



The Lion's Den

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President's Corner



Spring is upon us once again. The KPSC with its volunteer coaches and administrators are completing final plans for the Spring 2002 season. The travel program started play March 9 & 10 with all 13 teams participating in the first round of the Waldbaum's / Vytra Challenge Cup. League play for the travel division continues March 16 & 17. We wish them all success in their campaigns for the top spot in their divisions.

Intramural and Interleague divisions start play on April 6 & 7. It is amazing to look back as we complete our 24th year in Kings Park. In 1978, the Kings Park Soccer Club was formed with just about 30 players and 4 coaches. Now we boast a king's army of almost 1000 players and coaches. Our coaches must be thanked for their commitment to teaching the game. Many have attended coaching classes and received coaching licenses. Now, over the winter, a number of our coaches have completed First Aid and CPR training.

With that said, I would like to remind you that none of our coaches are professionals (yet). They are all doing the best job they can. If at anytime, you have a question about your child's coach's decisions or coaching style, please wait for an appropriate time to discuss your concerns with the coach in private. Most of the time a brief and calm discussion will be sufficient. In case you are not satisfied with the outcome, the club offers a mechanism for researching the situation in a controlled and confidential manner. All you need do is seek out a board member or coordinator for direction.

As the club continues to grow, we are looking for more fields for games and practices. We will need the help of our members to assist in the refurbishment of Tiffany field as well as other projects that we are looking in to.

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Interleague

The Interleague division is 17 teams strong this season. We have 7 girls teams and 10 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 "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.)

We need your help 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



Cubs

Welcome back to another exciting season of soccer. The cubs division will play on Sundays at William T Rogers Middle School. Game times will be 12:00, 1:15 and 2:30 PM. As always, each game will start with a 25 minutte practice session.

This season we have several players from the High School team coming down to help coach the cubs. I would like to thank these volunteers for donating their time and soccer expertise to help teach the cubs how to play.

Many thanks,
Bill Mueller



Dedicated To Our Children and The Game

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Presidents's Corner (continued)

If you are able to spare any time over the spring and summer to lend a hand, your efforts will go a long way in helping the club support our growing membership enjoy a sufficient number of safe and well manicured fields. To offer assistance, please talk to and board member, call the club phone (265-6390), or send an email to IWantToHelp@kpssc.org.

Since 1985 the KPSC has awarded the Patrick M. Conley Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship has grown from a single award of \$250 to the current \$1000 for each of the top two deserving students. Now, I am pleased to announce the introduction of the Rudy Mastrocinque Scholarship for Community Service. This will be a single \$2000 scholarship, awarded annually, by the KPSC, to a student that best meets the scholarship criteria. A non-family member, on behalf of the student, must submit an application for this scholarship. If you know of a deserving student, please complete an application. Please visit the scholarship section of the KPSC web site (www.kpssc.org) for details on both of these scholarships.

I hope you all enjoy a safe and successful spring season with lots of exciting play, lots of goals and lots of great saves. Cheer ALL the good plays (for both teams), let the coach do the coaching, and encourage your children and teammates to practice and have fun.

I'll see you on the pitch,

Joseph Piacentino, Jr.
President – Kings Park Soccer Club

SOCCER CAMP 2002

This summer, the KPSC annual summer camps will be held the weeks of July 8th - 12th and August 5th - 9th. Pro Excel, formerly NOGA, will provide coaching for the camps.

July 8th - 12th will be our community camp for all ages four and up. Camp will run 9am - 12pm at a cost of \$95 for the three-hour session, and \$55 for the one and a half hour session (four and five year olds only.)

August 5th - 9th will be our travel team camp for U10 and up. Camp will run 9am - 12pm at a cost of \$95. Registration forms have been handed out to all coaches who attended our pre-season coaches meeting.

If you have not received a brochure and registration form, call:

Debra Shaw @ 269-9345.



Bears

Welcome to the spring 2002 season. The season will begin on Sunday April 7th We will have 12 teams of 10-12 players. Teams have been kept together from the fall season insuring a competitive season. Towards the end of the fall season I noticed a nice sense of teamwork and sportsmanship from our players. . A great big thank you goes out to all coaches and parents who have volunteered their time to ensure the continued growth and success of our club.

Coaches: Please remember to coach from the sidelines and not the field. The referees will be enforcing this rule. I know this is hard - but please try. All game changes must be done by the division coordinator. If any schedule changes are needed; let me know as soon as possible. And lastly: Have Fun!! That is what we are here for.

Thank-you,
Joel Blitzer

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

Bantams



Welcome to another exciting season of Bantam Soccer. In the Spring we will field 8 Girls teams and 9 Boys teams. The teams will play 9 game season beginning April 7th, concluding June 16th. The Girls will not be playing on Mothers Day Weekend or Memorial Day Weekend. The Girls games will be played

on Sunday Afternoons, beginning at 11:00, with the last game being scheduled at 2:45 PM.

The Boys will be playing on the Saturday of Mothers Day Weekend and they will not be playing during the Memorial Day Weekend. Giving the fact that there are 9 Boys teams, we were faced with a unique scheduling problem. Resulting the Boys season is scheduled over 10 weeks, with each team having a scheduled bye during the season. With the exception of Mothers Day Weekend, the Boys will also play on SundayÅfs beginning at 10:30 AM, concluding with the last scheduled game at 2:00 PM.

Please be reminded that there should be "No Parking" on St. Johnlands. Everyone should be parking inside the gates or in the upper parking area on the Boulevard. We have purposely staggered the game times as a means of helping to resolve this situation. When parking inside the gates, please try wherever possible to park nose in first. This should help maximize the available parking. We need your assistance to make this work. Good luck in the season and thanks for your continued support.

Ray Abramoski & Ed Reynolds

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In preparation for elections to the Board of Directors at the June 3rd, 2002 Annual Meeting, the Club Nominating Committee is accepting nominations until Wednesday, May 1st.

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 3rd 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 Wednesday, May 1st, 2002.

The Board will finalize the slate of nominees at the May 6th 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 3rd Annual Meeting.



I would like to welcome all of the referees to the Spring 2002 Season. All of our referees have taken the club referee course and are ready to hit the field and make the proper call. Let's keep in mind that even professional refs miss calls and that these refs are our neighbors children.

Referees

Coaches, please take the time to fill out a referee evaluation after each game. The evaluations can be found in the referee section of the club website.

Parents and coaches are expected to be sportsmanship role models. Verbal abuse of a referee from a parent or coach will not be tolerated in any way. Coaches are responsible for their sidelines. Once again please remember that ref is the kid next door.

Thank you,
Jeff Stern



This season the travel division has 13 teams ranging from Under 10 years old to Under 19 years old. Travel teams are made up of deated players selected from a club tryout. These teams will face competition from Rosedale to the Hamptons and the games are always very competitive.

The travel division plays every Saturday and Sunday at Tiffany Fields. Game times are posted on the club website in the travel section. Come cheer Kings Park's Finest as the play the best from other towns!

Best of Luck,
Bill Walker & Jeff Stern

THANK YOU!

The Board of Directors would like to "Thank" DJ Whaley of DJ Whaley Landscape Design for building the retaining wall and flower bed around the flag pole. This will be a memorial for our past President, Rudy Mastrocinque who was lost in the 9/11 tragedy. DJ donated his expertise, labor and all of the materials for this beautiful addition to the field.

We would also like to express "Thanks" to The St. Joseph's CYO and to Jim Going of Going Signs. Recently, while organizing the storage garage at the church, the CYO came across soccer equipment that they no longer had a use for. Thanks to the efforts of Mike Buoncore, Gerry Fitzpatrick and John Jonke, rather than tossing the equipment aside, they contacted the club and donated the equipment. Thanks again, the equipment will be put to good use.

Once again the Club had a need for a banner for a Water Stand at the 15 K Run, which took place on March 17th and once again on short notice we contacted Jim Going to create the banner. Once again Jim Going came through with a professional looking banner, that was proudly displayed on the 17th and will be used during upcoming Club events. If anyone's business needs require signage please think of Going Signs. It's important to support those who continually support the Club.

Thank-you,
Board of Directors

Fundraising

Well we did it...this past fall the Kings Park Soccer Club had it's most successful Fundraising Events in its history. This was of course highlighted by the Value Card Program that netted the club over \$2,800. The money has been earmarked for training and field rehabilitation programs.

Thank you and congratulations to all of the teams and players who helped achieve this goal. A very special thank you to the Jaguars for selling 198 cards, the Celtic, coached by Tim Thompson for selling 188 cards and to the Power, coached by Ed Reynolds for selling 94 cards.

This coming year promises to be an even more challenging fundraising year as we would like to increase our training and field rehab programs. Anyone who has an idea for a fundraising event, or who would like to help out by working with the KPSC Board of Directors with our fundraising programs, please contact me at (631) 269-5868.

I look forward to seeing all of you use your Value Cards around town.

Steve Ramerini
Fundraising Chairman

Joseph Piacentino, Jr. - *President, Education, Website*
Jeff Stern - *1st VP, Referees, Interleague, Newsletter*
Ed Reynolds - *2nd VP, Bantams*
Debra Shaw - *Secretary, Interleague, Soccer Camp*
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Rich Schantz - *Uniforms, Purchasing*
Charlie Kuchenbrod - *Grounds & Fields*
Bill Walker - *Travel*
Tom Biviano - *Special Events*



Clinics and Training

The Kings Park Soccer Club periodically offers free or discounted training courses for both coaches and players. We realize that many of our volunteer coaches have had minimal playing experience, if any at all. All of our clinics are run by experienced or professional trainers. Some of our coaches have completed training at the LIJSL "D" level, others have completed LIJSL "C" training and a few of our coaches have gone on to acquire their LIJSL "B", "A" or "Advanced" licenses. All coaches should consider attending these courses, whether to learn more about the skills and tactics of the game or just to refresh their skills and pick up new coaching ideas.

The KPSC has also run free goalkeeping clinics for our youth members. Parents and coaches are always welcome to attend any youth clinic. Although our goalkeepers receive basic goalkeeping training at the clinics, coaches benefit from the clinics too. Many coaches do not spend enough time working on goalkeeping skills, this is mainly because the skills that a goalkeeper needs are vastly different from those of the field player. Many of our experienced coaches do not have any formal goalkeeper training. At a minimum, our goalkeeper clinics will provide coaches with the basics needed to prevent our young players from developing bad goalkeeping habits.

A number of our coaches are now trained in CPR and First Aid. Those coaches completed a 9 hour certification course given by the American Red Cross. The KPSC refunded a portion of the course fee to all coaches that successfully completed the training.

Our young referees also benefit from the free, semiannual, referee training clinics. This is another good class that coaches and parents will also benefit from. While the laws of the game are essentially simple, their application and interpretation can sometimes be confusing. Certainly, all coaches and parents will have a much greater appreciation for the, sometimes difficult, task that our young referees have while officiating our intramural and interleague matches.

The general policy of the KPSC is to fully reimburse any club member that attends a certified coaches' training course, completes the certification and coaches a team in the KPSC. Fees for other non-coaching related training may also be partially or fully reimbursed at the discretion of the directors. The KPSC is always looking for coaches and we hope to make it easy to get the training needed to become a successful coach with the KPSC.

Information about upcoming clinics and training classes are available in The Lion's Den, on the KPSC web site (www.kpsc.org) or by asking a board member or division coordinator. Please consider helping our children learn the beautiful game of soccer. We're sure you'll enjoy the experience, just ask any of our current coaches.

POW: The Silent Game

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Ray Abramski

On the weekend of April 13-14th, the Long Island Junior Soccer League will have a **players only weekend** for all its travel teams. What this means is that during the game all coaches and fans are supposed to be quiet. The coaches are not supposed to yell out instructions or encouragement for their players. The parents are to do the same thing.

Coaches and/or spectators that don't adhere to this policy will receive 0 points in the sportsmanship rating. Each team gets rated on sportsmanship after every game. At the end of the year the team with the most points in each division gets a sportsmanship award. Does not participating in this silent game affect a team's record or standings? No. Do I think it's worth it for a team to try to abide by the guidelines set up for this game? Yes.

To take one game and just let the kids play will be interesting to watch. There might be times where there is confusion on who should take a corner kick. A free kick from 20 yards out. Who will take it? Eventually the players will work it out. The game will go on and the following week everything will go back to normal. While I don't agree with having silent games every week, I do agree with the fact that too many times the kids get too much information thrown at them on the field from the coaches and the parents. It's OK to get encouragement and advice from the parents and coaches, what you don't want is constant yelling of instructions, negative comments and calling fouls from the sidelines.

While this silent game does not carry over to the younger club members, it's good to be aware of what is actually said to your children as they run around on the soccer fields each weekend. Soccer is not like golf where sometimes you need complete silence before someone hits a ball. I don't think it should be. One point that should be noted is that during games, LIJSL players have gone up to referees asking them to try and silence the adults. For one game, they will have their wish.

REGISTRATION

Registration went very well this season. With help from last season's "Full Year Registration" things ran very smoothly.

Thank you to those who registered early or on time. This helps the Club run more efficiently which makes it easier for us to make it less confusing for you. Speaking of confusing, if anyone has any questions with regard to registration, uniforms or anything club related, please call the Club phone (265-6390) and I will gladly help you if possible or direct you to someone who can.

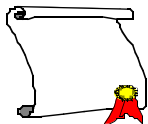
I enjoy talking to our members and always look forward to meeting you in person on the field. Remember there is no such thing as a dumb question, so please don't hesitate to call.

See You on the Soccer Field,

Diane Schantz

Kings Park Chamber of Commerce Inc. Downtown Revitalization Program Begins to show results.....Community Playground at the Kings Park Public Library.

Work on the first downtown revitalization project has been funded by the Suffolk County Legislature's grant program. A community playground is being installed behind the Kings Park branch of the Smithtown Public Library. Although the \$29,000 received in Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization funds is being supplemented by funding and labor by the Town of Smithtown, the Kings Park Chamber of Commerce still has some fundraising to do. The Chamber must raise close to \$10,000 to supply the benches, trash cans, bricks for a brick walk way and additional equipment. You can help by sending a \$50 sponsorship towards a brick for the brick walkway. Your name or message would be carved in a brick leading to the playground and forever be a part of our community. To do so, send a \$50 check made payable to The Kings Park Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 322, Kings Park, NY 11754, along with your name, phone# and the name(s) you would like to appear on the brick (there is a limit of 2 lines 15 spaces per line.) Higher sponsorship levels are available. For more information, call the Chamber @ 269-7678.



KPSC Scholarships

As in previous years the Kings Park Soccer Club is pleased to announce that once again it is able to offer scholarships to the 2002 graduating class. We will continue to offer the **Patrick M. Conley Scholarship**. The amount of this scholarship is \$1000 each, to be awarded to the two most qualified students.

In addition, we would like to announce the formation of the **Rudy Mastrocinque Scholarship for Community Service**. This scholarship was formed to remember our friend and past club president who was lost in the World Trade Center tragedy. The amount of this scholarship is \$2000 to be awarded to the most qualified student.

We will accept requests for consideration until April 30th 2002. All requests must be received in writing by this date, no late requests will be considered.

The criteria for consideration is as follows:

Rudy Mastrocinque Scholarship for Community Service

This scholarship is to be applied for by recommendation from a non-family member. All recommendations must be received in writing and should explain why the student deserves this award and lists any other qualifications that relate to the criteria below. In addition, the person submitting a recommendation should include their name, address and phone number as well as contact information for the student.

1. The student must be planning to attend a school of higher education.
2. The scholarship is to award the student's ongoing community services and/or act of community service that distinguishes him or herself from the rest of the student body.
3. The student should show involvement in a variety of extra curricular activities. Such as athletics, school club, music, community clubs and/or other activities.
4. The student, at sometime, must have been involved with soccer either with a club or school team in Kings Park.

Patrick M. Conely Memorial Scholarship

1. Candidates must be dedicated male or female soccer players who played soccer, coached, refereed or helped the Kings Park Soccer Club in any capacity
2. They must also plan on attending a school of higher education.
3. Candidates should submit in their list of qualifications; the capacities in which they helped the Kings Park Soccer Club, any community or social work that they have been involved in, information regarding the candidate's school achievements; sports and scholastics.

Please send all applications to:
The Kings Park Soccer Club Scholarship Committee
c/o Jeff Stern
52 Primrose Lane
Kings Park, NY 11754

INSURANCE

Injuries: All accidents or injuries should be reported to the KPSC Risk Manger; Joel Blitzter. Please call in the report during normal business hours at 516-997-9800 or e-mail to Blitzjb@aol.com. If an injury occurs that required medical attention, the parent or guardian will need to complete an accident report. This form will be available on the KPSC website.

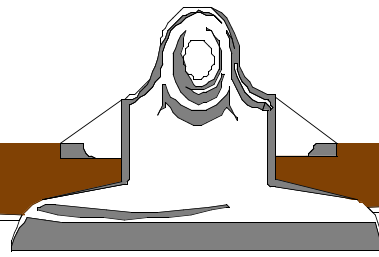
Helmets: KPSC requires that all goal tenders at the Cub, Bear, and Bantam divisions are to wear helmets. The referees have been instructed by the KPSC Board of Directors to suspend play if helmets are not worn. If there are any questions please contact your division coordinator.

Animals: KPSC Insurance policy, Kings Park School District, NYS Parks Department, Town of Smithtown all do not permit dogs on the premises during scheduled activities. The KPSC Board of Directors asks for your continued cooperation. This rule will be enforced as KPSC can not risk the safety of our children and/or the loss of use of property.

Insurance Coverage Highlights: This policy is Excess over any other valid Insurance or Health Care Plan, and all claims will be paid on a Usual & Customary basis. Each claim is subject to a \$500 Deductible. Your completed claim form must be submitted as soon as is practicable after the date of injury or a claim denial may occur. The accident and liability policies provide coverage to insured persons while participating in the following covered activities:

- 1) Scheduled games, team practice sessions or sponsored activities, provided they are under the direct supervision of a team official; or sanctioned local or national tournaments as a member of a contestant team.
- 2) No liability coverage is provided to parents, coaches or volunteers while using any automobile to transport team members or volunteers to any practice, game or activity.
- 3) A copy of claim filing instructions and the claim form can be printed from the following website. Please follow the directions and send the form directly to the location on the form. Please contact the club if assistance is needed. Note: this is an Excess Policy. If you are covered under any other Insurance or Health Care Plan, you must submit your bills to your other insurance carrier first. After your other carrier has paid their share of the claim, you may then submit any remaining balances due under this plan. Each claim is subject to a \$500 deductible. Be sure to send copies of all invoices and the Explanation of Benefits form detailing benefits paid from your primary carrier with this claim form: The form is located at the following website:.

http://www.bollingersoccer.com/format1/claim_forms/enyysa.htm



CLUB NOTES

For the health of children, please refrain from smoking at ALL games and practices. See the club website for our official policy

For the safety of all involved, please leave your pets at home.

Newsletter articles can be mailed to the KPSC or E-mailed to newsletter@kpsc.org

Avoid dangerous situations by parking in designated areas at our fields. There is plenty of parking towards the back of Tiffany Fields. Also, thanks to the State the gates on Kings Park Blvd are now open, allowing additional parking at Tiffany Fields. Authorities have told us that they will ticket and/or tow illegally parked cars.

Please remember Tiffany Circle is ONE WAY only.

Please help us keep our fields clean. Deposit all garbage in the trash cans placed around the field.

YOU MAKE THE CALL!

During the match a player advancing in a counterattack eludes the last defensive field player near the touch line. The goalkeeper sprints from the goal to stop the opponent but succeeds only in clearing the ball away from the field of play, over the touch line. The goalkeeper's momentum causes him to run off the field. A forward exploits the situation by taking a throw-in quickly and correctly to a teammate that is in an offside position, with the goalkeeper still off the field.

The play ends in a goal. What call should the referee make?

(answer on page 8)

New Travel Teams Being Formed !

The Kings Park Soccer Club is proud to announce the formation of four new travel teams for the Fall 2002 season. The teams being formed are Girls Under 10, Boys Under 10, Boys Under 11 and Boys Under 12. Tryouts will be held in June. Dates will be announced later this season.

Coaches who have an interest in coaching one of these teams should submit a letter to the club along with their coaching resume. Resumes should include coaching experience, coaching licenses, seminars or classes attended and playing experience.

It would be helpful to read the Travel Guidelines which are located in the By Laws section of the club website. All coaching applications must be received in writing by April 30, 2002.

Send Applications to: Kings Park Soccer Club
PO Box 195
Kings Park, NY 11754
Attn: Travel Comittee

Kings Park Psyclones

a Member of the Long Island Ladies Soccer League

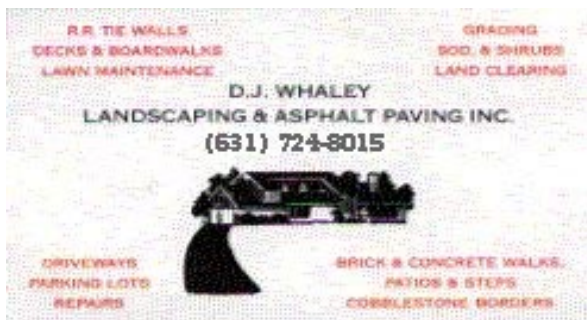
You may think of soccer as a game for the young...but it truly is a game for the "young at heart". A real example of this mindset is the Kings Park women's soccer team, the "Psyclones."

The Psyclones are a team of adult, over 26 year old local women who play every Sunday at 4 PM as part of the Long Island Ladies Soccer League. This league, made up of five divisions, each division comprised of approximately 10 teams, plays from Queens to Mattituck. The growth of adult soccer in recent years has included the expansion of the league to now include an "open" division for the recently graduated college players.

The Kings Park women's team is made up of many local women whose children play club soccer, as well as several new members such as Janine Misevich, a teacher at Kings Park High School. There are several mother/daughter combinations on the team as well. The team has been in existence for over fifteen years and it still is pleased to have some of the original players. The Psyclones record has been consistently improving with a first place standing in the last season and wins for he first two games of this spring season.

Due to the great interest in joining, there soon may be enough players to form a second Kings Park team. So remember all you moms who watch as your little ones run and laugh on the playing field....it's never too late to enjoy this terrific sport!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PROUD SPONSERS!



Going Sign
140 Terminal Drive
Plainview, NY 11803
516-349-7600

Being a business card sponser in the club newsletter is a great way to reach the community and help support the club. Suggested donation is \$50 per issue or \$100 for season. Donations are used to offset printing costs of this newsletter. Newsletter and website packages of all sizes are available.

To find out more, call Jeff Stern @ 366-4416

Answer to You Make The Call:

Goal. There is no requirement for a player taking a throw-in to wait for the opponent to be ready and there is no offside infraction on a throw-in.