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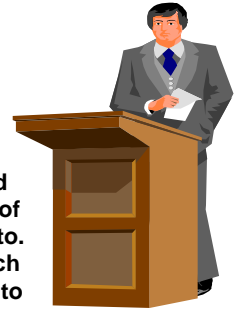
SUMMER SOCCER CAMP 2001

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.
Debra Shaw, Camp Coordinator.

President's Corner

My friends:

My two-year term will be ending in July. I wanted to take this time to thank all of you for your contributions to our club and the children of our community. Many thanks to our Cubs and Bears Coaches & Coordinators who are charged with the task of making soccer a game that the smallest of children can relate to. Thanks to our Bantams & Interleague people who begin to teach the intricacies of the game, and our Travel Group who attempt to take our players to a much more competitive level. Thanks to all of our Board Members who commit tremendous amounts of time to see that our program runs smoothly and remains high quality. Lastly, thanks to all of the parents who entrust your children to us, and come to support them each and every week making our program a truly family experience.



Around the Club

The Kings Park Soccer Club greatly appreciates the efforts of Jeff Stern's Wildcats in representing the club in the 2001 Suffolk County Special Olympics.

Our new stands have been delivered and are currently being stored by our friends at Nissequogue State Park. If you can help assembling the new bleachers, please contact Charlie Kuchenbrod at the club number, 631-265-6390.

We would love to see as many players as possible join us for the annual Memorial Day Parade, honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Our goal is a sea of Kings Park Green.

Please stop by our table on Kings Park Day, June 16th, to say hello. Lastly, our Soccer Day Picnic is June 23rd. We hope to make it the biggest and best ever. A very special thank you to our good friends at the KPY, who because of their concern for the youth of the community, will move their annual picnic to June 30th. This will insure a super turnout for each of our fine organizations.

As always, realizing that public service is not perfect service, we always welcome suggestions and constructive criticism. Leave a message on the club phone, or drop us a note with your ideas.

My very best to our soccer family,

Rudy Mastrocinque

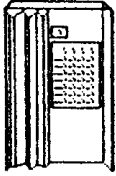
President-Kings Park Soccer Club

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Dedicated To Our Children and The Game

Notice of KPSC Board Elections



Elections to the Kings Park Soccer Club Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting of the club on Monday, June 4th in the RJO Community Room. In accordance with the club By-Laws, eight directors are elected each year for two year terms to the 16 member board. The directors will be elected by a general vote of the club membership at the meeting. Each registered family will have one vote and each voting member must be at least 18 years of age. Members must be present to vote. All club members in good standing are welcomed and encouraged to come to this and all other general club meetings.

Nominations were called for, and the process described, in the last club newsletter (Volume 6, Issue 1). This year there are eight candidates for the board -- 2 newcomers and 6 incumbents. The candidates for the board positions are:



Bears

The Bears soccer season is in full swing with twelve teams with approximately 140 players. All the responses I've heard so far about playing at the Middle School have been very positive.

A reminder to parents and coaches to make sure you park in designated parking areas and not on the grass or across the street. Also, police areas after the games and throw out garbage.

Additionally, a notice to coaches not to allow your players to wear jewelry during games. Especially earrings. This is an insurance violation.

Enjoy the rest of your season.

Claude Fox - Bears Coordinator

- Ray Abramowski
- Joel Blitzer
- Claude Fox
- Charles Kuchenbrod
- Joseph Piacentino, Jr.
- Steven Ramerini
- David Shaw
- Jeff Stern

Qualified candidates must be at least 18 years old and have volunteered at least 50 hours to the club during the past year.

Candidates must be members in good standing, and if elected are expected to attend board meetings and take on various club responsibilities.

Iwould like to remind the parents and coaches that yelling at or harassing a referee from the sidelines is not acceptable behavior. The referees are students of the game and are learning while they work. They will occasionally miss some calls. As a travel coach, I can assure you that this happens at the travel level with adult referees. Please be supportive of our referees, they are our neighbor's children.



Referees

Coaches, there is a referee evaluation form on the website. Your input is important to us, please take a moment after each game and evaluate the referee. We cannot correct problems or tell a ref they are doing a good job unless we know how the program is going.

Thank you.

Jeff Stern
Referee Coordinator

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The KPSC would like to offer a "C" level coaching course in late August or early September. The "C" course 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 or tell your division coordinator.



Clinics

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.



Dates to Remember

May 12 - Picture Day
 May 28 - Memorial Day Parade
 June 4 - Board Elections
 June 4 - Annual Meeting
 June 16 - Kings Park Day
 June 23 - Kings Park Soccer Day

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.
 - ⇒ The Kings Park Knighthawks (BU12) have advanced to the Waldbaum's Cup Semi-Finals. Let's wish them luck in their quest for the Cup.
 - ⇒ 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.
 - ⇒ Start working on your team banner for the Memorial Day Parade. There will be prizes for the best banners.
 - ⇒ For your convenience, the Kings Park Soccer Club will offer full year discounted registration starting with the Fall 2001 / Spring 2002 seasons.
 - ⇒ 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



Travel

Our travel division is midway through the season and four of our teams are within 1 game of first place in their respective divisions. The Krushers (BU15), Wildcats (GU14) and Cobras (GU11) are holding on to the top spot while the Lady Bandits (GU12) are a game out. The Lady Bandits were recently handed their first league defeat after 21 consecutive games without a loss. The Knighthawks (BU12) have battled their way to the semi-final round of the Waldbaum's Challenge Cup. They will face Levittown on May 12 at 1:30pm at Mitchell Park.

The KPSC has recently approved the formation of 5 new travel teams for the Fall 2001 season. There will be a BU11 team (boys born on or after August 1, 1990), a GU10 team (girls born on or after August 1, 1991), two GU11 teams (girls born on or after August 1, 1990) and a third GU12 team (girls born on or after August 1, 1989). Tryouts for these new teams will be held in June. Please check the website (www.kpsc.org) for more information. On a final note, the Kings Park Renegades (GU11) were the stars of the half time entertainment at the first New York Power vs. the San Diego Spirit professional women's soccer match held at the Mitchell Athletic Complex on Sunday April 29th. The team was honored before a crowd of over 7,000, for their spirit and devotion. Each player received a NY Power tee shirt. The girls wore their Kings Park "green" proudly throughout the 0-0 tie.



Kings Park recently hosted the Special Olympics. The event was a tremendous success, the community should be very proud. Girls from our U14 travel team ran the club booth and had the Special Olympians shooting goals and smiling ear to ear. They did a great job and represented the club well.

I would also like to thank all of the coaches, referees and parents that worked with the schedule changes to keep traffic to a minimum.

Jeff Stern
Vice President

The Chest Trap



Prepare to meet the ball with the center of the chest. Arch your body backward to cushion the ball.



Bend the knees to aid in cushioning the ball.



When contact is made, straighten the chest immediately so that the ball drops directly down.