this class. There is a \$35 fee. Successful candidates may register with the USSF for an additional \$25. Licenses must be renewed each year.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, Pinelanders is currently in need of youth and adult referees.

Contact me at BobHoenig@pinelanders.com for more information. To register for the class, visit www.NJRef.com (click on courses, then Grade 8 classes, then Howell.)

Bob Hoenig, Referee Committee chair

F-LICENSE COACHING CLASS IN HOWELL

Pinelanders is hosting a NJYS F-License class on **Friday, January 27, and Saturday, January 28**. New Jersey Youth Soccer requires all soccer coaches to obtain a minimum of an F-License. The "F" is the entry level soccer coaching license.

If you have coached in Pinelanders for two seasons, you must obtain your license. Coaches who do not obtain their license risk losing their assignments, and leave themselves open to certain liability issues.

The cost of this course is \$30. Once you obtain your certificate, there is no need to renew, and no further cost unless you choose to obtain a more advanced license.

If you're a new coach, or even thinking about coaching, taking this class now is a great way to get this obligation out of the way. The F-License course will help give you a better understanding of the game, coaching techniques, basic first aid, and liability issues.

Our class will be taught by Krissy Turner, an A-License holder and the head women's soccer coach at Monmouth University. Coach Turner is widely recognized as one of the leading soccer educators in the area.

To register, or if you would like more information, contact Bob at Bob.Hoenig@pinelanders.com.

Lynn and Bob Hoenig, Education Co-chairs

SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

Like the other officers of the Club, I've been around here for a long time – nearly 20 years to be exact – as a parent, coach, referee and board member.

I've been fortunate to have had a part in shaping the policies and mission of Pinelanders, and that's why I'm writing this column today.

We are a recreational and instructional league. Our goal is to teach the kids about soccer, instill a love of the world's most popular

sport, and help them develop skills that they can use if they choose to play at a higher level.

The key word in our club's vocabulary is "fun." We want the kids to come out to play for the fun of it. We don't emphasize competitiveness. We don't keep standings and we don't keep track of wins and losses.

The other evening I was coaching a D2 game on field 1. I was standing on the sideline, between fields 1 and 2 and from behind me I heard a parent yell across the F2 to a player in the D4 game behind me. "We have to win this game," he screamed, so loud I could easily make it out through the noise of the 2 games near me.

I turned around to the coach next to me (who happened to be my 21 year old son) and asked him if he heard it. He had – and we both had the same thought: **WHY MUST "WE" WIN THIS GAME?** After all, like I said, we don't keep standings. Sure the kids care, but **WHY** must we put so much emphasis on winning and losing?

If you were that dad, maybe you can answer that question for me.

And for all of you: please remember why we are here. We're here so the kids can have fun! The rest of it? Save it for traveling or school games. Let's just learn the game, get to know and love the game, and have fun!

Bob Hoenig, Board Secretary

COMING SOON: PINELANDERS WEAR!

You asked and we heard you! Keep an eye out at the fields and at Trophy Day for our new line of "Pinelanders Wear." You'll soon be able to purchase t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other clothing items bearing a distinctive Pinelanders logo.

Our supplier is local, so you'll be able to order items just about any time. What a great idea for a holiday gift! Prices and samples will be available soon. Stay tuned for more information.

Lynn Hoenig, Vice President

REGISTRATION & THE WEB

After a slow start this season we once again broke into record membership territory, with 911 total registrations. Too many returning members did not register in good time, creating a significant amount of **extra work** for Mario and me, and **causing their children to wait** until a week or two after the start of the season to be placed. However, our strategy of not rushing to place late registrants, but letting things shake out so we can decide *where* to place them is working – so be warned that **this will happen to your child** if you ignore all the opportunities and reminders!

Our *My Pinelanders* web facility is proving to be very successful, and has become the primary way for members to check their schedules. I've been enhancing it over the season – a new facility for updating family information is now in place, and coach and player registration facilities are on the horizon. Let me know if you have other ideas for enhancements. If you haven't yet signed up, you're missing out – so check it out at:

<https://www.pinelanders.com/my/>

Finally, if you're not receiving periodic e-mail from us it can only mean one thing: we don't have your address! Please check *all* your details on My Pinelanders or your registration form, and let me know if anything is wrong or missing.

Jem Treadwell