

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Players and Parents:

Welcome to our Fall 1999 season! We hope that you enjoy yourselves, and our children get to learn new soccer skills or master those they are already familiar with. Remember, we are an instructional league.

You will notice that our fields are not in the best shape and I ask that you please encourage the children to please respect them by not digging holes (we have enough already!) or kicking up what is left of the grass. We had plans to do much-needed field renovation this summer, but the drought conditions that have plagued us since the spring have not allowed us to do anything, as I am sure you understand.

As a result of these drought conditions, Howell Township and the Howell Township Board of Education have suspended use of all facilities until further notice. As a result, our season will not start until at least **Friday, September 17th**. We will inform each coach personally and they will communicate with you when the fields are put back in use.

Some of you have probably noticed that Pop Warner Football is playing on the field by the Town Hall. This is permitted as a result of a lease they have with the town, and due to the fact that they maintain their own fields at their own expense. So please don't ask us why some sports are playing while we cannot.

Now for the season! We are still planning on having a 10 week season as usual, and what would have normally been our first week of games prior to September 17th will be made up later in the season.

On **September 18th**, the **Howell Elks** will be sponsoring their annual **Elks Soccer Shootout** at our fields – we strongly encourage your participation, as this is always lots of fun for the players. Please do your best to participate, either before or after your game on that day. We certainly hope that those of you scheduled to play on Friday evening, September 17th, will come back on Saturday to take advantage of this wonderful program.

I'd like you to all welcome **Bryan Epstein** to our Board. The Board appointed Bryan over the summer to help us with our ever expanding program. Bryan: welcome, and thanks for volunteering!

Speaking of volunteering, **everyone** in the club is expected to volunteer their time for the club. This usually is no more than one or two hours for the **entire** season, and we need you. We will be changing the format of the snack bar volunteer schedule this season – instead of depending on your coach to tell you that your team has duty for a certain slot, we will take the list of all snack bar volunteers and directly assign volunteers to fill all the slots. There is a *good* chance that this will *not* be the same time that your child's game is being played. You will be notified well in advance of your date and time so that you can plan accordingly. So, when you get the call about the time, mark it on your calendar immediately and **please** show up! We **cannot** do it alone, and we need you. This duty will probably be no more than one hour for the whole season if everyone does their fair share. The snack bar is a major source of income for us to help pay our referees, so we need it *and you!*

I hope you all have a wonderful season and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to any member of the Board – one of us is on duty at the fields during all games – or you can call us or e-mail us, and we will get right back to you.

Enjoy the games, encourage the kids – and most of all: *have fun!*

Sincerely,

Ken Kineliski

President

COACH'S CORNER

Summer is almost over, and we are close to the start of a new soccer season. First, I want to thank all of the new coaches, and, of course, the returning coaches. Congratulations to all of our coaches who will have their FIFA F-licenses by the start of the season, and kudos to **Bob Hoenig** for once again setting up both the E- and the F-License courses.

Pinelanders Youth Soccer Club has grown this upcoming season. Divisions D4 and D4G are each up one team, and D6 is up two teams – we now have 50 teams. It's great that our enrollment is up, but it brings us to the ever-present problem of shortage of coaches – and several coaches are without official assistants. Don't be afraid to say "*Can I help?*" to your child's coach, and check that "Coach" or "Assistant" box when you re-register for next season. We are trying to keep a quality program at PYSC, but without the help of coaches, it makes the task increasingly difficult. Please get involved with the club. Who knows, you may have fun!

Tom Brandli Commissioner

EDUCATION

PYSC coaches **Tom Murphy, Eric Hlava** and **Terry Abdul-Malak** recently qualified for their FIFA E-level licenses at a course sponsored by the club. They attended 18 hours of classes and passed a written exam. Congratulations to all of them!

Our F-license class is scheduled for the coming weekend, and a good number of our coaches will be attending. Club policy requires all of our coaches and assistants to take this class.

Bob & Lynn Hoenig

REFEREES

We currently have a full complement of youth referees, although we are always on the lookout for adult refs. We're now building a reserve list of youth refs. If you have your referee's license (all PYSC refs must be USSF-certified and possess a current patch), please contact referee assigner Bob Hoenig at 938-2861. We have no plans to run a referee class at this time.

Bob Hoenig Referee Coordinator

WEB PAGE

If you have access to the Internet please remember to keep an eye on our web page - it's at:

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

In addition to finding information about the club and links to other soccer pages you can keep track of the standings, and print a schedule for your own team. If you want to put a name to a coach's face, or a face to a coach's name, you can go to the *Teams* page and click on the coach's name for a photograph. And with luck a Spot-The-Coach competition will appear within a few days, so keep checking back...

We do make announcements by e-mail occasionally, so if I don't have your e-mail address please send me some e-mail at pinelanders@monmouth.com, and I'll add you to the list.

We do have a page for game reports, but only two or three people send me reports regularly, and all of them are coaches! I'm happy to publish anything appropriate (and positive) that any club member writes – so if you have something to say, just let me know. *Jem Treadwell*