



The Lion's Den

Kings Park Soccer Club Newsletter



Fall 2011

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President's Corner

Welcome to the fall 2011 soccer season. After a busy summer seemingly flew by, all the preparations have been made, fields lined, teams assigned and coaches selected as we embark on another year of soccer. While this time of year marks the end of summer and back to school, it also represents the start of another soccer season and we've got many talented young players ready to go.

Each year in June, new board members are elected and this year we've got a great group of young energetic volunteers who have jumped right in to make sure this fall season is a success. Scott Mulla- dy has joined us as the U6 coordinator and Keith Squillacioti as U5 coordinator. Also, former board member Jeff Stern has returned and his many years of experience are invaluable to all of us. Jeff is presently sitting ass the Administrative Vice presi- dent of the club. Welcome to all and if you run into any of them on the field, thank them for their volunteerism.

Leaving the board this summer were Kim Mahon- ey, Jim Mahoney and Connie Moorman. I thank all three for their service and dedication to the club and the kids of Kings Park.

Each spring the Kings Park Soccer Club gives scholarships to graduating seniors. This past June the Kings Park Soccer Club Scholarship was awarded to Sean Pagano and Brandon Reynolds with each receiving \$1000. Sean Pagano was also awarded the \$2,000 Rudy Mastrocinque Scholar- ship for Community Service. Julia Weisner was

2011 KPSC Picture Day



**Sunday, October 23, 2011
at Tiffany Field & WTR**

Check the KPSC Web Site for
Team Schedule

awarde the Jim Spence Leadership award in the amount of \$1,000. There were also sever \$500 referee scholarships awarded to our referees who were gradu- ating seniors. Congratulations to our scholarship winners and good luck moving on to college.

In August we held the third annual Kings Park Sum- mer Classic. This is an outdoor tournament for teams from the U8-U12 age groups. 30 teams participated in this tournament and it was a rousing success as a good time was had by all. I received many words of thanks and compliments from the tournament partici- pants. The tournament was particularly challenging this year because the second day was completely rained out. Our tournament director, Mark Moor- man did a great job bringing everything back together the following weekend and getting all the games played. This was greatly appreciated by our tourna- ment participants as other tournaments hosted in the area chose not to make up their canceled games. Thank you Mark!

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Tournaments hosted by the club are the biggest fund raisers we have and help keep our rates affordable. This year's tournament could not have been a success without all of the volunteers. Thank you to all who volunteered time to make the tournament a success.

Throughout this article I have thanked many volunteers. This club runs on volunteer power and in general we have a small group of very dedicated hard working volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the better things are for everyone. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, contact myself or any board member and we would be happy to find a way for you to help out.

Have a great fall season! I look forward to seeing you all on the field.

Yours in Soccer,
Michael Mattia, President - KPSC

Once again we are able to use Cy Donnelly Park and the KPSCD school fields we thank the town and the school district for allowing us to use them. Please obey the rules of these fields of NO SMOKING and NO PETS allowed at any of them. That is for the safety of our children. Also please remember the Boys Scout saying "Leave no trace behind" please have your children clean up after themselves bring water bottle with them or throw them in the garbage cans at all fields. Have a great season.



Rose Mangogna
Resource Coordinator



Hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed Soccer Day. Start of a new season and back to school. This year we have some new faces in the inter-league. I would like to welcome our new u10 girls coach Mike Theofield, our Girls High school team coaches Adele Rupert, Kathy Glazer and the u12 boys coach Rich Price. We have coming back U14 girls coach Steve Fierro and High school Brendan McKenna I appreciate all the hard work that the coaches have done to put together the teams this season. I know all the hard work they put in for all their players and the care and respect they teach our children can not be matched.

Please remember the start of the season the players are our children and a child of our friends. No one remembers if they won or lost a game. But they will remember the person that got into it with the referee, coach or the parent on the other team. Watch your language and actions on the fields. Thank you in advance for cheering for my daughters and my friends children's this season and showing the opposing teams how gracious Kings Park is.

If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to call us.

Joe Gunning - Girls Inter League Coordinator interleague@kpsc.org



The club put together a program back in 2007 to have Kings Park younger players get a taste of more completion, the tournament teams were formed. Denis McGovern and I were the 1st team coaches and both are coaching the same teams today as travel teams. The players gained a better understanding of the game and get to play in several tournaments in a season that are local here on the island. There have been U8 teams since then. Two years ago the club formed U7 boys and U7 girl's tournament teams and took the players to several tournaments during the seasons and player had a lot of fun and really enjoyed the play.

Right now the U8 boys and U7 girl's teams are looking for players and will be training to go to several tournaments this fall. This is a very good experience for players and building a team spirit and friendships that will last.

If you have any questions you can reach me at home at 631-269-5935 or email me at joe@gbmcomputers.com

Joe Gunning Tournament Team Co-Coordinator

U5

In the U5 division we are looking forward to kicking off! We will begin the season with 12 teams. I would like to thank all of the coaches who volunteered to guide our teams in our club's

youngest age group. Moreover, the efforts of these coaches certainly have helped getting the season off on the *right foot* (no pun intended.) The framework of the U5 division has been altered this season to adopt the Master Coaching program. Each Sunday our coaches will work with a professional trainer to design age appropriate practices for our youngsters. After, the children will participate in a game/match to implement the strategies taught from the practice. Stay tuned for a great season of learning the world's game.

Keith Squillacioti - U5 Coordinator (u5@kpsc.org)

U7

It's hard to believe that fall is almost here and we are starting up the soccer season. We are again looking forward to a great season in the U7 Division. This season there will be 8 teams. The teams will still be a combination of boy & girl

players. We are lucky to have many experienced coaches returning this season as well as some newer coaches to the Kings Park Soccer Club. We appreciate them volunteering their time to coach our children. The goal of each coach is to teach the players the fundamentals of soccer while making sure that each child has an enjoyable soccer experience.

All games will be played at Tiffany Field. Although the games are still small sided with a 5v5 format, the players will transition to a larger field, with a goalkeeper & referee. The games will now also include throw-ins, goal kicks & corner kicks.

The club will again provide professional training for the U7 Division. This year the training will be provided before each game. This will hopefully allow for more players to benefit from the training. Each coach will also hold their own team practice, usually one time per week.

Thanks again to all the coaches and assistant coaches for volunteering their time. Thanks to all the moms and dads who bring their children to practice and games each week.

Have a great season!

Paul Alongi - U7 Coordinator (u7@kpsc.org)

U6

The club's main goal for children in the U6 Division is to make playing soccer fun. At this age, playing soccer with their friends is more important than the score. We understand that if they have fun this season, they will

come back next season. The second goal is to begin developing a good understanding of the game. The coaches and trainers disguise the learning process by playing games with the kids that will teach them the basics. The children will soon begin using the skills that they learn in these training sessions and apply them during their soccer games. These basic building blocks will help the kids learn the sport and enjoy playing the game. Playing soccer is a great opportunity to engage in a fun sport, while promoting good exercise and friendly competition. I look forward to seeing you all at the fields.

Scott Mullady - U6 Coordinator (u6@kpsc.org)

U9

The Kings Park Soccer Club would like to welcome you back to another season of Fall soccer. We are looking forward to getting out on the fields and returning to soccer form. We have some exciting changes in the U9

division this season. The club has made changes to the weekly training sessions. They are now offered on Sunday game day. The training session will allow team training sessions with a professional trainer who is required to stay for the game and continue to help out coaches and players in game play. This should help the trainers accurately mold the training sessions to our player needs. All schedules and information is available on the club website.

The boys and girls have been combined this season for a more challenging approach for this age group. I am hoping this will enhance the play of all players and continue to strengthen this group of players. All game are back at Tiffany Field this season so please take some time to review the field rules and help take care of our home. I am looking forward to seeing you out on the fields. Have a great season and welcome back!

Mike Palladino, U9 Coordinator (u9@kpsc.org)



Referees

First off, the Summer is over and Fall Season is here. My goal is to continue to build upon the strong foundation that we have with the # of kids refereeing. The first example of this trend continuing is by the great attendance, at our

new referee training class held on August 22nd. More than 25 new kids showed up to enroll in the Assistant referee / Referee training class. This is in addition to over 40 kids from the spring 2011 season that will be back. This type of participation shows great commitment from all of our new recruits to do everything they can to become outstanding referees. However, learning the rules in a class room are no substitute for on the field experience. As these new referees start hitting the field, please give them a break and understand that they are learning how to be referees just as the children in the game are learning to become better soccer players. The Kings Park Soccer Club recently hosted Summer Classic outdoor tournament, August 14th and 15th. Some of our older/more experienced referees were given the opportunity to referee the tournament games, in the U8 and U9 divisions. They spent long days at the field (in hot weather) refereeing games and working at the concession stands when they were not refereeing. They did an outstanding job and should be recognized for their efforts. Thank you tournament referees: Ryan, John, Nick, Desi and Peter. You all did a great job!

I encourage all coaches and parents to complete a referee evaluation form after each game. This allows me to know the good, bad or ugly of how they are performing. It lets me work with those who may need some guidance so that they can become better. The better they are, the better the flow of the games will be. And will help us to improve upon our training for the referees. The form can be found by clicking on the Referees link from the club's web site, www.kpsc.org. I read all of the referee evaluations and pass along your compliments and constructive criticisms to the referees to help them improve. I look forward to your comments. If you are a coach/parent in the U9 division, this is the age where you not only have referees, but also assistant referees working the sidelines. Please make sure when you seat yourself to watch the game you stay back from the sideline so the assistant referees have room to do their job. If you see others sitting on the sideline, please ask them to move back. Thank you.

If you are a new referee who just completed the referee course and are not receiving regular communications about game requests and the weekly schedule then please send an e-mail to referees@kpsc.org or to me directly at mtsxerox@optonline.net and ask to be added to the e-mail list. This is how you will know when to request games and what the weekly referee schedule is.

Referee Question: A goal is scored when the ball?

- A. When any part of it touches the goal line.
- B. When the ball completely crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar
- C. Any time there is a foul by the attacking team

Referee Answer: B. When the ball completely crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar

Mike Smith – Referee Coordinator

Welcome back all to another season of soccer. What an adventurous summer we all had from earthquakes to hurricanes and even a tornado. It's amazing what we all can live through. Our board has been working through a lot of things also such as getting Tiffany field up to par. We worked all summer on getting the grass greener and making the area around the fields wider. We thank the NYS Parks for working with us in getting this done. We also thank Pioneer Group for working on the fields to get them ready for opening day. In the near future, hopefully by the time you read this the paving of the driveway around Tiffany Field will be done. We have teamed up with the Nissequogue River Park Foundation Association to make this happen, along with the approval of NYS Parks Dept. It's amazing what a group of volunteers can do to make a community better. We would like to thank the Adam's Family member's of the club for putting in the winning bid to pave the driveway. They are owners of the North Shore Paving Company their daughter plays on the GU 10 Hot Shots team coached by Mike Stiskin. Mike put the word out we needed the road paved and the Adam's family came through to do it. We plan on having other projects done at Tiffany field if you or anyone you know would like to help out please let us know. We live in a great community and working together makes it even greater.



Just a reminder the NRSP Foundation's Annual Turkey Trot is coming up, if you are not already signed up to run in it go for it, if you choose not to run in it we can use volunteer's to help run the event. Feel free to contact me if you would like to help or if your child or anyone you know needs community service hours. My e-mail is rrmango@hotmail.com volunteers are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

Rose Mangogna
 VP of Operations

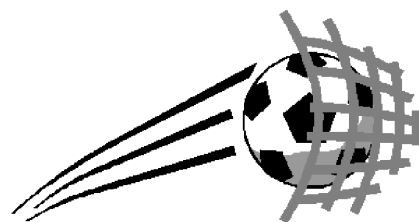


Uniforms

Port Jefferson Sports has closed their Smithtown store. They have relocated to the Pro Shop located at Superior Ice Rink. Anyone who is in need of a uniform for the in-house programs (U5 through U9) should stop by and purchase their uniform from there. Superior is located on Indian Head Road right here in Kings Park.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kim Mahoney at uniforms@kpssc.org.

Registration has come to a close and we have approximately 800 soccer players in our program.. Thank you to those of you who registered on time, it



helped our coordinators in giving them enough time to put together the teams for the season. It also saved you \$25 for registering on time. For those who don't know a lot of time goes into making the teams and trying to keep the team size at a number where each child gets the same amount of playing time. When registrations come in late it's not fair to your child or other children to try and squeeze them onto a team. At times we get enough late registrations to make another team only problem we don't get the parent to volunteer to coach. Please don't be afraid to step up and coach, our Inhouse program is run by professional trainers from CDS, we have trainers coaching the players and parents who volunteer to coach, everyone is taught the correct way to learn a skill from our U5's through our Tournament Teams, including the coaches, so come on down and step up to coach it's a great learning experience for all.

Rose Mangogna
 Registration Coordinator

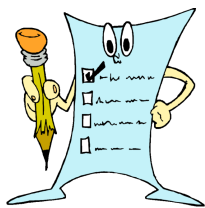
I have to say thank you to Mike and everyone at the Nissequogue River Foundation Association for supporting the Kings Park Soccer Club. They are working with us to bring go things to the Nissequogue River State Park, they have many ideas and plans to really fix the park up for the town. Please remember to support them in their fundraising events such as the Annual Turkey Trot held on Thanksgiving morning and also the Sunset Run that takes place in June.

Rose Mangogna
Nissequogue River Foundation Liaison



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.**



Online Program Evaluation

Remember later on in the year we are going to ask for your thoughts on how we are doing and how your coaches are doing. When it is time to fill out the program evaluations please remember they are anonymous so you can say what you want without your coaches knowing who said what unless you want them to know. It is away for us to know what you are looking for and how we can improve our organization. Remember a volunteer is priceless. And we are always looking for volunteers so please feel free to step up and help anytime you would like.

Rose Mangogna
Program Evaluator



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"It's not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or when the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worth cause; who at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat." - Theodore Roosevelt

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4th Annual

The Nissequogue River State Park Foundation

1K Turkey Trot for Kids and 5K Run/Walk for The Park

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Start Time:

8:30am - Turkey Trot for Kids

9:00am - 5K Run/Walk in the Park

Check-In: 7:00 - 8:30am

★ Early Check-In: ★

Wed., November 23rd 4PM - 7 PM

at Knights of Columbus Hall
44 Church Street, Kings Park 11754

1K Turkey Trot For Kids

(12 and Under)

Registration Information

Entry Fee \$10.00

Pre-Registration or Day of Race
(Parental Supervision is Mandatory)

**All Participants
Receive a Ribbon!**

5K Registration Information

Pre-Registration by Mail: \$20.00 if postmarked by Thurs., Nov. 17th

Pre-Registration Online: \$20.00 plus service charge at ourstatepark.com thru Mon., Nov. 21st

Race Day Registration: \$25.00 Thurs., Nov. 24th 7am - 8:30am

Complimentary T-Shirt and Gift! (Pre-Registration Only)

CASH PRIZES!

MALE & FEMALE

1st Place - \$100

2nd Place - \$75

3rd Place - \$50

**Top Male &
Female Masters - \$75**

5K Awards:

Prizes to the first three finishers
in each category.

Categories:

Male & Female - 14 & Under, 15-19, 20-24,
25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49,
50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69,
70-74, 75-79, 80+



**WALKERS,
WHEELCHAIRS &
BABY STROLLERS
WELCOME**

NRSP Foundation 5K Run/Walk for the Park & 1K Turkey Trot for Kids Registration Form

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Age on Race Day _____ Sex _____

Check One: 5K Run 5K Walk 1K Turkey Trot

Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Make check payable to: NRSP Foundation

Send entry form to: Nissequogue River State Park Foundation

P.O. Box 159 • Kings Park, New York 11754



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I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, my assigns, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all claims for damages I may have against the Nissequogue River State Park Foundation, and all other sponsors of the 5K Run/Walk for the Park, Long Island Track & Field, Just Finish, Inc., The State of New York, The Town of Smithtown, and their employees, agents, representatives, successors and assigns, from any and all liabilities, claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever arising directly or indirectly from my participation in this event, even if such liabilities, claims, demands and causes of action arise in whole or in part out of the negligence of any of the above-mentioned organizations or individuals. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and have trained sufficiently for the competition of this event, and that my physical condition has been verified by a licensed Medical Doctor. If signed by a parent, the parent agrees to release and hold the above named organization and personnel harmless from and against any claims and rights, which may be asserted on behalf of the entrant. I hereby grant permission to any and all of the foregoing organizations and personnel to use photographs, or any other record of this event for any purpose whatsoever.

Signature _____ Parent Signature (if under 18) _____

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