

The Lion's Den

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Trophy Presentations

Cubs, Bears & Bantams

Sunday, November 19th
(after your game)
at Tiffany Field

(Rain Date: Friday, December 1st)

Interleague & Travel

Friday, December 8th
At RJO
(See Schedule on page 4)

President's Corner

Very often, many of us who volunteer our time feel our efforts go unappreciated, or are taken for granted. The pay is poor, and depending upon the circumstances, the abuse can be overwhelming.

I wanted to take this time to say how proud I am of the overwhelming percentage of our board, coaches, and parents who do their best to mold fine adults of the children in our community through the sport of soccer. I think all of us should be proud that every time we change an old procedure, develop a new program, or make a decision as an organization, we do it with the best of intentions, and with the best interest of the youth of the community at heart.

Going forward with the best of intentions, we parents, coaches, bread winners and business owners, who volunteer our time, will make decisions that aren't perfect. We'll probably make changes in old programs that made them better, but in hindsight could have been made even better, or decide to try something new that in the end turns out to be a flop.

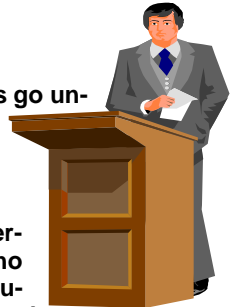
It's extremely ambitious to set perfection as our goal, however if we fall short of perfection, it's not because we haven't given it our best shot. Volunteerism is an honorable undertaking, but one shouldn't lose focus of what our priorities in life ought to be:

That our children ought to come first, our spouses second, and that our volunteer efforts should come third, fourth, or even fifth depending upon the circumstances.

As our club goes forward, I don't believe that the duty owed to our members or to the community is to be perfect. I believe that our duty is to attempt to do our very best for the youth of Kings Park. I believe that our registration numbers are an excellent report card for the organization. With over 700 youngsters participating, it appears that our group has earned a solid A.

I wish to offer my thanks and congratulations to all of you for the wonderful organization we have all put together. There is no disgrace in falling short of perfection, and we can all take pride that we continue to go forward in our volunteer efforts with the best of intentions for the youth of Kings Park.

Rudy Mastrocinque-President



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Bantams

Well, another season is coming to an end. It seems like it only

started not too long ago. The weather has been so cooperative this season, with the exception of some snow flurries. We thank all the coaches for their outstanding sportsmanship this season, all the parents for their great support during the games, and all the players for their commitment and dedication to learning soccer and having a great time. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE remember to register ASAP for the Spring 2001 season. We urge you to do this at Trophy Presentations on 11/19/00 to avoid forgetting to do it during the off-season. If you mail in your registration, it must be in by 2/1/01 to pay the regular rate of \$50. Registrations received between 2/2/01 and 2/15/01 must be sent with an additional \$15 late fee. WE WILL NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, ACCEPT ANY REGISTRATIONS AFTER THE 2/15/01 FINAL DEADLINE. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

We wish all of our Bantam families a Peaceful and Healthy Holiday Season.

David & Debra Shaw
Bantam Coordinators

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Registration

As we near the end of the Fall 2000 season, the Board of Directors of the KPSC sincerely hopes that all of our players and families have enjoyed the game of soccer this season. We look forward to seeing all of our players at Trophy Presentations on Sunday, November 19th (Cubs, Bears & Bantams Divisions) and Friday Night, December 8th (Interleague & Travel Divisions.)

In order to better prepare for the upcoming Spring 2001 season, the KPSC has instituted new policies & procedures for registration:

1. Registration forms for the upcoming season will be handed out to all current players prior to the end of the current season.
2. Registration along with payment will be accepted at Trophy Presentations on 11/19/00 & 12/8/00. We strongly urge players to register at this time.
3. Any registrations with payment not submitted at Trophy Presentations must be mailed to the KPSC by February 1, 2001.
4. Registrations received between 2/2/01 - 2/15/01 must include regular payment plus an additional \$15 late registration fee. Any registrations received during this time period without a late fee will not be accepted.
5. The KPSC WILL **NOT** ACCEPT any registrations for the Spring 2001 season after February 15, 2001.

The KPSC greatly appreciates everyone's cooperation in this matter. Having our players registered in a timely manner enables us to form teams better and sooner, allows coaches the time to practice their teams before the start of the season and helps us to better determine our field needs and scheduling. As always the coordinators will do their best to accommodate team and car pool requests on those registrations which are received in a timely manner. Bearing in mind, that our first priority is to forming fair and proper sized teams.

The Board of Directors of the KPSC would like to wish all of our members a wonderful and peaceful Holiday Season. We look forward to seeing all of our players and their families on the fields again in the spring.

Player's Code:

1. Play for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
2. Play by the Laws of the Game.
3. Never argue with or complain about referees' calls or decisions.
4. Control your temper. Most of all, resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged.
5. Concentrate on playing soccer with your best efforts. Work equally hard for your team as for yourself.
6. Be a good sport by cheering all good plays, whether it's your team or your opponent's.
7. Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
8. Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good. Don't be a showoff or a ball hog.
9. Cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents and the referees.
10. Come prepared to play. Wear your complete uniform to games. Always bring a ball to practice.

Parent's Role:

1. Provide safe and prompt transportation for your child to and from team and club related events, especially practice sessions and games.
2. Pay attention when watching your child play. There will be a test in the car on the way home!
3. Stay positive - Cheer !! Don't yell. Never criticize.
4. Support each player on the team, not just your kid-he/she can't do it alone!
5. Don't be a sideline coach or referee. Let the coach do the coaching!
6. Set a good example and never yell at the referee.
7. Ensure child brings equipment to and from all soccer games and practices when appropriate.
8. Call the coach when your child misses or is going to miss a game or practice. Find out when the next game or practice is. Don't make the coach track you down.
9. Volunteer! Being involved in your child's soccer team and organization is fun and you'll make many wonderful friends !!
10. ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO BE A CHILD!

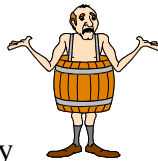
We have tentatively scheduled a LIJSL "D" level coaching course for Wednesday, January 17th and Wednesday, January 24th. Both sessions will be held in the RJO Gym from 7:30pm - 9:30pm. The LIJSL "D" level course is 4 hours of training and geared towards the coach of 6-10 year olds. The fee for this course is \$20, which will be refunded to all KPSC participants that complete both sessions. If you would like to attend this "D" course, please send a check for \$20 along with a note with the words "D" Course printed at the top. Include your Name, Address, Phone #, and Email Address on the note. Please make checks payable to "Kings Park Soccer Club". The club address is: Kings Park Soccer Club, P.O. Box 195, Kings Park, NY 11754.



We will also try to offer 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. Please check the Clinics section of the KPSC website (kpsc.org) for updates. You may also submit your email address online to the Clinics Mailing List.

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.



Club Notes!

- ⇒ For the health of our children, please refrain from smoking at ALL games and practices. See the WebSite (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.
- ⇒ If you have an article for the newsletter, you can E-mail it to: 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.
- ⇒ 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.

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With the Travel season winding to a close, four of our eight travel teams are eyeing division titles with one other looking at a possible 2nd place finish. The Krushers (BU15) and the Knighthawks (BU12) are currently at the top of the table and control their own destiny. The Lady Bandits (GU12) have already secured the division 5E crown and are looking to remain undefeated. The Wildcats (GU14) are still in the hunt, but need some help from their rivals to leapfrog to the top. The Celtic (BU11) can still place with a strong showing in the last two games. The Heat (BU13) has gone coed and have won a couple of hard fought games during this rebuilding season. We have seen some inspired play from both the Renegades (GU11) and Cobras (GU11) while they have hovered around the middle of the pack most of the season. Victories in the last two games could have both of them finishing above .500.

Lady Cyclones on a Roll



They're currently battling for 1st place in Division 5, and having their best season in years. " We're on a roll and having a great time", said Sweeper Diane Tabone.

The team lead by strong offensive players Gina Greco, Liz McGuire, and Cathy Sullivan, and a strong defense anchored by Gina Marmorato, Diane Tabone, and veteran Keeper Sally Ayers, currently sport a 6-2 record. "We started the season with a strong base, but the addition of the new players, Lisa Dicecco, Diane Nappi, and Debbie Hellerman have really added depth and strength to our roster," said Mrs. Tabone.

No matter what the final season outcome, next season promises greater challenges for our ladies team. Based on their record and tough performance they will almost certainly be elevated to League Four in the Spring.

On one of these nice Spring Sundays, pack a cooler of some good food and non-adult beverages and come down to Tiffany Field to show your support for these ladies. Watch these ladies demonstrate that love of the game of Soccer is not limited to children.

Interleague & Travel Trophy Presentations

The Interleague trophy presentation will be on Friday, December 8th, beginning at 7:00 PM. We will also attempt award any division champion trophies to our Travel Teams. The schedule is as follows:

7:00 Session

- '92 Girls - Cascia & Cronin
- '91 Girls - Berlinback, Fitzpatrick & Ramerini
- '92 Boys - Kuckenbrod, McCarthy & Sampson
- '89 Boys - Mastrocinque
- '85 Girls - Mastrocinque

8:30 Session

- '91 Boys - Fox, Rubenstrunk & Boland
- '90 Girls - Pietruszkiewicz
- '89 Girls - Pietruszkiewicz
- '90 Boys - Mattia
- Travel Teams

Please arrive on time and be seated with your team. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for a great season and we will see you at the trophy presentations.