

The Lion's Den

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In Loving Memory of Our Dear Friend

Rudy Mastrocinque

A Memorial Service will be held on
Tuesday, October 2, 2001 at 7:00 PM
at St. Joseph's Church in Kings Park

The Mastrocinque Family will receive guests at
the Knights of Columbus Hall
immediately following the service.

In Lieu of flowers, the Mastrocinque Family
requests that contributions be made to
"The Mastrocinque Family Scholarship Fund"

This fund will be used to help offset tuition
costs for Rudy's children, Amy and Peter.

To contribute to this scholarship, make checks
payable to the Kings Park Soccer Club, noting
"The Mastrocinque Family Scholarship Fund"

President's Corner

The tragedy at the WTC brought the world to a brief stop on September 11, 2001. Now, almost 3 weeks later, we have started to adjust to the new "normal". As part of that adjustment, we are back to playing soccer each weekend, but things are different now. We are more patient with each other, we are more tolerant of the mistakes that others make, we are more friendly with each other. It took a devastating tragedy to effect this change. In the wake of this tragedy, we mourn the loss of some dear community and club members. In previous columns, our dear friend and past president, Rudy Mastrocinque, who fell victim to the terrorist attacks, urged us to show patience, tolerance and friendship towards one another. Let's honor his memory by continuing to exhibit these positive traits.



We will miss you Rudy, and never forget you.

Joseph Piacentino, Jr.
President - KPSC

Below is my original article:

It sure seems like summer went by fast again! But, the good news is that with the end of summer comes the start of the fall soccer season. Our club continues to grow and this year we have more players registered with the Kings Park Soccer Club than ever before. That means more teams, more referees, more coaches, more games, and more fields. This year the KPSC will not only use Tiffany, WTR and Cy Donnelly Park, but have also secured field space at RJO and the High School.

Speaking of fields, you may have noticed some

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... President's Corner (Continued)

changes down at the Tiffany fields. The fields have been moved (in an effort to help grow grass on the worn parts of the fields) and there are brand new bleachers. Thanks must go out to Rudy Mastrocinque (past president) for securing the funds for this purchase and to Charlie Kuchenbrod (fields and grounds) and his crew for moving the fields and assembling and positioning the new bleachers.

As in the past, we remind you that the KPSC is concerned about the safety of our children. To that end, we ask that you avoid parking on St. Johnland Road and use only the legal parking spaces provided on the road around Tiffany and on the Boulevard. Also, please leave your pets at home. As cute as they may be, many children are afraid of them and you can never really be sure that they won't attack. In addition, we ask that you refrain from smoking at all KPSC games, practices and sponsored events. If you have any questions about this, please check out our no smoking policy online or ask your coach to get you a copy.

Your child's coach should keep you informed about KPSC events, but I suggest that you also use the newsletter and web site to keep up to date on ALL that is going on in the club. We have had many positive comments about the web site (www.kpsc.org). Everything about the club can be found there, including schedules, announcements, clinic information, back issues of the newsletter, skills, soccer links and a message board (just to name a few). It's worth a look.

Many coaches took part in the "D" coaching course offered over the winter. Now we will be offering the next level "C" coaching course starting September 25. This course will be held in Kings Park and is an excellent way for our coaches to learn the game AND, the KPSC will refund the entire course fee to any Kings Park coach that successfully completes the course. How can you beat that?

Lastly, the KPSC is a volunteer run organization and is always looking for volunteers to help out with any of our events (including setup and breakdown of the fields for the weekly games). If you are able and willing to offer any amount of time to assist the club in any way, please contact your child's coach or any club officer, or send an Email to IWantToHelp@kpsc.org. Your support will help will go a long way in helping us meet the growing needs of our children and the club.

Score a ton of goals, make terrific passes, play great defense, make the spectacular diving save, but most of all, have a fun and safe season.

See you on the pitch,
Joseph Piacentino, Jr.
President - KPSC



Dates to Remember

- Oct 1 - Value Card Sale Starts
- Oct 2 - Memorial Service
- Oct 13 - Picture Day

You Make the Call -

On a throw in down near the opponents goal Jimmy makes a fantastic throw to his teammate Bobby who is behind all the defenders and right in front of the Goalie. Bobby turns shoots and puts the ball past the goalie into the corner of the net. You make the call:

- A) Offsides - the ball is turned over at the point of the throw in for a free kick
- B) .Goal.
- C) Offsides - the ball is turned over at the spot where the throw was received for a free kick.
- D) Throw is done over.

"The Rudy Fund"

In Memory of Our Friend and Past President, Rudy Mastrocinque, the KPSC has established "The Rudy Fund." Club and Community members that would like to contribute should make checks payable to the KSPC, noting "The Rudy Fund". Send your contribution to: "The Rudy Fund" c/o KPSC P.O. Box 195 Kings Park, NY 11754. All proceeds of this fund will be presented to the Mastrocinque Family.

KPSC teams are holding a series of Car Washes to support "The Rudy Fund". Dates are 9/23, 9/30, 10/6, 10/7 & 10/14. Suggested contribution is \$5.

I would like to thank all of the parents, players and most importantly the referees for participating in a Moment of Silence last weekend. This was a tough thing for some of the refs and they handled the situation well and with a lot of dignity.



Referees

If you are interested in being a referee for the club please e mail me at referees@kpsc.org , I will get back to you concerning upcoming referee training. Add your name to the "referee e mail list" located in the referee section of the club website and you will receive e mail about any upcoming courses or meetings.

Jeff Stern
Referee Coordinator

The KPSC is currently running a "C" level coaching course. 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 reimburses all Kings Park coaches for the cost of the course after successful completion.



Clinics

We will be looking to run a "D" level course over the winter and a "B" level course next fall. If you are interested in either of these, please send an Email to clinics@kpsc.org or tell your division coordinator.

The KPSC periodically runs goalkeeping and beginner level coaching clinics. Please check the Clinics section of the KPSC website for updates. You may also submit your email address online to the Clinics Mailing List.



Inter League

The Interleague division is 19 teams strong this season. We have 7 girls teams and 12 boys teams, all working hard to develop their soccer skills. We ask all players, coaches and parents to remember that in Interleague we still play for the "fun of the game." It's not important who wins and who loses! All players play at least half the game and we should be rotating the players around the field. Sportsmanship is #1. We strongly urge all coaches and parents to set a good example for our players. Inappropriate behavior and language will not be tolerated by the KPSC. Please be aware that disciplinary action will be taken against an entire team for any of its members actions (this includes spectators.)

In light of recent events, now more than ever, it is important to keep our soccer fields fun and problem free for our children and families to enjoy. If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to call us.

Thank You,
Debra Shaw & Jeff Stern
Interleague Coordinators

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.
- ⇒ Coaches. Did you know that you can file a referee evaluation online? Just visit the Referee Section of the club web site. Please complete an evaluation every week so we can follow the progress of our young referees.
- ⇒ Newsletter articles can be mailed to the KPSC, PO Box 195, Kings Park, NY or E-mailed to newsletter@kpsc.org.
- ⇒ The Kings Park Cobras and Kings Park Krushers won division titles during their Spring Fall 2001 season.
- ⇒ Will Koshansky, from our Kings Park Knighthawks (BU13), was selected to the Long Island BU11 Developmental Select Team.
- ⇒ 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.

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Travel

This season four new girls travel teams join the lineup. Please welcome the Kings Park Chargers (GU10) coached by Charles Caccia, the Kings Park Jaguars (GU11) coached by Steve Ramerini, the Kings Park Rockets (GU11) coached by Pat Fitzpatrick and the Kings Park Panthers (GU12) coached by Mitch Pietruszkewic. Home games for these teams and all our travel teams are all played on the Travel Fields at Tiffany. Check the website for a complete schedule and scores for all our travel teams.

Congratulations to our Kings Park Cobras and Kings Park Krushers who each won the division title in their respective age groups during the Spring 2001 season. Let's cheer on all our teams as they once again compete for the division crowns.

Its Just A Game! by Ray Abramowski

In light of the recent tragedy that happened on September 11th, sports have taken a back seat to other things in life that are definitely more important. We can see the role that sporting events have in our society. Being on a team teaches our kids how to get along with other children. It also teaches them the meaning of the word TEAM. On a team everybody is striving for the same goal and one person can't make that happen. The Members of the team have to work together to achieve their goals.

When you look at sports and being a member of a team, it relates to our lives in the working world. People have to work together as a team to achieve their goals at work. In the world of sports if the team doesn't work together and communicate it usually ends in that team not winning or not playing well together. In the working world if the team doesn't get along or work well together it can effect the quality of work for the company they work for.

I think kids playing on team sports growing up is a great thing and teaches them good values and how to work together to reach a common goal. On the same note, I also think we have to realize just how important sports are to our everyday lives and sometimes realize that there are other things that take priority.

So the next time you're getting ready to yell at a referee for a bad call or tell your child that they really didn't play well today or yell at other players on the team, just remember one thing: **IT'S JUST A GAME!**

Picture Day! ... Picture Day!

Everybody smile ... and say
S O C C E R!



That's right! Picture Day is rapidly approaching.

It's set for Saturday, October 13th from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at Tiffany Field at the Nissequogue River State Park.

Schedules will be available shortly; so please stay in contact with your coach and our website - www.kpsc.org - to get the time of your picture session.

The Value Card !

The Kings Park Soccer Club is excited to announce a new benefit for our club members and our community.... The Value Card!

The Value Card is a discount card, which can be used at lots of local retailers, shops and restaurants for fabulous discounts on food, services and products.

Retailers like Modell's are offering a 10% discount off of your total purchase. Uncle Phil's Tonsorial is giving a \$2 discount on haircuts and the Kings Park Bake Shop and The Ground Round are offering 15% off your total purchases.

This is a great and valuable benefit for our Club and our community!

The Value Cards are being sold by The KPSC Travel Teams to help support our training and field rehabilitation programs and will be available for the unbelievably low price of \$10 beginning October 1st. So make sure you pick one up at the soccer fields, at practice or on Picture Day which is Saturday October 13th. Happy discount shopping!

The Kings Park Psyclones

The women's over 26 team will play their home games on the Boy's JV field at the Kings Park High School. Home games are scheduled for 9/9 (Kings Park wins 3-0), 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/21 & 10/28. Games start a 3pm or 4pm. Come out and watch a game or two.

If you're interested in joining the team, stop by a game or send an email to psyclones@kpsc.org,