



The Lion's Den

Kings Park Soccer Club Newsletter



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President's Corner

The Fall 2006 Soccer Season is well underway and, as promised, some significant changes have been made to the program. The most noticeable is the addition of a new division: The Lions. The Lions division, for our U7 players, is designed to be a transition from micro-soccer (U5 and U6) to small-sided soccer (U8 - U11). The introduction of goalkeepers, larger goals, and regulation rules (such as off-sides) more closely resembles the true 11 v 11 game. As is true for all our in-house programs, this is a developmental program with the emphasis on learning the fundamentals and rules of the game. As such, we strive to form balanced teams and quality coaching so that each child will have fun and develop the skills of soccer.

Another significant change is moving to the Long Island Junior Soccer League (LIJSL) accepted age classifications for all our divisions. While the cute division names, Cubs, Bears, Lions and Bantams are familiar to us, the age group designation, U5, U6, U7, U9, etc, give a true understanding of the age of the children in the division. The "U" means "Under", so U5 means Under 5 as of July 31. Because the cutoff date for each age group is July 31, each division will have a mix of grade levels. So our new Lions division, which is U7, will have a mix of younger second graders and older first graders. This reclassification brings the KPSC in line with the accepted age group designations for the LIJSL and means that there will be no disruption of age groups when players reach the Travel / Pre-Travel / Inter League levels. The players and coaches all move up together.

This past summer brought us the 2006 World Cup Soccer Tournament. While the US made a disappointing early exit from the tournament, there were still many exciting games. Congratulations to the Italian National Team for winning the cup. In 2008, the US will start its qualifying campaign for the 2010 World Cup which is scheduled to be played in South Africa. Rumor has it that South Africa is having some difficulties meeting the stadium requirements. If this is true and South Africa has to relinquish the hosting of the 2010 World Cup tournament, don't be surprised if the US steps in to save the day.

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Picture Day

Sunday, October 22
Tiffany Field

Check the KPSC Web Site
for Team Schedules



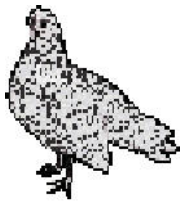
It is with great enthusiasm that we wish to welcome back all players, parents and coaches to the Inter League program. The Inter League is a wonderful way for those players still interested in soccer, after the bantams, to continue to play the "beautiful game". We have placed 15 teams ranging in ages from 7 years of age to 14 and they will be traveling all over Suffolk to play their matches. Some of the teams have been together for a long time and some are newly formed. All are thrilled to get started with the new season. Five of the ten teams are part of the pre-travel program and represent the future of the Kings Park Soccer travel program.

It has been a lot of fun getting to know everyone, getting equipment together and finalizing rosters. It looks like a fun and competitive season ahead. Good luck to all and remember, please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any assistance during the season. Thanks and hope to see you on the field.

Frank Bland (boys coordinator) and Mike Rozza (girls coordinator)

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Bantams

The Bantams are off to a flying start this season. The now U8 and U9 aged players are playing 7 v 7 on a bigger field. I'd like to welcome the new coaches, Jane, Alexa, Maureen and Thomas and welcome back the returning coaches, Steve, Athan, Joe, Rob, Mike and Brian. Thanks to all the assistant coaches and to the parents that lug the snacks down to the game. Everyone plays an important part in helping the division run smoothly, even if it's just getting your child down to practice and cheering them on during the games. Speaking of cheering, let's keep it positive and let's leave the coaching to the coaches and the refereeing to the referees! I hope everyone has a great season full of fun and good sportsmanship.

Karen Davella
Bantams Coordinator



Travel

The Travel division is 14 teams strong this season. We have 9 girls teams and 5 boys teams, all working hard to develop their soccer skills. We ask all players, coaches and parents to remember, even though travel is competitive, the children play for the "fun of the game." We strongly urge all coaches and parents to set a good example for our players.

Inappropriate behavior and language will not be tolerated by the KPSC and it is important to keep our soccer fields fun and problem free for our children and families to enjoy "the beautiful game". If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to call us.

Thank You,
Ed Reynolds & Jeff Stern
Travel Coordinators

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CLUB NOTES

For the health of children, please refrain from smoking at ALL games and practices. See the club web site for our official policy

For the safety of all involved, please leave your pets at home.

Newsletter articles can be mailed to the KPSC or E-mailed to newsletter@kpsc.org

Avoid dangerous situations by parking in designated areas at our fields. There is plenty of parking towards the back of Tiffany Fields and on R Mastrocinque Blvd. Authorities have told us that they will ticket and/or tow illegally parked cars.

Please remember Tiffany Circle is ONE WAY only.

Please help us keep our fields clean. Deposit all garbage in the trash cans placed around the field.

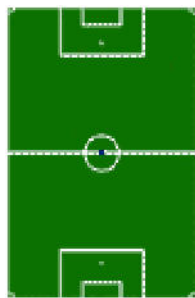
Intramural and Inter League coaches can complete a Referee Evaluation each week. Just visit the Referee Section of the KPSC Web Site.



YOU MAKE THE CALL!

The offensive team is breaking on the goal and passes the ball forward. As this happens a defender goes to play the ball and miskicks it into the penalty area towards his own goalkeeper. With an attacking player close at hand, the goalkeeper picks up the ball using his hands. Is this legal?

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Fields

As we roll into another season there is a lot of interesting news to go around. First off by now everyone should be aware the KPSC has a new agreement with the NY State Parks Department for 10 years. This agreement will allow us to move forward with many improvements to our fields at Tiffany.

Some of these improvements will be in the following areas: water, electric, restrooms and concessions. We are currently working on a plan to extend electric to our field and with that in place we can go forward with in-ground sprinklers, lights and score boards. Long term plans also include a new concession with restrooms.

As always, we ask for your help in any way possible, from coaching to volunteering 1-2 hrs. per week of your time for lining fields. Come help by serving on the Grounds and Fields Committee and watch your ideas become reality. Help out, if you are like me, and love to see great fields at Tiffany. Come and volunteer, for any job with KPSC, but most important just come and help.

Jim Pagano
Grounds and Fields

You Make The Call (Answer from Page 3)

Ruling, legal. Goalkeepers may not play the ball with their hands if the ball is deliberately kicked to them or thrown to them by a teammate.

Soccer Day June 24, 2006

"Who ever said it doesn't rain on Soccer Day?" Well it did rain and hard at times, but with the great efforts from all of you it made it a memorable day as well. What could seemingly of been a disaster turned out from the feedback I received to be a really enjoyable BBQ. Well organized and thought out! A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of you volunteers who made everything possible:

Joseph & Denise Piacentino, Mike Rozza, Bill & Lynda Mueller, Dan McNamara, Dennis McGovern, Diane & Danny Schantz, Jim Pagano, Joel Blitzer, Kevin Hesselberg, Mike Buono, Frank A Bland, Jeff Stern, Rich Schantz, Kim Mahoney, Karen Davella, William, Kim Morello & daughters, Tom, Maryann & Brian Boland, Stuart Mayrick, Mike Brady, Jayme & Frank Pedreira, Ed Dumala, Diane & Don Lanzioti, Pat & Dana Fitzpatrick, Connie Cullin, Maureen Sticco, Mark, Maria and Andrew Moorman and the Barish Family.

Thanks to the Sounds of Kevin Barratini who kept us singing, snapping, clapping, dancing and having fun!

Thanks to Rocking Horse Farms and good intentions of the Lanciotti family for the Moon Bounce.

Thanks goes out to Dana Fitzpatrick and Maria Moorman for our Raffle sales 50/50 which yielded \$185 to winner the Spirio Family and two prize winners of Soccer Bag, blanket, cap, headband, and free registration. The two winners were Brianna Ferrazza and Mirabella Family - Congratulations to all!

On Behalf of the KPSC - THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP IN MAKING SOCCER DAY 2006 A MEMORABLE ONE! ! ! (If I left anyone out, I apologize, it's not intentional - and I thank you too!)

Best Wishes and a have safe and great Fall Soccer Season!

Connie Lopez-Moorman
Special Events Coordinator

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Not Because They are Worthless, But Because They are Priceless.**

CONTEST!

The Kings Park Soccer Club is holding a contest to design indoor tournament artwork that will be used on the 2007 tournament journal cover and t-shirt.

The Kings Park Winter Classic is quickly becoming one of the top tournaments of the indoor season. The "Winter Classic" is held during President's week and has entries from all over the tri-state area.

This contest is open to all membership, young and old, that would like to participate. The winner's design will be used for our tournament journal and t-shirts, some design changes may be required for manufacturing.

1st Prize - KPSC Club Jacket with name embroidered
2nd Prize - KPSC Sweat Shirt with name embroidered
3rd Prize - KPSC String Back Pack

All entries must be received by October 31, 2006 and will be accepted as either a:

1) PDF or .JPG file sent by e-mail to: contest@kpsc.org

2) mail a copy to: KPSC Contest
 PO Box 195
 Kings Park, NY 11754

Winners will be announced on November 7, 2006

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KPSC Board of Directors meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 8:00pm at the Nissequogue River State Park.

All Board meetings are open to the public.



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