

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Players and Parents:

As another season draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered their time during the past season – we could not have done it without you.

Special thanks to the snack bar volunteers and the wonderful ladies who made all the snack bar calls during the season. Thanks also to all the team moms and dads, coaches and assistants – you are the real heroes for all our kids and serve as real role models to them all.

I would also like to wish a special thanks to our Board of Directors and Associates who give countless hours to the club to ensure that it runs smoothly and efficiently each weekend. Next time you see these individuals, please give them hearty thanks for all that they do!

I would especially like to single out one individual who has given so much to our club. I am hopeful we can fill his shoes as he retires from our Board. **Tom Brandli** has decided to take a well-deserved break as a Board Member and our outstanding Commissioner. I cannot thank Tom enough for all that he has done for Pinelanders for many years as a Coach, Ref and Commissioner – as I said, *real* big shoes to fill!

Tom, we wish you the best and give you our heartfelt thanks for such an outstanding job you have done, you will be missed in a big way!

As the year winds down, we have our annual elections coming up on Trophy Day. We will have four open slots available to be filled, two of which will be returning Board Members running again for re-election. This is **your** club and I urge you strongly to consider a position on the Board. It is a very rewarding personal experience and an opportunity for you to help our Club, the children and our community... please give it serious consideration.

Have a great winter break! Sincerely,

Ken Kinelski - President

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If you've visited our web-page recently you'll have noticed that we've moved! We now have our own domain-name, *pinelanders.com*, making the address easy to remember and communicate.

Our new address is simply: www.pinelanders.com.

We also have a new e-mail address, and in the future we'll publish addresses for contacting Board members and various groups within the club. The new general address is: pinelanders@pinelanders.com.

Our old web-page and e-mail addresses will continue to work for some time, but you should change your bookmarks and address-book entries to the new ones as soon as possible.

Jem Treadwell

SNACK BAR

I would like to thank two special people who did a great job this season help me to staff the snack bar. **Nina Smith** started the year off taking care of the first few weeks, and then **Maryanne Aldycki** finished off, taking care of the last 7 weeks. There were also many schedule changes that occurred and Maryanne was able to reschedule all of the parents.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who accepted their responsibilities of working in the snack bar. Without all of 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 need to do our part.

Thanks again to all, and have a great winter and holiday season.

Bryan Epstein

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

To all Coaches and Parents:

It's hard to believe we are coming to the end of another season. With the closing of this Fall's season comes the end of my term on the Board. In the past four and a half years as Commissioner, I have worked with so many dedicated people.

It has been rewarding and learning experience for me, so it is with mixed emotions that I step down as Commissioner.

The Pinelanders has been a part of our lives for the past ten years and I plan to continue being an integral part of this great soccer league, just in less of an intense role.

I would like to recommend to you all that you get involved, and tell you that the satisfaction and rewards are immense. See you in the Spring!

Tom Brandli - Commissioner

IS WHAT COACHES DO REALLY WORTH IT?

So there you are, pacing the sideline, trying to come up with some way to convince that 6-year old in goal to actually pick up the ball; or cajole that 8 year old fullback that he or she should take the ball to the wing; or convince that 15 year old sweeper to PASS the ball instead of trying to run it all the way to the goal herself. You've been coaching for 2 weeks, or 2 seasons, or who knows how long.... and all of a sudden the thought hits you... "Is this worth it?" "Am I really doing any good out here?"

Well, I'm here to tell you – you **are!**

My 12 year old daughter just made the 6/7th grade girls' team at Howell Middle School South, and that got me thinking. I started looking around at the high school and middle school teams in our area. What I found was a little surprising – but now that I think of it, it's very reassuring.

There are Pinelanders kids on the varsity & junior varsity teams at Howell High, Freehold Twp High, Colts Neck High, Howell Middle School North & South, and St Veronica's. And mind you, some of those teams have a *large* Pinelanders presence. Some of the young people who have been through our program have made the varsity teams at West Point and Monmouth University, among other colleges.

So next time you're out there at practice wondering "Why do I do this to myself?" – just remember: the kids making these school teams could not have done it without you. Your coaching, your patience, your time!

Keep it up... you're doing great!

Bob Hoenic - Co-Education Chair

FUNDRAISING

Thank you for your support of our club pictures fundraising project! Thanks to your participation, we've raised \$1,700. Continuing with a tradition we began a year ago, a portion of that money will be donated to charity. Part of it will go to the Howell Food Pantry.

The pictures you ordered will be arriving soon. The photographers generally need 4-6 weeks to complete our order. We'll distribute them to coaches as soon as they are delivered. If you have any questions or problems with your photos, please contact the photographer – All Sports Photos – following the instructions enclosed with your order.

Lynn Hoenic - VP & Fund Raising Chair

TROPHY NIGHT

Trophy Night will be held at **Howell Middle School North**, on **Saturday November 18th**, at the times shown below. Players should wear team shirts. Bring pizza and cake, and have a team party!

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

EDUCATION

Got a question about coaching? Referring? Laws of the game? Club rules? Your education coordinators can probably help. And if we don't have the answer, we know where to find it. Please don't hesitate to ask us. If you're a parent and would like to better understand what's happening on the field, we have access to all sorts of references and web-sites. If you're a coach in need of advice on how to handle a particular problem – please come and talk to us.

Questions from referees are always encouraged. You can find us at the fields Friday nights and Saturday all day. Or feel free to e-mail us: Lynn at ldycoach12@aol.com and Bob at hoenigb@aol.com

Bob and Lynn Hoenig

Education Coordinators

FREEHOLD FRIGHTFEST II

Pinelanders sponsored a U-7 girls team to attend the Freehold Frightfest II Tournament on October 21, 2000. The team, called the Bandits, was coached by D6 coaches **Laurie Szyarto, Lynn Hoenig** and **Donna Saal**.

Since we were placed in a U-8 flight, we didn't go in with high expectations. However, our girls were determined to give it their all, and walked away with winning the first place medal, with the scores of 8-1 in the first game and 6-0 in the second!

The tournament was well organized and the girls had a lot of fun with the Team Costume Contest and Pumpkin Carving Contest. Our team also walked away with 1st place for the Pumpkin Carving Contest thanks to Kelly's dad, Mike!

The girls and their parents enjoyed every aspect of the Frightfest Tournament.

Congratulations to: Taylor S., Lauren S., Chelsea J., Brittany H., Kelly G., Shannon P., Raphaela C., Kayla K., Mary G., Emily C., Brenda M. and Luciana D. for all their hard work – it paid off!

Laurie Szyarto

WINTER INDOOR SOCCER

We will be running our Friday-night indoor soccer games again this winter, in the Howell Middle School North gym, after the start of the new year. Signup will begin at Trophy Night.

The program is open to players who are aged 7-17 on January 1st, 2001, and who played or refereed with Pinelanders during the Spring or Fall 2000 season. The Adult program is open to parents of Fall or Spring season players. Full details of eligibility and fees will be available at Trophy Night. Space is limited, and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

PINELANDERS LADYBUGS

Late last year I took a team of very special young ladies to the Manalapan tournament, with thoughts of forming a traveling team. Well those girls were great, but their ages made them ineligible to play in a U9 division. I polled many coaches and did some scouting and came up with 13 great young ladies to play under the Pinelanders name. So from that the Ladybugs were created.

We started the team playing out of the Jersey Coast League. This season sure has been a lot of fun. A lot of hard work and sweat working together. With the season coming to a close, the Ladybugs will end up with a 3-2-3 season. That record will be good enough to put us in 3rd or 4th place. Not bad for a team put together by some phone calls and begging! The worst game of the season came against the first place team, which was undefeated. That game ended in a 2-0 loss, and one of those was on a penalty kick. It was a great season – we will be ready for the next!

The Ladybugs are Kasey, Taylor, Samantha, Kayley-Sue, Carly, Maria, Shannon, Marielle & Eva up front. Genna, Kelcy & Nicole (the Wall) on defense, and our great goalie (5 goals against all season) Ashley.

Bryan Epstein, Steve Salvatore & Bill Bulman

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, note that the sportsmanship award can be awarded to *any* club member who has displayed Joe's attitude to youth sports during the season – **player, coach, parent, sibling** or **referee**. You can nominate someone for a single act or for a habitual attitude of sportsmanship – it's your call!

You can e-mail your nomination to pinelanders@pinelanders.com, leave a note in the wooden box in the trailer at the field, or speak to any Board member. All nominations **must** be received by November 11th, to allow times to get the awards made up.

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

The terms of office of four members of the **Pinelanders Board** will expire at the end of this year. If you are interested in standing for election to the Board, please contact **Ken Kinelski** or **Eric Hlava**, or you send e-mail to pinelanders@pinelanders.com. Elections will be held at Trophy Night, **November 18th, 2000**.

Eric Hlava

Secretary

REGISTRATION

The Fall season registration was our highest ever, with a total of 771 players registering, and with everyone eventually being placed on a team. We have 57 teams, and 88 people coaching or assisting.

You should receive your registration forms for the Spring season with this newsletter. We will be holding registration sessions at the fields this weekend, **November 3rd & 4th** – please bring your forms and check book to the fields and register there if possible, rather than waiting until Trophy Night. It's much easier (for all of us!) to go through the process in the (relative!) quiet of the fields, and once you've done it you can relax and enjoy your Trophy Night party.

If you forget your forms, we can print new ones for you – but you need that check book!

The registration form has been reorganized once again to highlight some of the points and decisions that we need to emphasize. In particular this season we want you to think carefully if you're deciding between a mixed team and all-girl. Because most girls in the eligible divisions choose to play on the all-girl teams, those who choose the mixed teams may find themselves to be the only girl on the team. This is most likely in Division D5, where we currently have 10 teams. As we may only have around 10 girls signing up to play mixed in that age-group, and we try to balance the teams, there's a very strong chance that there will only be one girl in each team. We're delighted to be able to offer you the choice, but this season we had several players who realized that they had chosen wrongly! So please read the information carefully, and choose wisely. In general, for *most* girls who are graduating from D6, or who are playing soccer for the first time, we recommend choosing an all-girl division.

Each season some parents forget to register by the deadline, and then are upset that their children are on the waiting list. Please bear in mind that the deadline is set for fairness to *all* children who want to play soccer. We give returning members every opportunity to sign up with priority, and in recent seasons we've taken the extra step of sending reminders – but once we move to public registration it's only fair that the kids who waited get their chance, and that we don't move others ahead of them. So please be sure to get your forms in at the earliest opportunity, and avoid having to wait for a place in the Spring.

See you at the weekend...

Jem Treadwell

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