



The Lion's Den

Kings Park Soccer Club Newsletter



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President's Corner

The summer of 2008 will mark the 30th year of operation of the Kings Park Soccer Club. A lot had changed in 30 years. The club membership has grown significantly in number, we have entered the electronic age, training in all areas of the club has increased and improved significantly, our fields are in great condition and greener than ever, we have more travel teams in upper divisions than ever before and we host the largest winter tournament on Long Island. Thirty years ago we didn't even have a U5 program and when the club first introduced a pre-school soccer program, would you believe teams actually played 11 vs 11. And those uniforms, ugh! I still have one and it gets plenty of laughs when I show it around. We've come a long way and we are still striving to improve our programs and introduce new ones that will take us to the next level.

None of this could have been done without member volunteers. So many that played significant roles in the development of the club have come and gone, making room for new blood and fresh new ideas. Having said that, I want to remind you that as the spring season moves towards summer, we will be holding our annual Board of Directors elections this June. If you feel you are ready to dig into the inner workings of the club, send in your nomination. Information on nominating can be found later in the newsletter.

The spring season is also the time we award our club scholarships. Each year, in June, the KPSC awards a minimum of \$4000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. Often, though, many deserving students do not even apply for these scholarships. So, I would like to ask you all to pass the word around. If you know of a family with a graduating senior, ask them to visit our scholarship web page for information about the schol-

2008 KPSC Scholarships



Application Deadline is April 15, 2008

See the Scholarship Section of the KPSC Web Site for Details!

arship program. But, don't wait too long, because the application deadline is April 15.

This past winter, during President's week, we hosted the Long Island Winter Classic. For the fourth year in a row, we saw some great soccer and sold out the tournament with 128 teams in 32 divisions. We played small sided matches on two fields for 5 consecutive 12 hour days and even hosted two late night sessions for older teams. The KPSC entered 15 travel and inter league teams in the tournament and one-third of them brought home either a Gold or Silver medal.

This spring we will provide an online version of our Program Evaluation. Formerly a paper only process, the Program Evaluation gives each parent the opportunity to provide valuable feedback to the club on various topics. The feedback provided will help the club focus on providing and improving those programs that are most important to our members. Keep an eye on the club web site for more details on the Program Evaluation this spring.

Please take some time to visit our web site at www.kpsc.org. Here you can keep up to date on the latest KPSC happenings. We are looking to offer some advanced

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coaching classes and clinics and we will be hosting a CPR/AED class to teach our members how to use the newly purchased Automated Electronic Defibrillator. Everything you need to know about the KPSC is online.

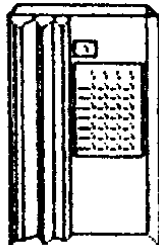
Before you know it, the warm weather and travel and pre-travel tryouts will be here. As a matter of fact, you can find the dates for tryouts in the Education report in this newsletter. If you are planning to tryout for a travel team, please remember to pre-register for tryouts. This will help us plan our staffing needs for the tryouts and make the check-in process go quick.

Lastly, I must mention that fees from our parent organizations, LIJSL and ENYYSA, will be going up for the Fall 2008 season. Unfortunately, we will have to pass those increases along to our members. You can help keep future registration fee increases to a minimum by volunteering your time and expertise. Just send us an email and we'll help find the right spot for you.

I hope you all have a wonderful spring season and look forward to seeing you all at Soccer Day.

See you on the pitch,
Joseph Piacentino, Jr., President - KPSC

Would you like to be part of the Kings Park Board of Directors? Do you know someone that would be a great candidate? If so, you can nominate yourself or another person by sending an e-mail to nominations@kpsec.org. Include the candidate's qualifications and why you think you (or they) would be an asset to the KPSC BOD. All



nominations must be in by April 15th. Some of the many different areas that you can be a part of are fund raising, division and referee coordinators, registration, newsletter, grounds & fields, finance, website, special events and more. The elections for the eight available board positions will be held in June. This year we are attempting to have on-line voting for the first time. Being part of the board of directors is a great way to assure that the children of Kings Park have the best soccer experience we can offer. **You can make a difference!**

If you have any questions please feel free to ask a current board member or e-mail your questions to nominations@kpsec.org.

KPSC Green Pullover Sweatshirts Give-Away

If you are observant and read carefully, somewhere in this newsletter you will find 5 hidden notes regarding a registration number winning a prize. If one of the registration numbers matches yours, send an email to uniforms@kpsec.org and we will send you a green pull over sweatshirt. How great is that!!! Good luck.

Education



Welcome back to the spring 2008 season! As we get things rolling, we begin with our Master Coaching program for our U5/U6 programs when the season opens on March 30.

We will also continue to offer the U7/U9 training through USA-United Soccer Academy. The training will be for six weeks starting in April, dates will be listed on the web site.

Please check with coaches for dates as well. The training will be held at WTRMS from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

Once again, we will offer a goalie clinic. A beginner's session will be offered for players in the U10 or younger age group who have not attended another goalie clinic or who are just interested in learning goalie skills. The second session will be for players who have attended previously offered goalie clinics and are looking for more advanced skills. The cost of the training will be \$120. A refund will be offered for players who attend all sessions. Training will be offered on Wednesdays in April for 6 sessions.

There will be three coaching classes offered this spring. A LIJSL "C" Certification beginning on Tuesday, April 1 will run for 4 weeks. (April 1, 8, 15, 29). There will be a make up date on May 6 in case schools are closed due to inclement weather. The cost for the course is \$80. Another class that will be offered is the LIJSL "B" Certification. That class will begin on Thursday April 3 and run for 6 weeks (April 3, 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15). The cost for the "B" course is \$85. The final course offering for the spring season is the LIJSL "A" Certification. The "A" class will begin on Wednesday, April 2 and run for 6 weeks (April 2, 9, 16, 30, May 7, 14). The cost for the course is \$90. Refunds will be made available to any coach who successfully completes the class. Anyone interested in participating in any of the coaching classes should contact Kim Mahoney at education@kpsec.org.

A CPR/AED course will be offered on Thursday, March 27 at KP High School in Room 101. The cost for this class will be \$40. The fee for this class will also be refunded upon successful completion of the course.

It may seem too soon, or perhaps even so far away, *but* it is time again to schedule tryouts for travel teams. Please check the web site for details about pre registration for tryouts.

The schedule is as follows:

Age Level	Date
U8	Thursday 6/12 & Friday 6/13
U9	Tuesday 6/3 & Wednesday 6/4
U10	Monday 6/9 & Tuesday 6/10
U11	Wednesday 6/18 & Thursday 6/19
U12 & U15	Friday 6/20
U13	Monday 6/16 & Tuesday 6/17
U14	Wednesday 6/18 & Thursday 6/19
U16	Thursday 6/19
U17/U19	Monday 6/23

Finally, some of you may notice an absence during training sessions. Ryan White, Regional Director of Long Island for USA-United Soccer Academy, will still run the Long Island operation, but will not be here on a day to day basis. Ryan will train a few teams during the transition before returning to the New Jersey office on a permanent basis. Ryan will be available once a week to over see staffing concerns that may pop up as well check on the way training sessions are running with other staff members that will remain on Long Island during this transition. The education/training department along with Ryan will oversee that this transition runs as smoothly as possible. We here at KPSC are confident that the transition will go well. Should any concerns regarding the changes arise, please direct them to Kim Mahoney at education@kpsec.org.

U5 Welcome back to another exciting soccer season. It's now time to dust off your cleats, shin guards, and uniform (that is if you can find them) and get out into the spring air and play soccer. This season, we will not be playing on our usual fields. Tiffany field is being refurbished and is not available to us, so we will be using the fields at WTR Middle School.

The U5 division has 16 teams this season and we will be meeting on 10 Sundays to practice and play a game. Each team consists of 8 to 9 players. Wow!!! 16 teams with 8-9 players per team... that's around 130 players. If you add a parent or two, a sibling or two, a grand parent or two that could add up to a lot of players and spectators. You may ask, why do I bring this up? Well, with the potential of having over 600 people at WTR on any given Sunday, we all need to think about safety. There will be traffic cones blocking the bus entrance and front parking area closest to the field. These cones are placed (Registration number 3808 wins) so that the children and the spectators have a safe path to the field. Please do not park or drive past or around these cones. It's all about safety.

I look forward to seeing you and the children play this spring season. Should anyone have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at U5@Kpsc.org.

Phil Trapani – U5 Coordinator (U5@kpsc.org)

U7 It's hard to believe it, but 2007 is behind us and the Spring 2008 soccer season is upon us. The rosters are set, the schedule has been put together, the grass is turning green and kids should be heading out to the fields to play. In the U7 division we have 7 out of 8 great volunteer coaches returning and one assistant coach who stepped up to fill the last coaching spot. Be sure to thank them for committing their time. They do a great job.

I look forward to seeing all the players continuing to develop the soccer skills. I know I saw a big improvement in the teams from the beginning of the fall season to the end and I am sure if they continue to go to practices and listen to their coaches they will all continue to improve even more! Have a great season everyone and let's hear lots of encouragement and cheering for the kids from the sidelines! Let's even applaud good plays that are made by the opposing team!

Have a great season and I look forward to seeing you on the field.

Mike Mattia - U7 Coordinator (U7@kpsc.org)

U9 Welcome to the Spring 2008 season U9s! I hope everyone had a good winter and is eager to get out and play. There is one major change for the division this season: all games will be played at the Fort Salonga Elementary School. The first games will be Sunday, March 30 and continue through mid June with the season officially ending on Soccer Day, June 21. You can view the schedule at kpsc.org and click on the U9 box. We will again have "training night" for the division, dates, time and place to be announced soon. Please sign up for the General Announcements at kpsc.org to receive the most up-to-date information on all club related activities, announcements and cancellations due to bad weather. Let's all remember to show good sportsmanship on and off the field and please let the coaches do the coaching and the referees do the refereeing.

Have a great season!

Karen Davella
U9 Division Coordinator (U9@kpsc.org)



Welcome back to all players, parents and coaches. While we certainly have had harsher winters, it is still nice to get outside on the grass as opposed to the gym floor (or living room couch). We have 13 teams registered for the Spring season and all are ready to play against the top clubs in Suffolk County. Please be reminded that all teams are entitled to training provided free by the club. Check with your coach to make sure she or he is taking advantage of this training.

A few soccer notes of interest with the first being that the Red Bull's season starts shortly with Beckham coming to the Meadowlands on July 19, 2008. What a great way to spend a Saturday night. Please contact us should you want ticket information and or inquire as to group rates. In addition, Fox Soccer Channel continues to show games each and every weekend. Anyway, good luck to all this season. Have fun watching your kids play the beautiful game.

Frank Bland (Boys Coordinator)
Mike Rozza (Girls Coordinator) (interleague@kpsc.org)



YOU MAKE THE CALL!

Referees

After scoring a goal, 3 teammates celebrate by removing their shirts. What is the correct decision by the referee?

Answer Below

Online Program Evaluation Coming This Spring!



Starting this spring, each KPSC member family will be able to submit an online program evaluation for each of their registered children. Parents will be able to provide feedback about the club programs, training and coaching. All evaluations can be completed anonymously in the privacy of your own home.

On or about April 15, each family will receive one email for each registered child. Each email will contain instructions on how to complete the Program Evaluation. This will ensure that each family submits no more than one Program Evaluation for each registered child. This email will be sent to the email address that was used (Registration number 3481 wins) when the child was registered. So, if your email address has changed, please let us know by sending an email to registration@kpsc.org along with your child's registration ID. Feedback from the Program Evaluations will be used to help improve the programs that are most important to you to make sure that your child is getting the most from the KPSC experience. We hope you will each take the time to participate in the Program Evaluation this coming April.

You Make The Call (Answer from Above)

A Caution for "excessive celebration" should be given to each player who removes their shirt while celebrating a goal. The Caution is written up as Unsporting Behavior.



CLUB NOTES

For the health of our 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. (Registration number 3376 wins)

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..

Have you seen the KPSC Online Photo Gallery? Registered KPSC Members can create their own albums and upload digital photos of their teams and

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

**Our Volunteers are NOT Paid.
Not Because They are Worthless, But Because They are Priceless.**



The official color of the Kings Park Soccer Clubs uniform is now maroon. Green has been the Clubs color for almost 30 years and last year the Board voted to change it from green to maroon so that we could match the colors of the Kings Park School District.

It is very important that you check with your coach before purchasing a new uniform since there are some exceptions to the uniform color that a team may wear.

If you require a green uniform, please send an email to uniforms@kpsc.org, if you require a maroon uniform, they can be purchased from:

Port Jefferson Sporting Goods
44 East Main Street
Smithtown, NY 11787
(631) 366-2252
Closed Tuesdays

Thank you,
 Phil Trapani

Special Events

What a way to start off the New Year! The Kings Park Soccer Club hosted its Winter Classic @ the Saint James Sports arena. It was nice to see the spectators, and players having a good time. This tournament drew in a lot of new and old teams that enjoyed the competition in years past. Thanks to all that helped making the tournament run smoothly, and such a success.

They're Back! The "15K Greater Long Island Runners Club", along with the Kings Park Soccer Club are looking for volunteers for the water station. The event is March 8th the run starts at 9AM. This is an excellent opportunity for community service. (Letters will be made readily available to all those that participate). Please come down – it's a lot of fun! The runners really appreciate our continued support of their run. All volunteers get a free t-shirt - compliments of the runners. Let me know if you plan to come down and help as I will need to get shirts for everyone.

The run starts and ends at New Discovery - 800 runners are expected. The net proceeds of this years run will be divided between brain tumor related charities and the Kings Park School District Athletic Programs. Let's show our support for a good cause and support our athletes as well.

Memorial Day parade is May 26th - march with your team. Create a banner win prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team banner(s). Let's get creative!

Soccer Day as always is at Tiffany Field. This year Soccer Day is Saturday, June 28th. Volunteers are always welcome and greatly needed to run one of our largest events. Donations are also welcome. Please contact me (Registration number 3698 wins) if you wish to contribute your time, or goods. Thank you in advance for your help and continued support of a fun filled day for all!

This year we'll also be hosting a Dinner Dance on October 18th Saturday night @ Smithtown Landing Country Club mark your calendars (save the date). Check the website and newsletters for updates. Get your team parents to reserve a table. What a better time to get together with friends, and family and have an outing of music, dancing, plenty of food, and drink. Hope to see you there!

Connie Lopez-Moorman -Special Events Coordinator – 366-1015



Fellow members of KPSC, as you return to Tiffany field this season you will notice some changes around the park. The first is that all playing fields are now irrigated. The second, and most noticeable, is that field #2 will not be playable this season. At the close of last season it under went a major renovation, and due to weather conditions through the winter (mainly rain and frost), it was not able to be completed on time for the start of the spring season. Other fields have been opened to accommodate this situation. When finished in May, this field will have new sod and be ready to play on by summer.

When other families ask you how does your Soccer club spend your fees, (Registration # 3587 wins) simply point to your newly renovated Soccer Park and its high quality fields. Please report any abuse of the fields (golfers, motorcycles, vandalism) directly to the Board or myself at (grounds@kpsc.org). As I always do at the end of my updates, I once again ask for your support in keeping the fields in good condition and ask for your help as a volunteer. Please send your request to help directly to the above e-mail or the KPSC Board.

Thanks again for your support,
 Jim Pagano - Grounds & Fields Coordinator



Boys		Girls	
Age	Winner	Age	Winner
4	Caleb Ball	4	Erica Scott
5	Matt Manna	5	Victoria Puzzo
6	Sam Grullon		
6A	Connor Brady	6A	Kaitlyn Mathusek
7	Eoghan McGovern	7	Haley Holmes
8	Zubair Esmalsadah	8	Jessica Cerbone
9	Shawn O'Keefe	9	Kaitlyn Puzzo
10	Sean Russo	10	Lisa Nealis
11	Thomas Woods	11	Theresa Repole
12	Rick Cooper	12	Ashely Morello
13	Ryan Finnin	13	Frozahn Esmalsadah
14	Mark Bagatais		

KPSC Board of Directors



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Phil Trapani - U5, Uniforms

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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