

# Spring TouchLine

June 2008

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Dear Players and Parents:*

I certainly hope that everyone has had a great season so far! The weather has been a challenge once again this season but for the most part it has not been bad. Let's hope our remaining couple of weeks are OK!

I believe we have had another good season with our continuing soccer education program run by **Mario Guarino** and our coaches' clinics. Special thanks to Mario and the other coaches 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 our spring Trophy Day BBQs at the fields have been such a success, we will be doing that again, assuming we have good weather. See the newsletter article on Trophy Day and watch for the flyers around the fields and on the web over the next few weeks. Also, please check with your coach for the game schedules. In the event of bad weather we will hold the trophy day as usual at 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 many other activities.... we cannot run such a large organization without volunteers. I ask that those of you who have **not** stepped forward yet please do so as there are still many things that need doing.... remember, this is **your** club for **your** kids and it is a condition of your child playing. We will take corrective action on those folks who did not volunteer!

We are also looking for members who would like to serve on the Board of Directors or on one of our many committees 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**, [Ken.Kinelski@pinelanders.com](mailto:Ken.Kinelski@pinelanders.com)

## SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

It's not too late to sign up for our summer soccer camp. Once again the camp will be run by Coach Wayne Ramsey and the highly regarded New Jersey Select organization.

The camp will run each evening, **Monday July 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday July 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00pm**. It is open to players ages 4 – 14. Teams are also invited to participate as a group. Each camper will receive an official training shirt and evaluation.

Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member of Pinelanders—feel free to invite friends from other soccer clubs to join you.

Pick up a registration form at the snack bar, or download it from our website, [www.pinelanders.com](http://www.pinelanders.com). If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail, or find me at the fields, or leave a message at 732-919-2111, mailbox #6.

—Kim Brown, **Camp Coordinator**  
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## END OF SEASON AWARDS

We will be presenting our traditional *end-of-season* awards at Trophy Day later this month. These are **your** awards, so please nominate candidates for:

- **Joe Parato Sportsmanship Award:** Presented each season to the member (player, coach, parent, or volunteer) who exemplifies the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play that Pinelanders stands for.
- **Tony Valenzano Coach of the Season:** Given to the coach or coaches who are the best at teaching the game, instilling a love of the game, and showing a spirit of fair play while having fun.



- **Referee of the Season Award:** If you see a ref—adult or youth—who does a really good job, let us know. We don't give this one every season.
- **Olivia Zonis Award for Courage:** This very special award, in memory of a very special child, is presented once in a while to a member who shows great courage in the face of huge problems.

To nominate someone, send an e-mail with the nominee's name, the award for which you're suggesting them, and a few sentences telling us why this person should win an award to my address below, no later than **Saturday, June 14**. Awards will be presented at Trophy Day on Saturday, June 21.

—Bob Hoenig

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## **TROPHY DAY 2008 JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> AT HOFFMAN FIELDS**

Join us for a fun filled BBQ for the Pinelanders families. We'll have games, awards, food and entertainment for the younger players. The game schedule and more details are posted on our web page.

### **HELP US TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY**

Area food pantries are short of donations at a time when conditions are tough and many in our community are in great need. Please help Pinelanders support the **Howell Food Pantry** this summer. We will be holding a **food drive** during Trophy Day. Please bring one non-perishable item to the fields during your game time.

Collection boxes will be by the snack bar. Thanks for your generosity!

## PARKING AT HOFFMAN—THE LAST WORD

Per the Howell Township Police Department, the club has instituted new parking rules at Hoffman Fields. The aim of these rules is to ensure **your** safety. We ask you to observe these rules, and share them with family and friends who may be coming to Hoffman to watch your kids play:

- The small lot (the one that's half-paved and half dirt) is now restricted to vehicles displaying a **valid Pinelanders staff permit**. Don't park there, even if the cones are not up. The Board will finalize a list of who will be issued permits over the summer.
- In all other lots, you may **park only in marked spaces**. Vehicles parked in unmarked areas, in fire zones, in grass areas, and in driveways and access areas may be ticketed or towed.
- If the main lot is full, park at **Memorial Middle School**. There's plenty of room, and access to Hoffman is easy.
- The police will continue to patrol the lots. Illegally parked vehicles will be ticketed.

Again, these rules have been instituted to ensure the safety of all of us who use Hoffman.

—Bob Hoenig

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## THE FINAL WHISTLE

- Thank you! — to our many volunteers! This is the third season we've used this system, and it's been more effective every season. If you're still red or blue, please sign up for the final weekend or for Trophy Day—we need 100% participation to call ourselves a club.
- Please register early—it's tough to organize when people keep leaving things to the last second. I hope to have news about on-line registration soon, but however you register just do it as soon as you can.

—Jem Treadwell [jem@pinelanders.com](mailto:jem@pinelanders.com)