



# The Lion's Den

## Kings Park Soccer Club Newsletter



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### President's Corner

As the Fall 2006 season winds down and our players all wait in anticipation of Trophy Day, I would like to look back and evaluate the programs that we have put in place this season. Our new Lions division seems to have successfully bridged the gap between Bears and Bantams, but we will continue to keep a close watch on this division to see if any fine tuning is needed. Our intramural draft program also seems to have achieved the goal of balanced teams in the intramural program. The jury is still out on the multiple team concept in the pre-travel program, but I also think that it is far too early to really evaluate this. The A / B program in the travel division is working out nicely, but the real test will come after the re-alignment of divisions by LIJSL in the spring. And, while the age group re-alignment took some time to get used to, it is already showing signs that it was the right move.

The club has made some strides towards the complete renovation of Tiffany field. With a long term agreement in place and some anticipated aid from our local officials, we are well on the way towards making Tiffany a premiere venue. It is my hope that club members will step up to assist in the renovation in areas such as design, supplies and technical know-how. When we work together, we can achieve our goals.

Starting November 1, the KPSC will move to online registration only, eliminating paper registrations. Not only does online registration save the club time and money, which can be better spent on our children, but it is much more secure. The option to pay by either credit card or check is still available and your registrations will be confirmed online. Open registration runs until February 1, 2007 for our intramural program and until

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## Trophy Day

Sunday, November 19  
Cubs, Bears,  
Inter League & Pre-Travel  
at Tiffany Field

Lions & Bantams  
at WTR Middle School  
Immediately after your last game.  
*Inter League & Pre-Travel: Check with  
your coach*

## SPRING 2007 Registration

**Opens November 1, 2006**

**Online Only**

**Visit the KPSC Web Site**

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Visit The Kings Park Soccer Club Website at [www.kpsc.org](http://www.kpsc.org)

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January 2, 2007 for Travel and Inter League. Registrations received after the deadline will be wait listed and incur a late fee, so please register early.

Long time Board Member and recent Cubs Coordinator, Bill Mueller, has chosen to step down from the board. Bill has been an integral part of the KPSC for more than 18 years. He joined the KPSC board of directors just one year after enrolling his first child in the program. Since that time, Bill has served the club in many ways. He has been vice-president, secretary, treasurer and coordinator of every division. Bill has coached at every level from Cubs through GU19 Travel and has attained "A" level coaching certification along the way and is the current head coach of the GU13 Force. Bill is also a licensed soccer official and has bailed us out of many a jam when the scheduled referee failed to show. Bill was also instrumental in formulating the girls divisions in their respective age divisions and has been a major influence in the many changes the cubs program has undertaken. What a difference from when the cubs played 11 v 11. Of course, it wouldn't be right to thank our departing Cubs Coordinator without also thanking his wife, Linda, for the many hours she too has devoted to the program. Please join me in extending a most deserved "thank you" to Bill Mueller and his wife Linda. Bill, you will be missed.

Stepping in as the new Cubs coordinator is Phil Trapani. I hope you will all support Phil as he comes up to speed in his new position with the club.

Finally, I would like to invite you all to visit our web site ([www.kpsc.org](http://www.kpsc.org)). Information about all aspects of the Kings Park Soccer Club can be found there. Share your comments with us on the Message Board and share your Soccer Photos in the new Photo Gallery.

I wish you all a safe and happy Holiday Season and look forward to the start of the Spring Season in March 2007.

See you on the pitch,  
Joseph Piacentino, Jr.  
President - Kings Park Soccer Club



## Education

As the fall season nears an end, we had two very successful training programs take place.

Tuesday nights we saw the Inter league boys and girls come down to Tiffany and train with USA Soccer. The players came down and gave it all they had. Smiles were on their faces as they enjoyed the fun and excitement of training.

Wednesday nights we had goalie training take place on three different levels. There was a beginner goalie training which saw individual teams that are in our pre-travel and travel divisions come down and learn what it takes be a goalie in competitive play. There were two sessions that took place on the more advanced level. The players learned some great skills that they can bring back to their game with them.

Thank you for all those who participated and their parents who brought them down to the fields each week.

Plans are in the works for Spring training. I am hoping to expand the training to the in house programs of the Bantams and Lions divisions as well.

How many words, of at least 3 letters, can you make from the word

**STRIKER**

View this page upside down in a mirror for the answers that I found below.

err, errs, ire, ives, irk, irks, its, kit, kite, kites, kits, rest, rise, riser, risk, rite, rites, set, sir, sire, sit, site, ski, skier, skirt, skit, stir, strike, tie, tier, tiers, ties, tire, tires, trek, treks, tries

Visit the Club Web Site and add your name to our General Announcements e-mail list and you will be notified about upcoming clinics, classes, meetings and special events!



**Cubs**  
Our new Cubs program, which was introduced during the Spring 2005 season, is well under way and is becoming a successful program in many ways. There are 16 adult supervisors and more than 110 players who are learning skills, drills and the laws of the game.

The weekly program begins with a half hour instructional session with our Cubs "master coach", Jimmy, and the 16 adult supervisors. Jimmy instructs the supervisors the drills that the Cubs are to learn during their half hour practice. Players practice immediately after the instruction and follow up with 3v3 matches that top off the day.

The combination of an organized and synchronized training / practice session creates a teaching mechanism that can and will successfully turn our Cub players into great soccer players while also creating great educated coaches.

Phil Trapani



**H**ello to all inter league players, coaches and parents. I hope you are enjoying your season. We are halfway through and our teams have been very competitive and are having a lot of fun. Our inter league and pre-travel teams are doing quite well against some of the County's top teams. Let's continue to support the players, respect the coaches and refs and enjoy this wonderful game while spending time with our kids. Relating to that I would like to share a story with all of you soccer families.

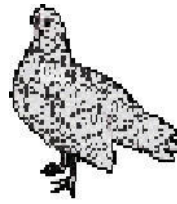
A mother was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her teenage son. Suddenly the boy bursts into the kitchen. "Careful! Careful! Put in some more butter! Oh my goodness! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful!...CAREFUL! I said CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you crazy? Have you lost your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!"

The mother stared at him. "What's wrong with you? You think I don't now how to fry a couple of eggs?"

The son calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm trying to play soccer."

Enjoy the rest of the season and remember to contact us should you have any questions,

Frank Bland (Boys Coordinator) and Mike Rozza (Girls Coordinator)



# Bantams

**T**he Bantams Division is having a great season this fall. The teams have had some very exciting games. Everyone, including the players, coaches and referees, has been working hard at making this a successful season. Thanks to all the coaches for their time, enthusiasm and patience. Thanks to the referees and assistant referees for doing a terrific job. Thanks to the parents for their support. Most of all, thanks to the players for giving their best effort and for showing good sportsmanship-we hope you had fun.

If you haven't already registered for the spring season, you can do it on-line at [kpsc.org](http://kpsc.org).

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. We will see you in March 2007!

Karen Davella  
Bantams Coordinator



## YOU MAKE THE CALL!

Before the start of play, a player on the blue team strikes an opponent on the red team. The referee immediately shows the player on the blue team a red card and ejects him from the game. How many players can the blue team put on the field to play?

Answer on Page 4

## Have you seen the NEW KPSC Online Photo Gallery?

Registered KPSC Members can create their own albums and upload digital photos of their teams and club events.





Fields

**G**ood day fellow members: As we complete another season I would like to keep you informed on our future projects. First, and foremost, we will be trying to add irrigation to one or all of Tiffany's fields. This will be followed by a permanent concession stand with bathrooms and, last but not least, lighting around Tiffany Field.

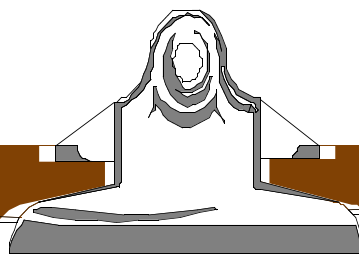
These goals are high but obtainable with a little help from us all. I ask that anyone with knowledge of fund raising or avenues of corporate donation please come forward to help. Also, anyone with knowledge of architecture and design please come forward and help us design a new Tiffany Field we can all be proud of. In closing, I once again appeal to those that can help with the upkeep of Tiffany to do so by volunteering their time. One or two hours a week does make a difference in keeping our operating cost down.

Jim Pagano  
Grounds and Fields



**V**alue Cards are back! The value cards are back again this year and the players are out busy selling away at the fields. If you would like to be part of the rave of the value card please contact Kim Mahoney at [fundraising@kpssc.org](mailto:fundraising@kpssc.org). The cards are \$10 each and are good every day for one full year. This year's value card expires in October 2007.

The club is also sponsoring a KPSC clothing apparel fundraiser in which you may buy sweat shirts, sweat pants, windbreakers, draw string bags, and T-shirts both short and long sleeved. Your opportunity to have this first time offer has been extended until November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out the form (on Page 5) and return it back to Kim Mahoney at the address indicated on the form. These items would make a great holiday gift for someone in your family. Thank you in advance for your continued support to the KPSC soccer family.



### **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@kpssc.org](mailto:newsletter@kpssc.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.

*The Lion's Den* can be viewed in Full Color in the Newsletter Section of the KPSC Web Site..

#### *You Make The Call (Answer from Page 3)*

Ruling, 11. Since the Red Card was issued before the start of the game, the blue team does not have to play down, but the player that got the Red Card cannot play in this match.

**Our Volunteers are NOT Paid.**

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



**KINGS PARK SOCCER CLUB**  
**FALL 2006**  
**CLOTHING FUNDRAISER**

Item/Description	Size	Quantity	Price	Total
Forest Green Drawstring Bag "Kings Park Soccer" in White Lettering	ONE SIZE		\$15.00	
Forest Green Nylon Zip Up Hooded Jacket with Cotton Lining "Kings Park Soccer" in White Lettering	<b>Child</b> S M L		\$45.00	
	<b>Adult</b> S M L XL		\$45.00	
Hooded Sweat Shirt - Gray "Kings Park Soccer" in Forest Green Lettering	<b>Child</b> S M L		\$25.00	
	<b>Adult</b> S M L XL		\$25.00	
Crew Neck Sweat Shirt (No Hood) - Gray "Kings Park Soccer" in Forest Green Lettering	<b>Child</b> S M L		\$20.00	
	<b>Adult</b> S M L XL		\$20.00	
Short Sleeve Tee Shirt - Gray "Kings Park Soccer" in Forest Green Lettering	<b>Child</b> S M L		\$10.00	
	<b>Adult</b> S M L XL		\$10.00	
Long Sleeve Tee Shirt - Gray "Kings Park Soccer" in Forest Green Lettering	<b>Child</b> S M L		\$14.00	
	<b>Adult</b> S M L XL		\$14.00	
Black Sweat Pants "Kings Park Soccer" in White Lettering	<b>Child</b> S M L		\$16.00	
	<b>Adult</b> S M L XL		\$16.00	
	<b>Total # of Items</b>		<b>Total Order \$</b>	

Taxes are included in Prices

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION:

CUIBS  
BEARS

LIONS  
BANTAMS

INTERLEAGUE  
TRAVEL

COACH: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to Kings Park Soccer Club  
 Please Return Form and Payment by Nov 5, 2006 (This will guarantee Holiday Delivery)  
 mail to Kim Mahoney 1331 St. Johnland Rd, Smithtown NY 11787

**Please Order Carefully - NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES**

Questions? Call Kim Mahoney 724-8828 or Karen Davella 366-2868

# KPSC Board of Directors



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Dan M<sup>c</sup>Namara - Operational VP  
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Jim Pagano - Grounds & Fields  
Mike Rozza - Inter League  
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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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