

# The Lion's Den

Kings Park Soccer Club Newsletter

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## SUMMER SOCCER CAMP 2001

This summer the KPSC annual summer camp will be held July 9-13 from 9am-12pm and 9am-3pm, and August 13-17 from 9am-12pm. As in the past Major League Soccer Camps will provide the coaches. They are the highest quality and make the camp fun for all ages. The cost of camp is \$100 per child for the ½ day session, \$50 for munchkins and \$150 for the full day session. The full day session will only be offered the week of July 9-13. When an entire team (10 or more players) signs up the cost will be \$95 per child for the ½ day session and they will have their own coach. Children who participate in both the July and August week long full day or ½ day camps will receive a discount. Once again we will offer families the opportunity to house a MLS coach during their week long stay in Kings Park. This is a great opportunity for families to get a little extra attention for their kids. In addition, families who house a coach, do not have to pay the \$100 camp fee. To register or inquire about housing a coach, call Debra Shaw at 269-9345 or Email to [camp@kpsc.org](mailto:camp@kpsc.org).  
Debra Shaw, Camp Coordinator.

## President's Corner

Welcome to our Spring 2001 season. Many good things are happening in our club.

Our home at Tiffany Field on the grounds of the old KPPC will be receiving new aluminum bleachers courtesy of a grant of \$7,500 secured through our very fine State Senator, Jim Lack. Please join me in thanking Jim for his assistance in securing this parcel for us and all that he continues to do to help us. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Vance Crippin, the new park manager for Nissequogue River State Park. Discussions are on going with our friends at the State Parks Department relating to projects aimed at improving the playing fields and surrounding areas.

Our club is making a commitment relating to both the education and development of our players, coaches and referees. All of our referees have recently completed or are participating in a comprehensive course encompassing the rules of soccer, as well as the development of skills necessary to maintain the control and tempo of a game. I'm sure that all of our parents and coaches will be supportive of these fine young people during games. Coaches' clinics were given over the winter, and others are being considered for the coming season. Congratulations to our coaches who completed a D License course over the winter. Please tune into our website for dates for other educational opportunities and other special dates. Please join me in congratulating Tom Norowski's U12 boys and Ed Reynolds' U12 girls for winning their respective division championships. The Long Island Junior Soccer League has presented their Sportsmanship Award to Steve Rudman's U13 boy's team, which also features some very tough young ladies. The club is very proud of their fine accomplishments.

Join me in congratulating the following KPSC Alumni and Current Members for the special awards won at the recent Kings Park High School Athletic Awards Night. The White K Award for highest GPA on their particular varsity team: Allison Wood-Basketball, Amy Mastrocinque-Cheerleading, Tim Barnikel-Wrestling and Rob Barnikel-Basketball. Amanda Marino received High Honor Roll recognition for Winter Track, Emily Harris received All-League recognition for basketball and Erin Harper received the Bernard J. Malen Award. Once again congratulations. The club and your families are very proud of you.

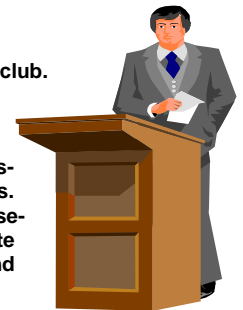
In the medical department, Jonathan Wibben continues to make exceptional progress from the leg injury he sustained during the fall season and our friend Rocco Spano from the RJO maintenance department continues his recuperation from a recent heart attack. Please join me in wishing Joe Florio one of Kings Parks finest coaches, a speedy recovery from his recent neck surgery.

Parking along St. Johnland Road is extremely dangerous. The club asks all of our members to park along the circular drive or in the parking area on The Boulevard above the fields. The gates will be open on game days to accommodate parking.

The Kings Park Soccer Club is a volunteer organization whose desire it is to be the best Junior Sports Organization it can be. As committed as we all are to excellence, Public Service will never be Perfect service. We encourage all to bring to our attention suggestions as to how we may improve our organization. Please drop us a note at P.O. Box 195, Kings Park, NY 11754 or leave a message at 265-6390. We value your opinion and would love to know what's on your mind.

The KPSC is committed to encouraging quality family time among our member families. Therefore, all in-house Sunday games will begin no earlier than 11:00 AM. Further, no in-house games will be played on Easter or Palm Sundays. A fun, happy and healthy soccer season to all of you!

Rudy Mastrocinque - President - Kings Park Soccer Club



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

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**Dedicated To Our Children and The Game**

Bantams



Welcome to the Spring 2001 season of Bantam soccer at KPSC! We have a roster of over 200 children & 17 teams.

Both the Girls and Boys game schedule begins at 11:00; the last games begin at 2:45. The Girls' games will be on the small Bantam Field, and the Boys' on the large Bantam Field. All games are played on Sundays, but there are four Sundays on which no games are scheduled: April 8<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - Easter, May 13<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day, and May 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day weekend.

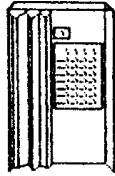
If you are new to Bantams, this is the period where our children really begin to understand the concepts of soccer and start learning and playing different positions. Of course, each child learns at his or her own pace, and it's up to us as parents to understand this and allow differences in the skills among children. Your child's coach especially knows this and tries to tailor their practices and positioning during games with this in mind. Bantam soccer is still primarily a learning experience. However, the spirit of competition is a part of this level of play, and the children do recognize the distinctions between a win, a loss, and a tie. While we want our children to do the best they can to win, it is Club policy that coaches don't let one team out-score the other by more than three goals. Winning is fun, but we don't rub it in our adversaries' faces.

Last, but most importantly is the safety of our players. All players must wear soccer shin-guards, and goalies must wear helmets. While not required, rubber cleats are suggested. No jewelry of any kind, including earrings, is to be worn. Wire-framed glasses will not be allowed, and we suggest sport glasses for those who need them.

Once again, good luck in the coming season! Be sure to check out the Club's web site at [www.kpsc.org](http://www.kpsc.org) for late breaking news such as weather-related game cancellations, and other information we need to get out quickly.

See you on the fields!

David Shaw  
Bantam Coordinator



NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In preparation for elections to the Board of Directors at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, the Club Nominating Committee is accepting nominations until Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Any Club member in good standing may submit nominations of qualified candidates. A qualified candidate must be at least 18 years old and have volunteered at least 50 hours in service to the Club during the past year. Candidates must be members in good standing, and if elected, are expected to attend Board meetings.

Eight directors will be elected by the general membership at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, and serve for a period of two years.

To nominate a candidate - you may nominate yourself - send a note with the name, address and phone number of the nominee, along with a short description of their qualifications. If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please include your own name, address and phone number. Send the note to the Nominating Committee, at the Club address, no later than Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001.

The Board will finalize the slate of nominees at the May 7<sup>th</sup> general meeting, and notify the general membership of the candidates at least two weeks before the elections. Each registered family in the Club is entitled to one vote at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

I hope everyone is as excited about the spring 2001 season as I am. We have our largest player registration ever, and the largest referee program in club history. There are 42 referees in the program and all have taken the referee course within the last year. I am sure they will do a fantastic job.

We still need the cooperation of the coaches and the parents on the sidelines. Please remember that these are pre-teens and teenagers that are learning how to be a referee and could possibly miss a call.

Let's all have a great season and promote fun on the soccer field and good sportsmanship. If you would like to comment on a referee, please E-mail me at

[referees@kpsc.org](mailto:referees@kpsc.org).

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Best Regards,  
Jeff Stern  
Referee Coordinator

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

The following KPSC Members received their LIJSL "D" Level Coaching License on January 24, 2001:



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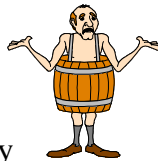
**Chris Black**  
**Joel Blitzer**  
**Tom Boland**  
**Derek Cozza**  
**Eric Johnston**  
**Brian Kennedy**  
**Charlie Kuchenbrod**  
**Don Lanciotti**  
**John Mahoney**  
**Colin McGrath**  
**Connie Lopez-Moorman**  
**Jim Pagano**  
**Steven Ramerini Jr.**  
**Athan Rizopoulos**  
**Mike Rozza**  
**Jason Sorensen**

The KPSC will 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. If you are interested, please send an Email to [clinics@kpsc.org](mailto:clinics@kpsc.org) or tell your division coordinator.

Please check the Clinics section of the KPSC website ([kpsc.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.kpsc.org)) for our official policy.
- ⇒ Wondering where the Cubs and Bears are this season? They are playing at the WTR Middle school.
- ⇒ 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. Also, thanks to the State, the gates on Kings Park Boulevard will be open allowing for additional parking at the Tiffany Fields. Authorities have told us that they will start ticketing and towing cars that are illegally parked. Please remember that Tiffany Circle is ONE WAY.

**Rudy Mastrocinque - President, Insurance**

**Jeff Stern - 1st VP, Referees, Permits**

**Diane Schantz - 2nd VP, Registration, Uniforms**

**Debra Shaw - Secretary, Soccer Camp**

**Rich Schantz - Treasurer & Uniforms**

**Tom Biviano - Interleague**

**Claude Fox - Bears**

**Charlie Kuchenbrod - Grounds & Fields**

**Bill Mueller - Cubs**

**Joseph Piacentino, Jr. - Education, Newsletter, WebMaster, Asst Travel**

**Steve Ramerini - Fund Raising, Pictures**

**Ed Reynolds - Special Events, Awards**

**David Shaw - Bantams**

**Bill Walker - Travel, Purchasing**



Board of  
Directors



The snow put a one week delay on the start of the Travel Soccer season. Opening round of the Waldbaum's Challenge Cup is now set for March 17 and 18. The Thunder (GU17) return this season joining all of our teams from the Fall. The Wildcats (GU14), Lady Bandits (GU12), Renegades (GU11) and Cobras (GU11) round out the field of girls teams. The Krushers (BU15), Heat (BU13), Knighthawks (BU12) and Celtic (BU11) return as our boys entries. Congratulations to the Lady Bandits and Knighthawks, both teams won their divisions in the Fall. Also, congratulations go out to the Heat (our coed entry in the BU13 division) for winning the Sportsmanship Award for the Fall.

Our Travel teams will play all their home games at Tiffany Fields. Schedules for these games are posted on the Club Website ([www.kpsc.org](http://www.kpsc.org)). You are all invited to come down to the games and support our teams as they try to climb to the tops of the tables and bring home the division crown.



**Ladies Soccer**

Folks, its "Soccer the way it ought to be". People who continue to play for the love of the game. Our fine ladies team participating in Division 5 of the Long Island Ladies Soccer League returns for spring 2001 off of a fourth place finish out of ten teams for fall 2000. This years entry led by coach Rich Price, is anchored by a strong core featuring Linda Swiecki, Diane Tabone, Sally Ayers, Joanne Price and mother / daughter act Gina & Maria Marmarata. This years 10 game season features five home games, almost all which will be played at Tiffany Field at 4:00 on Sundays. Find some time, leave the dog at home, and pack a cooler of non-adult beverages to see soccer played "The way it ought to be."

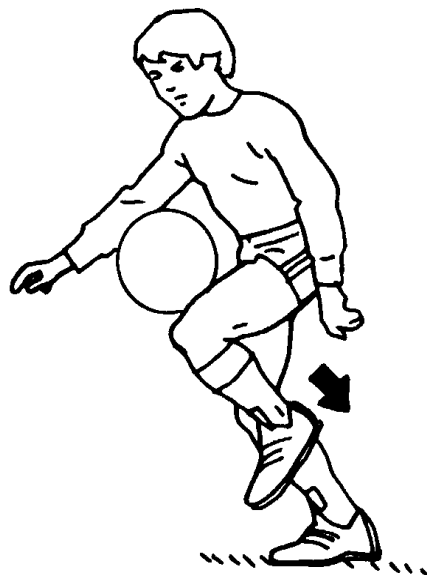
**Spring 2001 Home Schedule**

All Games are 4:00 PM @ Tiffany - 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/29, 5/20

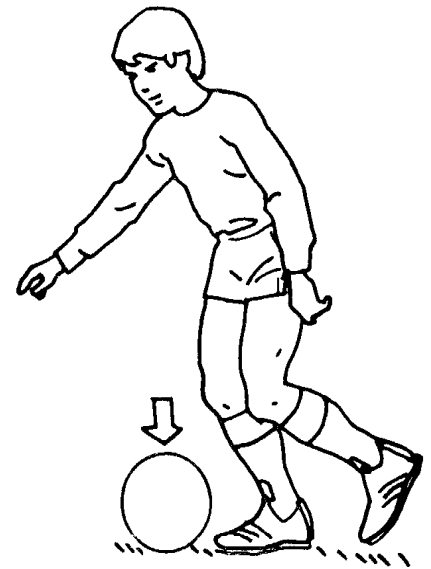
**The Thigh Trap**



Meet the ball in midair with the thigh.



Let the ball land midway between the knee and the top of the thigh.



Withdraw the thigh on contact so that the ball drops to the ground.