

# The Lion's Den

## Kings Park Soccer Club Newsletter

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## Picture Day

**Saturday  
October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9am - 4pm**

**at Tiffany Field**

(Rain Date: Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>)

## MANDATORY COACHES MEETING

For **ALL**  
Intramural and Interleague  
coaches

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 PM  
RJO GYM

## President's Corner

Parents and players, welcome to Fall Season 2000. Thanks to mother nature and the rain she has provided us, and also our Director of Fields & Grounds, Charlie Kuchenbrod, our home at Nissequogue River State Park has never looked better.

Our registration for this season has been strong. We are fielding 16 Interleague teams, 10 Bantam Boys teams, and 6 Bantam Girls teams. Our younger divisions are also strong with 14 teams participating at the Cub level, and 10 teams participating at the Bears level. Our Travel Division Boasts 8 teams at this time.

The Travel Division added 3 new teams to its ranks this season. All of the new teams have already won their first game. The existing teams as usual have been competitive, with Ian Harris' boys team winning their first 2 games.

Sportsmanship is a valued quality within the Kings Park Soccer Club. Please join me in congratulating Jeff Stern's Wildcats, and Steve Rudman's Heat on receiving The Long Island Junior Soccer League/Modell's Sporting Goods Sportsmanship Award for Spring Season 2000. The club is very proud of both of these teams.

Our club will be encouraging Soccer Education this season. Coaches clinics were held on 9/12 and 9/23. The interest was very good. Goalkeepers clinics were held in August, and the turnout among the players was exceptional. Similar events are being contemplated for later on in the season. Please check our bulletin board at Tiffany Field/Nissequogue River State Park, or turn to our Website at [www.kpsc.org](http://www.kpsc.org) for upcoming events.

One of our 1989 Boys players, Jonathan Wibben, sustained a fractured femur during a recent practice. Jonathan underwent corrective surgery at Stonybrook Hospital. Please join me in praying for a speedy recovery for Jonathan, and friends of Jon's, please call to help lift his spirits.

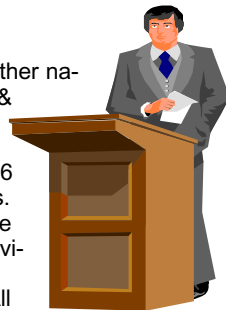
As many of you know, the KPSC employs many of its own players to referee our in-house games. Just as our children are learning to be Soccer Players, the young players acting as referees are learning to be referees. It's quite possible that at times they may miss calls, or even make the wrong calls. We ask that parents refrain from criticizing these young people, and that coaches provide criticism in a constructive, educational, and responsible manner. The Club stands 100% behind these young people, and abuse directed toward them will simply not be tolerated. I ask all of our adults to consider how they might feel if a child receiving verbal abuse was their own.

Crossing sports lines, the Kings Park Soccer Club Wishes to extend our congratulations to one of our long time coaches Joe Florio. Joe piloted his team of 11-12 year old girls, many of which are soccer players as well, to the Suffolk County PAL Summer Travel Softball Championship. Thanks Joe for your years of commitment to youth sports in Kings Park and congratulations to your championship team.

The KPSC is always looking for new and better ways of doing things. If you have an idea, a problem, or concern, drop us a note at PO Box 195 Kings Park, New York 11754 or leave a note on the website at [www.kpsc.org](http://www.kpsc.org).

Many thanks to all of our coaches, and our very fine Board of Directors, for getting this season off to such a fine start. Sincere thanks to all of the parents who care enough to bring the players to the practices, and also who religiously demonstrate their support every weekend on the sidelines. I wish you all a very fun, safe, and successful, season.

Rudy Mastrocinque  
President-Kings Park Soccer Club



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[www.kpsc.org](http://www.kpsc.org)

# KPSC

## Dedicated To Our Children and The Game



**Bantams**

**B**antams is off to a great start. We have 10 boys' teams and 6 girls' teams. Thank you

to all the coaches who have generously volunteered their time. Without you, we would not have community sports.

Just a few reminders:

- Coaches & parents are not allowed on the playing field, only players & referees belong on the field.
- Parents must not give instructions to their own (or any other) children during games – Let the coaches do the coaching!
- All coaches, parents & players must do their part to keep the games and practices running smoothly.
- Please be on time to games and practices – you owe this to your team.
- Parents who have any concerns or questions should speak to the coach directly – But, not during practices and games.

The KPSC has a very strong policy about referees. **NO ONE, AT ANY TIME, FOR ANY REASON** is to question a call a referee makes! Referees, not coaches or parents make all calls.

Lastly I would like to remind everyone that all game changes and cancellations must be done by the division coordinator. In the event a game is canceled due to bad weather, you will hear from us. Please help us keep the game of soccer fun for all.

Bantam Coordinators,  
David & Debra Shaw

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**Bears**

**T**he Bears kicked off another season with 117 eager & excited players this past Sunday. You couldn't have asked for better weather. I am happy to say we have 12 enthusiastic coaches working with our children. All have the same goal in mind ... to let the kids have fun while learning more of the fundamentals of the game.

For this season we will be playing 5v5 instead of the 4v4 that we typically play. This is because we have 11-12 players on each team and we want the kids to be able to get more playing time.

You probably have noticed that our fields have been moved to a new and improved location at Tiffany. Thank you Charlie Kuchenbrod for doing a great job.

A final note to all coaches & parents, remember that we are the role models for our children. They will become who we are. Keep that in mind while on the sidelines and always set your best "Soccer foot forward". Show support by praising not ridiculing. Show our children how to handle questionable or bad calls, not by harassing the official, but letting the kids know that everyone can make a mistake and that it is only a game. Show them you can voice an opinion without yelling, cursing, or berating someone else.

Have a great and enjoyable soccer season!!!

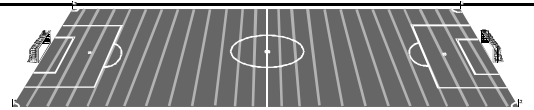
Claude Fox, Bears Coordinator

### From The Fields

**T**he fall 2000 season has begun and you might have noticed

some changes at Tiffany Field. Probably the most noticeable change is the arrangement of the fields. If you cannot find the field you are scheduled to play on please refer to the map on the new bulletin board near the entrance. The bulletin board is for all to use. Please keep the messages brief and related to soccer, the club or the teams. Thanks are in order to the people who have lent a hand, a truck, or a fire engine. Thanks to Chief Andrew Menzies and the Kings Park Fire Department for bringing the Tower Truck to the field to replace the rope on our flagpole. Also, Thanks to Mike O'Reagan who has spent many hours helping me at Tiffany field pulling out old goal posts and backstops with his truck. Mike cut up the old posts and fencing and even took the junk away for us. Many more have helped in many other ways; My wife, Ursula and my kids, Tyler and Jennifer, Walter Ingram, Lynda Dicce, The Spataro family and the unknown man practicing his chip shots. Thank you All.

Charlie Kuchenbrod, Coordinator of Fields & Grounds



**W**ith the soccer season running a full speed. I would like to remind the Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Parents that yelling or abusing a referee from the sidelines will not be tolerated. It is our job as adults to teach sportsmanship to our children and that starts by being "good sports" ourselves.

If it is reported that a coach or parent is abusing a referee, it will be investigated and immediate action will be taken, which could result in suspension or expulsion from the club. Every division from the Cubs up to the Interleague is a learning organized scrimmage where standings are not kept. It is meant to be fun and to teach the kids about soccer and sportsmanship. The referees are kids that play soccer for our club, they are learning too and will make some mistakes.

If there is a complaint concerning a referee, please email your concerns to me and I will be happy to look into the complaint and take appropriate action, if necessary. My email address is referees@kpsc.org. You can also leave a message on the club phone, that number is 265-6390. It is up to all of us to keep it fun for the players and the refs and to be role models on the field. Thank you.



**Refs**

Jeff Stern  
Referee Coordinator

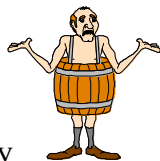
If you would be interested in attending a Long Island Junior Soccer League Coaching Course, please contact your division coordinator or visit the Clinics Section of the KPSC webpage ([www.kpsc.org](http://www.kpsc.org)). The LIJSL offers a "D" level course which is 4 hours of training and geared towards the coach of 6-10 year olds. Also offered is a "C" level course which is 12 hours of training (over 4 evenings) and geared towards the coach of 10-13 year olds. The "C" level course can be especially helpful for interleague and young travel team coaches. The KPSC will reimburse all Kings Park coaches for the cost of the course after successful completion. If there is enough interest in either course, the KPSC can sponsor a LIJSL coaching course in town. Don't delay, some courses have a maximum enrollment.



- Club Notes!**
- ⇒ For the health of our children, please refrain from smoking at ALL games and practices. See the WebSite ([www.kpsc.org](http://www.kpsc.org)) for our official policy.
  - ⇒ Looking for a tournament, check the Tournament section on the KPSC website.
  - ⇒ If you have an article about your team or division that the rest of the KPSC should know about, you can mail your article to the KPSC, PO Box 195, Kings Park, NY, post it on the KPSC website Message Board or E-mail it to [newsletter@kpsc.org](mailto:newsletter@kpsc.org).
  - ⇒ If you have an article for the newsletter, you can E-mail it to: [newsletter@kpsc.org](mailto:newsletter@kpsc.org).
  - ⇒ If you have a digital photo that you would like to see on the photos page, you can E-mail it to: [WebMaster@kpsc.org](mailto:WebMaster@kpsc.org).
  - ⇒ For the safety of all involved, please keep your pets at home.
  - ⇒ Avoid dangerous situations by parking only in designated areas at our fields. There is plenty of unused parking towards the back of Tiffany Field. Authorities have told us that they will start ticketing and towing cars that are illegally parked. Please remember that Tiffany Circle is ONE WAY.

## Lost & Found

Items can be left in the box by the gray containers at Tiffany Field. If you have lost an item, come look through the boxes. Or you can post a message on the KPSC Message Board at [www.kpsc.org](http://www.kpsc.org).



**Rudy Mastrocinque - President, Insurance**  
**Jeff Stern - 1st VP, Referees, Fields**  
**Diane Schantz - 2nd VP, Registration, Uniforms**  
**Debra Shaw - Secretary, Soccer Camp**  
**Rich Schantz - Treasurer & Uniforms**  
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**Tom Biviano - Interleague**  
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**T**hank You from the Kings Park Travel Teams. During the past month your travel teams have been hosting Car Washes, as a means of raising money to participate in upcoming tournaments. Altogether, over 500 cars were washed and approximately \$2500 was raised. The Car Washes also produced a few aches and pains for the parents and coaches that participated. On behalf of the Wildcats, Lady Bandits, Co-bras and Renegades, we would like to thank the Kings Park community for their continuing support and your generous donations. Also, special thanks to the parents, coaches and the teams that participated.



Coincidentally, 6 of your travel teams will be participating in Northport Columbus Day Tournament. Just as you have support us in the Car Washes, we would love support during the Columbus Day Tournament. We will attempt to post the tournament schedule on the WebSite.



### The Ladies Team

The ages range from 26 to 54. The 10 game schedule takes them from Bayside, Queens to Bridgehampton, LI.

The Kings Park Soccer Club's entry in the Long Island Ladies Soccer League, the Cyclones, is off to their best start in years. The roster features 17 players, the most in years. More importantly however, the team is off to a 2-0-0 start. This is also the best start in years. The team is lead by veteran players Diane Tabone, Linda Swieiki, and Kings Park Girls Varsity Coach, Sally Ayers.

"Most of us just love the game. Said Diane Tabone. We have children that are either school players, or play in the club. Many of us have been playing for years, and it's great exercise and conditioning." The team's games are played at 4:00 on Sundays, at Tiffany Field at the Nissequogue River State Park.

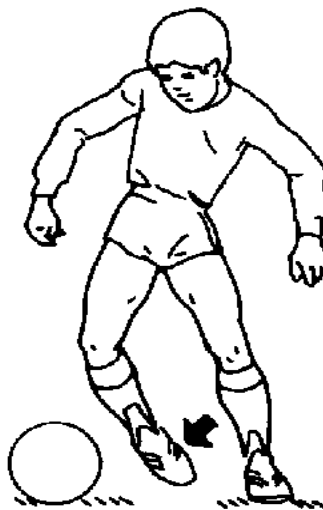
If you have some time during the remaining home dates, 11/5 and 11/12, why don't you pack a cooler (of course non adult beverages), and show your support for these fine ladies. Look forward to seeing you out there.

### The Outside-of-the-Foot Pass

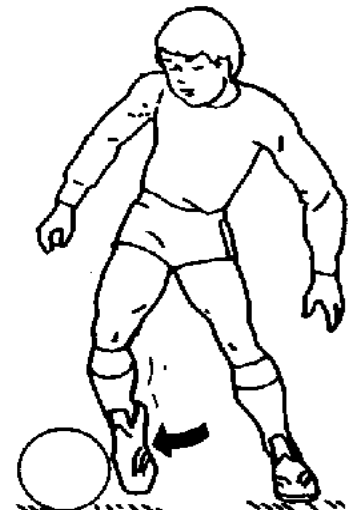
The outside of the foot may be used for short or medium distance passes. It is usually used to start a wall pass (give and go).



Put the balance foot ahead and away from the ball so there is room to swing the kicking foot.



Point the toes of the kicking foot down and hold the ankle firm. Kick with the outside of the foot through the center of the ball.



Keep your eyes on the ball and follow through with the kicking foot.