

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Players and Parents:

Another successful season comes to an end very shortly. I certainly hope that fun was had by all and that our players learned new skills. As we come to the mid point of the club's 30th Anniversary I would like to thank the many volunteers who have made this club successful, not only this season but in all the years past.

We are a very large organization and we cannot manage it without all the volunteers who have come forward. Special thanks to my fellow Board members who give many tireless hours both on and off the field to the club - a lot more than I suspect many of you know! Our coaches and assistant coaches also deserve our thanks as they sacrifice their personal lives during the seemingly endless weeks of practices and games, and have to deal with the emotions of winning and losing and interaction with our players. To our refs, young and not so young, you have done and continue to do a great job in ensuring players' safety, your main job, as well as game management according to the laws and rules of soccer ensuring that fun and fair play prevail. And last, but certainly not least, to you parents for your dedication and support of the club...we thank you all!

As the season draws to an end I would like to remind you all of a couple of key events that are also mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. We will be holding Trophy night on Saturday, June 16th, and we hope that you will all attend to show your support for our players in celebrating their achievements this season.

The week of July 30th to August 3rd, we will once again offer a soccer summer camp hosted by Wayne Ramsey and NJ Select Soccer. We have had the opportunity to bring this superb group of players and coaches back once again to conduct a highly professional and fun camp for our players. The cost is modest and the return to the children is tremendous. The camp runs from Monday to Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. each evening that week. Players are taught many new skills and drills in a fun-filled atmosphere that includes clinics and hands-on experience ... all in all, a great week!

During the first two weekends in June we will hold registration for Fall 2001 soccer at our fields. This will be a public event, so if you know of other families who would like to join your club, please spread the word. Flyers were distributed at all Howell elementary schools the week of May 21st. As a current Club member you will be granted priority registration if you get your forms in by June 23rd. Also, anyone interested in coaching or refereeing can sign up at registration time.

Very many thanks to **Mary Murphy** for the outstanding job she has done in managing our snack bar for many seasons. As she retires from the position, her efforts are much appreciated by all our members.

I would like to wish you all a very joyous summer with family fun and relaxation...I hope to see you all at soccer camp!

Sincerely, **Ken Kinelski - President**

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Week 8 has passed and the competition is tough, yet great sportsmanship is shown both by coaches and by the players. I'm very pleased with the hard work put in from the coaches in the lower divisions, which is shown by the way they are helping their players improve their skills. I want to thank the D5 coaches as well for enforcing the offside rule (well done, ladies and gentlemen!). I just want to remind you that your good work is a strong foundation in our club.

I would like to ask parents for their support in helping the coaches in every way they can.

The coaches in our **All-Star program** have done a wonderful job. Our club

participated in the **Manalapan Tournament** with six teams: two from D6, and one each from D5, D5G, D4 and D4G. Some of the players played up a division, and it was great fun and a great experience for everybody. I believe that the club is proud of our presence in this event. Congratulations to all the teams and their coaches, and good luck to Joe Grabas and the team participating in East Brunswick's tournament on June 2nd.

There are also a couple of other things I want to add:

- The Saturday clinic at 12 noon for new D6 players will continue until the end of the season.
- Adult games for coaches and parents continue on Fridays at 8:30 p.m.

Finally, I would like to ask everyone involved to help make and keep our club a good place for our children to learn soccer and have fun.

Thank you everybody once again.

Adnan Abu-Hala - Commissioner

FUNDRAISING

You should have your Club pictures by now. Packages were distributed to your coach in mid-April. If you haven't received your pictures, please check with your coach or picture parent first. You can contact me at the fields if that doesn't work. Thanks to your participation in our picture program, we were able to raise more than \$1,500. This money will go toward improving club programs and helping to maintain facilities - and helps to keep our registration fees reasonable. Thank you for taking part! If you have any problems with your pictures, please contact the photographer, All Sports Photos, directly at (609) 586-8020

Lynn Hoenig - Fund Raising Chair

EDUCATION

A lot of you have been asking when Pinelanders plans to run another Referee school. I can tell you now that we are definitely planning one for early next winter. I'm hoping we can do it early in January, and I hope to have firm dates soon. We'll make an announcement as soon as things are firmed up, so stay tuned. The class will be held on back-to-back Saturdays, and runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$25, plus \$25 for the first year's license. We suggest that referees should be no younger than 13.

Bob Hoenig - Education Committee Co-Chair

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PINELANDERS TRAVELING TEAM TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Fall 2001 season for traveling teams playing in the Jersey Coast Youth Soccer League will be held as follows:

- ☐ **For new U8 Girls (born on or after 8/1/93):**
 - Saturday, June 2, 2001, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 - Tuesday, June 5, 2001, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- ☐ **For U10 Girls (born on or after 8/1/91):**
 - Saturday, June 2, 2001, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 - Tuesday, June 5, 2001, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

☐ **Location: Pinelanders' fields**

☐ **All players MUST wear a white shirt.**

For information please call Bryan Epstein at 919-2111 mailbox #3, or send e-mail to:

bryan.epstein@pinelanders.com

HOWELL UNITED TRYOUTS

Tryouts for U9 Girls and U9 Boys (players born on or after 8/1/92) will be held June 4th & 6th at Howell Middle School North, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

PYSC TRAVELING REPORT

As the season winds down we look back on the teams that have competed in the PYSC traveling league. The U8 boys Thunder team had a tough year but they go on. Best of luck next season!

The U9 girls Ladybugs completed the year very strongly, improving from their 3-2-3 last season to 7-2-0 this season, and a likely 2nd place. These girls have developed a strong relationship, and it is a pleasure to watch them working with each other. A very strong team sprit has been built.

As we get ready for tryouts, I hope everybody will participate. I can only see even better things for this team in the future.

The Ladybugs are: **Kayley-Sue, Carly, Maria, Shannon, Kasey, Taylor, Jamie, Nicole, Samantha, Marielle, Eva, Genna, Keley** and our great goalie **Ashley**: only 7 goals against all season! Thanks to the parents of this team – the best fans that a team could have – for all your support and encouragement!

And last but not least, we are forming a new U8 girls team for the Fall season. The best of luck to the coaches and the girls who are selected!

Bryan Epstein, Steve Salvatore, Bill Bulman

SNACK BAR

Thank to all of the parents who accepted their responsibilities of working in the snack bar. Without your help the snack bar would not be able to operate. We all need to remember that this is a volunteer organization and we all must do our part. Special thanks to **Maryanne** and **Nina** for making all of the phone calls to the parents again. Also many thanks to all of the parents who made the reminder calls.

And an *especially* special thank you to **Mary Murphy**, who has managed the snack bar so well for many seasons, and will pass the job on at the end of the season. Thanks again to all, and have a great summer!

Bryan Epstein

TROPHY NIGHT

Trophy Night will be held at Howell Middle School North, Squankum Yellowbrook Road, on **Saturday June 16th**, at the times shown below. Players should wear team shirts. Bring pizza and have a party!

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

DRIBBLE, PASS & SHOOT COMPETITION

Over 120 players participated in our recent Dribble, Pass & Shoot event, which tests players' skills. Thanks to everyone who supported the event, and congratulations to all our winners:

GIRLS: 6-7: Jenna Drucker; **8-9:** Amber Schlosser; **10-11:** Lauren Cadott; **12-14:** Daniela Ferreira.

BOYS: 6-7: Esai Hernandez; **8-9:** Patrick Loughrey; **10-11:** Augusto Dragonetti; **12-14:** Mike Murphy.

The winners of all divisions **except** the 6-7 age group will advance to the Sectional competition, and the winners of that level will compete for the Team Championship at the Meadowlands later in the year.

Eric Hlava

NEW YORK POWER: SOCCER WEEKEND

Howell United is organizing a trip to see the WUSA New York Power game against Boston Breakers on **Friday June 22nd**, followed by a mini-camp in which New York Power players will visit Howell to train players at Howell Middle School North. The complete package, including round-trip bus fare to the game, is \$40 for mini-camp participants, \$30 for others. For more information, see the flyers at the fields or send e-mail to ingram.william@att.net.

AWARDS

Please think about any nominations you may want to make for **Coach of the Season, Referee of the Season** or the **Joe Parato Sportsmanship Award**.

These are *your* awards, so if you think someone deserves one of them, please let us know who, and give us a few words about why. In particular, the Sportsmanship award can go to *any* member you feel has exemplified Joe's attitude to youth sports - **player, coach, parent, sibling or referee**.

Nominate someone for a single act or for their habitual attitude of sportsmanship – it's your call! To nominate somebody, send e-mail to

pinelanders@pinelanders.com, leave a note in the wooden box in the trailer, or speak to any Board member. Don't leave it too late – names **must** be in by June 9th so that we can get the awards made up.

CAUTION CORNER

Overall, we've had relatively few problems with this season's referee program. We had to scramble on a few days to assure that all games were covered – this is why some games that would normally have 3 referees have had only 2. In fact on Saturday 5/19 you may have seen that we drafted **Bob Hoenig** to do a D6 game. How did he do, coaches? ☺

Coaches and parents, please remember that refereeing is one of the hardest jobs on the soccer field. You have the luxury of focusing on the 'play', while the

referee watches the entire field. The added pressure of yelling and questioning from the sidelines only makes the job more difficult. We instruct the referees that they are the game's final authority. It is difficult for some of the younger referees to stand up to adults – they've been raised to *respect* adults! Please give them something to respect! If there is a problem, please see a Board member **before** you confront a youth referee.

Soccer is somewhat of a unique sport, in that there are only a few "Laws". In fact, when you look at the Law Book, which I am sure you all have, it is a small document. This game places a significant amount of responsibility on the phrase 'in the opinion of the referee'. The referee sees the game from a different perspective and angle than do fans and coaches. Do they make mistakes? Yes. Will they change their ruling based on sideline yelling? Absolutely not!

Case in point: the proverbial comment from the sideline, players and coaches: "Hand ball! Are you blind, Mr. Referee?" The interesting thing here is that nowhere in the Laws of the Game is the term 'hand ball' used. The appropriate section is in Law 12, which states: "A direct free kick is awarded if a player handles the ball deliberately." Just because the ball hits or touches an arm, it does not mean a foul has occurred. In the opinion of the referee, was the act deliberate? If not, then no foul has occurred. Is this Law uniformly enforced? No! Every referee will call it differently. Some call anything that touches an arm, while others, like me, need to see a clear deliberate act. Are the arms in an unnatural position? If so, a foul will likely be called. Remember: just because the ball touches an arm does not mean a foul has occurred. It is solely the referee's judgment.

If you ever have questions about the Laws, please see me or any of our adult referees. We'd be glad to talk to you.

Gary Edinger – Referee Coordinator

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY: RELAY FOR LIFE

Many thanks to everyone who made donations to the American Cancer Society's *Relay for Life* event. Including a contribution of \$100 from the Club, we have donated \$221 so far. The donation bucket will be available at registration sessions if you'd still like to contribute. The event is on Saturday June 2nd, 2 p.m. until 9 a.m. on Sunday morning, at Freehold Raceway. Stop by to see the excitement, and let me know if you'd like to be involved in organizing a Pinelanders team next year.

Jem Treadwell