

The Lion's Den

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President's Corner

We are close to completing another fun and exciting season of soccer. Our players will be receiving their awards and photos before many of us retire to the warmth of our den for the winter.

Considering all that we have been through, this has been one of the most trouble-free seasons in recent memory. Many thanks must go out to the many volunteer coordinators, coaches and team parents for helping make things run so smoothly.

Club accomplishments for this past season include new bleachers for the fields at Tiffany, completion of a LIJSL "C" license coaching course, a very successful photo day and our Value Card fundraiser. By the way, if you haven't gotten your "Value Card", just check with any of the Travel Team players or coaches. I would like to thank Steve Ramerini for coordinating both Picture Day and the Value Card program.

We are also hoping for some division crowns for our Travel Teams. Right now 4 of our Teams are positioned at the top for the table in their division and will fight hard to stay there. Travel games are played on Saturday or Sunday at Tiffany. Just check the online travel game schedule for times to come watch our most talented players take on the best of our neighboring towns.

Congratulations are in order for our newly licensed coaches. Twenty-four KPSC travel, interleague and intramural coaches completed the LIJSL 12 hour "C" license course. These dedicated coaches worked very hard during the training sessions so that they might bring a higher level of coaching competence to the young soccer players of our community.

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As the fall season comes to a close, we would like to thank all of the coaches and families that helped to make this season enjoyable for our children. At a time filled with uncertainty, it has never been more important to bring a smile to a child's face, to teach good sportsmanship and teamwork and to just come together as a community. Soccer has given us the opportunity to do that. We hope to see all of our soccer community back on the fields in the Spring.

Interleague Trophy Presentations will be held on Tues. Nov. 27th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm (see schedule for your teams time.) Come and receive your well deserved awards and make sure you are registered for the spring season.

Thank You,

Debra Shaw & Jeff Stern
Interleague Coordinators



Being a LIJSL Referee and a long time coach I see alot of soccer and nothing is more fun to watch than a Cubs game! The children are great and only playing to have fun and enjoy the game!

My hat goes off to the coaches and the parents this season for making this such a great experience for these young players. This is the foundation for all of the clubs future divisions and teams.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you in the spring.

Many thanks,

Bill Mueller

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Presidents's Corner (continued)

Their names appear on our website and later in the newsletter. When you see them, just say "Thanks."

I feel compelled to mention an incident that occurred on a rainy Sunday at the end of September. A travel team from out of town came to play one of our teams in a match at Tiffany. Some of the visiting team's parents decided not to stand out in the rain to watch the game. Instead they chose to drive their vehicles onto our soccer fields in order to watch the game from the comfort of their cars. They were asked to move and refused. I spoke with the offending team's club president and was assured that this would never happen again. We work hard to maintain our fields and, as many of you must know, field space is very hard to come by all around Long Island. Even though no noticeable damage occurred, it was irresponsible and inconsiderate for anyone to do something like this. I know that Kings Park parents would never do this, but I ask your help in making sure that the property that the KPSC maintains and/or uses for our soccer program is protected from any vandalism.

Lastly, on behalf of the KPSC board of directors, I would like to thank all of you for your support of the Mastrocinque family in their time of sorrow and need. The turn out at the Memorial Service for Rudy was nothing short of amazing. Your contributions to the Mastrocinque family will help ensure that some of Rudy's dreams for his family's future will be realized. The KPSC and Kings Park Community have come together to honor a lost friend. Your caring will help make Rudy's legacy live on forever.

Stay well over the winter and enjoy the holidays. I look forward to seeing our children back out on the soccer fields as soon as they thaw.

Joseph Piacentino, Jr.
President – Kings Park Soccer Club



Bears

The fall 2001 is progressing very well. There are 12 teams consisting of 120 enthusiastic kids. The fall 2001 is progressing very well. There are 12 teams consisting of 120 enthusiastic kids. The fall 2001 is progressing very well. There are 12 teams consisting of 120 enthusiastic kids. Congratulations and thank you to the following Bears coaches for completing the LIJSL "C" coaches licensing course; Chris Black, Joel Blitzer, Mike Brady, & John Timpone.

It is evident on the field that skills learned in the coaches courses are being utilized in practices and during games. It is a great feeling for a coach to see what is taught being utilized in a game. Reminder to coaches: By this time in the season we should be coaching from the sideline. And please; there should never be more than one coach per team on the field. Please remind parents and siblings that only players should be on the field. And finally: The kids are playing to have fun. At this age we have no winners or losers, just a great bunch of kids having a great time playing soccer

Insurance

All accidents or injuries should be reported to Joel Blitzer at the club phone number or via e-mail; Blitzjb@aol.com. Joel will assist in obtaining and completing the necessary paperwork.. The club's Insurance policy is excess over any other valid insurance. All medical treatment should be reported to the injured person's primary insurance carrier as required by terms of the policy.

Helmets

Insurance regulations require all goal keepers at the Cub, Bear and Bantam division to wear helmets. The referees will not allow a game to be played if helmets are not being worn.

Transportation

No liability is provided to parents, coaches, or volunteers while using any automobile to transport team members or volunteers to any game, practice, game, or club activity.

Any questions regarding insurance should be directed to Joel Blitzer.

Go on the Club Website and add your name to our General Announcement e mail list and you will be notified about upcoming clinics, classes, meetings and special events!



As another exciting Bantam season comes to a close, we would like to thank all of the players, coaches and parents for their continued support. While witnessing quite a few games, it is thrilling to see the natural progression of the first graders stepping up their game as second graders and the kindergartners trying to make the adjustment to the large field. As a coach at the Bantam level last year, it is exciting to watch the progress of last year's shy group of first graders, now becoming the dominant players this year. Although, the current groups of first graders have shown progress during the first seven weeks, this is still a work in progress that will carry over into the spring season. Please be patient this is a natural progression that we go through annually, it will work itself out.

As the season closes, we just wanted to provide a few quick reminders. The last game of the year will take place on Sunday, Nov. 18th. These are the make-up games that were supposed to take place on the week of Sept. 16th. Please follow the schedule for the week of Sept. 16th for the games that will be played the week of Nov. 18th. For the Bantams Division, the Trophy presentations will take place immediately following the games on the Nov. 18th. As a last reminder, registrations are due for those members who opted for the two payment alternative, for the Fall & Spring Seasons. The coaches have been provided with a team listing of members that will need to register for the Spring season. Final registration date is Feb. 1, 2001. Please check with your coach for the forms and details. Good luck with the remainder of the season and we will see you at the trophy presentation.

Thanks Again,
Ray Abramoski & Ed Reynolds



I would like to "Thank" all the children that participated in the Referee Program this season, they did a great job. The coaches and parents deserve a lot of credit for creating an atmosphere where good sportsmanship is the most important thing, not winning.

If your child is interested in joining the Referee Program, you can join our mailing list in the referee section of the club website, www.kpsc.org. You must be 10 or older to participate and attend the club's referee course.

Best Regards,

Jeff Stern
Referee Coordinator



The club recently completed its first LIJSL "C" Coaches License class. It was a tremendous success. These dedicated coaches have better prepared themselves to teach our children this beautiful game we call soccer and for that the club is grateful. If you are interested in attending one of the club sponsored coaching classes, get on the club e mail list and you will be notified.

The following KPSC coaches earned a LIJSL "C" License on Oct 23, 2001:
Chris Black, Joel Blitzler, Mike Brady, Charles Caccia, Dan Esposito Pat Fitzpatrick, Eric Johnston, Brian Kennedy, Don Lanciotti, Connie Lopez-Moorman, Ed Owsinski, Jim Pagano, Athan Rizopoulos, Mike Rozza, John Sampson, Debra Shaw, Jeff Stern, Steve Summer, John Timpone, Scott Weber



We are looking into hosting a sports related first-aid course run by the Red Cross. If you would be interested in attending this course please send an e mail to webmaster@kpsc.org.

Thanks to all for attending our classes and clinics,

Joe Piacentino



It has been an exciting fall travel season for the club. We fielded 12 teams this fall, 8 girls and 4 boys, ranging from U10 girls to U16 boys. They all have represented the club well with their hard play and sportsmanship. The BU13 Knighthawks and the GU12 Panthers have a lock on the division title and the GU10 Chargers and the BU12 Celtic are in the hunt!

With two weekends left there is still time to catch one of these exciting matches. The Travel division plays at Tiffany Field every Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to all for a great season.

Sincerely,
Bill Walker & Jeff Stern



TROPHY DAY



With the season coming to a close it's time to award these fine young players for working hard, playing well and having a lot of fun. Thanks to all of the coaches and parents for making this season such a huge success!

Bears & Cubs

Sunday, November 18th - William T. Rogers School - Trophies will be presented at the field immediately following each game.

Bantams

Sunday, November 18th - Tiffany Fields - Trophies will be presented at the field immediately following each game.

Interleague

Tuesday, November 27th - RJO Auditorium

TEAM	COACH	TIME
'93 Girls	Debra Shaw	6:30 PM
'93 Girls	Don Lanciotti	6:30 PM
'93 Girls	Bill Galinda	6:45 PM
'93 Boys	Eric Johnston	6:45 PM
'93 Boys	Jim Pagano	7:00 PM
'93 Boys	Gerard Feeley	7:00 PM
'93 Boys	Summer/Weber	7:15 PM
'92 Girls	Eric Koch	7:15 PM
'92 Boys	Brian McCarthy	7:30 PM
'92 Boys	John Samson	7:30 PM
'92 Boys	Charlie Kuchenbrod	7:45 PM
'91 Girls	Frank Albergo	7:45 PM
'91 Boys	Charles Rubenstrunk	8:00 PM
'91 Boys	Claude Fox	8:00 PM
'91 Boys	Maryann Boland	8:15 PM
'89 Boys	Mike Graci	8:15 PM
HS Girls	Tom Biviano	8:30 PM

Joseph Piacentino, Jr. - *President, Education, Website*
 Jeff Stern - *1st VP, Referees, Permits, Interleague, News*
 Ed Reynolds - *2nd VP, Registration, Bantams*
 Debra Shaw - *Secretary, Interleague, Soccer Camp*
 David Shaw - *Treasurer*
 Ray Abramoski - *Bantams*
 Joel Blitzer - *Insurance, Bears*
 Steve Ramerini - *Fund Raising, Pictures, Awards*



Claude Fox - *Bears*
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 Bill Walker - *Travel*
 Tom Biviano - *Special Events*