

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Players and Parents:

I certainly hope that everyone has had a great season so far! The weather has not been as nice as we would have liked necessitating many make-ups—let's hope our remaining few weeks are OK!

I believe we have had another good season with our continuing soccer education program on Saturdays run by Mario Guarino, Mike Palladino and Vinnie Cafiero—all are excellent 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 Day. Since last summer's event was such a success at the fields we will be doing that again, assuming we have good weather. See the newsletter article from Lon Zonis and watch our web page and the flyers around the fields for the schedule for each division. In the event of bad weather we will hold Trophy Day as usual at Howell Middle School North in the evening. Please plan on attending and have a fun team party!

I would like to thank our coaches, assistant coaches, team parents and our many volunteers who stepped forward to work the fields, man the snack bar, do mail-outs and help with registrations and coach—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!

We are also looking for members who would like to serve on the Board to help manage the club—we would like to get more members involved! Please contact any Board member for information.

See you all at Trophy Day!

*Sincerely, Ken Kinelski, President*

## TROPHY DAY SCHEDULE

Trophy Day this season will be held on **June 17<sup>th</sup>** at our fields. There will be a barbeque, showcase games, and the trophy presentations in the main tent. Space will be limited, and we will be communicating with you soon as to specific times for the games.

We will be looking for volunteers to help run food from the barbecue to the food tent and monitor the lines, and for our Grounds volunteers to help setup and cleanup throughout the day.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

*- Lon Zonis, Chief Cook & Party Planner*

## SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

Sign up for the **Pinelanders** soccer camp run by Wayne Ramsey and his Jersey Select trainers. The camp will be held at our fields in the evenings, **July 24 thru July 28**. You'll find a camp form in your registration package, and on our web page.

Please e-mail [Bryan.Epstein@pinelanders.com](mailto:Bryan.Epstein@pinelanders.com) with any questions, or call me at 732-919-2111, mailbox #2.

*- Bryan Epstein, Camp Coordinator*

## **\*\*\* SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT \*\*\***

### **ALL-GIRL DIVISION FOR 5 & 6 YEAR-OLDS**

As you may recall, we have been concerned with the structure of D6, our 5 & 6 year old division, because of steadily increasing numbers and the evident disparity in the teams. This is brought about by our policy of keeping teams together and allowing parents to make placement requests in the youngest divisions – policies that we believe are valuable and appropriate at this age.

After much discussion we have decided to take one step in addressing the issues by introducing an all-girl division for D6, as we have for the older players. **D6 parents will now have the option of requesting a co-ed team *or* an all-girl team for their daughters.**

We recognize that this will cause some disruption in the existing team makeup, and will require some parents and coaches to make difficult choices. However, we do feel that it's a good first step, and those choices give our members a voice in resolving this problem.

In order for D6G to be viable, we need to have 60 players signed up for the division by the time we do team assignments, sometime in mid-August. If we have not reached 60 by that time we will conclude that this option is not supported by our members, and we will revert to the traditional format of boys and girls playing together for the Fall. Please watch our web page and your e-mail over the summer for information about this.

Regardless of the outcome of this change, we will continue to monitor the division, and consider other changes in future seasons.

If you have a child who will be in D6 in the Fall, please take care to make your decision when you register, as any girl who does not choose the co-ed option will automatically be placed in D6G.

As always, we are interested to hear your feedback on this or any other topic. Thanks for your support, and have a great summer!

*- Mario Guarino, Commissioner*

## SNACK BAR

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.

Supervisors are needed! Have you been a Server for several years? Are you familiar with the running of the Snack Bar? Can you volunteer for a two-hour time slot? If so, please consider volunteering to be a Supervisor when you register for the Fall season. If you have any questions about being a Supervisor, you can contact me at [BobbiSue.Bowers@pinelanders.com](mailto:BobbiSue.Bowers@pinelanders.com).

Thank you again for your support!

*- Bobbi Sue Bowers, Snack Bar Coordinator*

## END-OF-SEASON AWARDS

As the Spring season draws to a close, it's time for you to tell us who should receive an award for their work this season. These are **your** awards, so please give us your input. You may nominate candidates for:

- **Joe Parato Sportsmanship Award:** Presented to a player, coach or other club member who shows that he/she cares about others, teaches or shows good sportsmanship, and shines as a good citizen in the community and the club. This award is named for the late Joe Parato, a long time coach for a number of clubs in Howell, who taught his players the value of good sportsmanship.
- **Tony Valenzano Coach of the Season Award:** Presented each season to the coach or coaches who share the love of sport, and the game of soccer, with the players on their teams. Not every winner of this award is a soccer expert, but these coaches love what they do, and they show it. This award is named in honor of the late Pinelanders coach, Tony Valenzano.
- **Referee of the Season Award:** Presented when we hear of a Pinelanders referee who really understands the laws of the game, enforces them in a fair and clear manner, and helps impart a love and understanding of the game. The referee can be a teen or an adult. If you saw a ref you feel deserves this award, and don't know his or her name, just point him or her out to any Board member.
- **Olivia Zonis Courage Award:** Awarded from time to time to a Pinelanders member (player, coach, parent, or referee) who shows unusual courage in the face of illness, personal or life matters, or any number of other circumstances. This award is presented in memory of Olivia Zonis, a Pinelanders member who fought a valiant battle against brain cancer before being taken from us at the age of 8.

To nominate someone for an award, please send an e-mail to me at [Bob.Hoenig@pinelanders.com](mailto:Bob.Hoenig@pinelanders.com), or write your nomination neatly on a piece of paper and drop it in the game reports box in the club office (in the "new" trailer). Be sure to include the nominee's name, the award you're nominating him or her for, and a few words about why this person deserves the award. **Be sure to tell us who you are!**

The deadline for nominations is **Saturday, June 10th.**

*-Bob Hoenig, Board Secretary*

### **THE REFEREE AND THE HANDSOME FROG**

Once upon a time there was a young person named Pat. Pat was 14 and was still too young to work at most stores, but Pat wanted money. Pat had friends who were referees and they made money refereeing games for Pinelanders Youth Soccer Club. Pat loved soccer and was a pretty good player, so he decided to take the class and try to be a ref.

The class was fairly simple and Pat passed. Pat was assigned some games and had a great time **and** Pat made lots of money. Pat made at least \$10 for every game that he reffed. Pat was very happy.

Pat told everyone Pat knew about Pinelanders and all of Pat's friends are now refs too.

So, even though there are no frogs in this story, join our family and referee next season with us! If you're interested, contact Lou Hagggar at [Lou.Hagggar@pinelanders.com](mailto:Lou.Hagggar@pinelanders.com) for more information.

*- Lou Hagggar, Chief Storyteller*

### **COACHES NEEDED – VOLUNTEERS PLEASE REGISTER!**

Every season we seem to have a last-minute scramble to fill coaching positions in some divisions, and the problem tends to be more difficult when we can't reach people over the summer.

If you're interested in coaching with us in the Fall please check the Coach volunteer box on your registration form, and also **complete**

**an on-line Coach Registration form through My Pinelanders.** Although checking the box is useful, we really can't assign you unless we have information about what you're interested in doing, and we get that from the Coach form. If you don't complete that, we can't assign you. So please don't wait to be called—go ahead and complete the on-line form. You can get to it by clicking the "I want to be a coach" link next to your name on your My Pinelanders Family page.

If you don't have access to the Internet just let Jem Treadwell know by calling 732-919-2111 and leaving a message in mailbox #1.

Thanks!

*- Mario Guarino, Commissioner*

### **FALL REGISTRATION – DON'T SNOOZE!**

Our membership took a huge jump this season, leaving us with close to 1,000 total registrations received. And we also had the most ever players that we *couldn't* place—we simply didn't have room for them on any team.

This season we've moved away from the notion of "priority registration" for returning players, as the more we do on-line the less meaning it has. If you register anytime in June you will almost certainly be placed, and most divisions will be OK until mid-August. The risk of **not** being placed has historically been greatest in D3, D4, D4G & D5.

We decide on the number of teams and coaches we need based on the registrations we have in early August: if you register later you don't figure in those decisions, and our ability to place your child will be a matter of luck—not planning.

The message is simple: **If you snooze, there's a good chance you'll lose!** With this registration package, with on-field registration at Trophy Day, with on-line availability of registration forms, and with reminders sent by e-mail and by US Mail, we give you plenty of opportunity to register in good time. Please take it, and get your forms in early!

Have a great summer...

*- Jem Treadwell, Registration*

### **THE CLASS OF 2006**

Congratulations and the best of luck to our graduating seniors:

- Henry Alfaro
- Mike Murphy
- Anastasia Gaszynski
- Danny Nagle
- Patrick Napolitano
- Eric Branning
- Ryan Frank
- Robert Manney
- Henri Minion
- Eric Castanheira
- Malik Khalifa
- Jeffrey Losapio
- Shellyann Orford
- Julia Dougherty
- Brittany Angrisani