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President's Message

Just as events on and after 9/11/01 have certainly changed everyone's life in one way or another, the Holidays always seem to heighten our emotions and make us more reflective, generous, and thankful. I would like to thank all of you in the Club. Listed individually, your names would fill the entire newsletter. Of course, a big mahalo to the players for giving us enjoyable soccer to watch and their parents for making it possible by believing in the Bulls. Thanks to our volunteer and administrative staff for all of the hours you put in behind the scenes. I constantly hear from outsiders how professionally organized the Club is.

I would especially like to thank our wonderful coaching staff for its tireless dedication to the players and the Club. These past few months have been especially stressful for all. The coaching staff was stretched to its limits for a variety of reasons. Coach Sullivan's Reserve Unit was activated after 9/11/01, limiting his participation, but he still managed to get out on the field when he could. Paul Soufl left for the mainland and a few other coaches left for personal reasons. Coach Guidry was absent for six weeks participating in research in Pennsylvania (glad it was now and not during Regionals!). The Club moved forward with ALL of the remaining coaches pitching in unselfishly (as usual). My heartfelt thanks to you all for your extremely hard work.

The competitive season for the U8-U12-year-olds is upon us now. What we all learned during the developmental season will no doubt translate into success on the field during the next few months.

I would like to remind all parents and supporters about sportsmanship on the sidelines. We all get wrapped up in the emotion of the game. I have been known (yes, me!) to express my displeasure at an offside (see the information below) call I thought incorrect. I think a bit of this is part of the game. What is inappropriate is the verbal abuse of referees and assistant referees. Matches on the mainland have seen disagreements lead to brawls. The recent developmental season was witness to events close to this by angry parents.

Please remind yourself of the Parents' Code of Conduct your manager provided to you. If you have not seen it, please ask your team manager for one. Remember, this a game on the pitch, not a yelling match from the sidelines. The referees can issue yellow or red cards to the coaches for inappropriate behavior. I would hope this action would never be associated with a Bulls team. The referees know the rules of the game much better than the average parent. Please let them control the game.

Good luck to all of the players in the competitive season and on your school teams.

Happy Holidays to everyone in the Bulls Family!

See you at _____ the ProXtreme Camp!

FYI: The Offside Rule

Undoubtedly, the most confusing law in the game of soccer for parents, although it does not seem to be so for players, is the offside rule. First, a

Bulls Calendar

12/5 Oahu League Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m., Gentry Pacific Design Center

12/8 Winter Jamboree, Waipio Soccer Complex

12/11 BOD meeting, 7 p.m., Hawaiian Brian's

12/13, 15, 27 USSF Referee Recertification Clinics

12/15 Newsletter deadline for December issue

12/16 Bulls deadline for Tide HYSAC entries

12/16 Coaches and Managers Business meeting, 7 p.m., Paki Hale

12/26-29 ProXtreme Holiday Soccer Camp, Waialae Iki Park

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player must be in an offside position at the time the ball is played by a teammate before he/is is considered to be offside. A player is in the offside position if he/she is

1. in the opponent's half of the field, and
2. ahead of the ball (closer to the opponent's goal line than the ball is) and
3. there are fewer than two opponents ahead of the player.

Additionally, a player must be seeking to gain an advantage from the position by attempting to play the ball or hinder or distract opposing players.

There are exceptions to this rule: players receiving the ball directly from a throw-in, corner kick, goal kick, or drop ball are not offside.

Parents, if this is too confusing, just ask any U11 or older player for a better explanation.

Give Aloha



The Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club thanks Foodland for supporting not-for-profit organizations in Hawaii and Bulls family and

friends for participating in this generous program. The HSC-Bulls received nine contributions in the amount of \$1,038. This represented 1.2% of the contributions received by Foodland. The Club received \$419.46 in matching funds from the Foodland Program. Bulls President, Ken Perske, received a check for \$1,457.46, which has been designated for the Club's financial aid program.

On behalf of the Club and financial aid recipients, mahalo to Foodland and all who contributed.

Mililani 7-A-Side

The Mililani 7-A-Side Tournament was a popular place this Thanksgiving weekend as Bulls teams participated in twelve of the thirteen age divisions, U8-U14. Eight teams reached the semifinals with many spirited contests for advancement. The strength of the Bulls program was evidenced by the skillful play of all participating teams. Four teams were age division champions and four placed second. The U9 boys finished first, second, and third. Coaches had many positive comments.



Coach Jose credited the U10 girls, split into two evenly matched teams, for playing well in all their games. The U9 girls were fired up to play in their championship game, "dominating the game with their skill and passing."

The U8 boys "put forth a champion effort" pushing forward in the final game and attaining a second place finish. The U9 boys dominated their division and the U10 boys played well.

Coach Rick Chong added that it was hard to miss the "spirit and support the entire Bulls family provided, especially at 16 Acres where the Bulls tent complex was up and full with red. Many games were watched by parents and players of other Bulls teams, especially in the playoffs. On their own, the U8 boys were cheering for the U9 girls as they walked by the girls' game on their way to get warmed up for their own game."

Tournament results:

Champions:

- U9B - 93 Kekea**
- U9G - 93 Girls**
- U11B - 91 Ka 'ula**
- U13B - 89 Ka 'ula**

2nd place:

- U8B - 94 Ka 'ula**
- U9B - 93 Ka 'ele**
- U11G - 91 Girls**
- U13G - 89 Girls**

U19G Reach Girls Surf Semis

The Bulls girls' program reached a milestone when the oldest girls' team was accepted to play in the Super Group of the Nike 2001 San Diego Surf Girls Cup during the recent Thanksgiving weekend. A team of high school and college Bulls players with five guest players from the California Legends competed in the U19 age division. Their first game was a reunion of sorts with former teammate Maile Tave, though surely not one she enjoyed as the Bulls defeated her Surf White team 2-1. Michigan ODP fell to the Bulls, 1-2, on the morning of the second tournament day, as did the Sereno Golden Eagles, 0-1, in the afternoon. Advancing to the semifinals, the players battled the So Cal Blues to a 1-1 draw at the end of regulation and overtime. The resulting shootout ended in a loss on the seventh shot.

Commenting on what made it possible for the team's success, Audrey Ehrhorn related, "The sidelines were lined with college coaches watching our games! Every player was determined to win. Everyone tackled hard and gave everything they had on the field. Skill was important, too. The college players added a lot in terms of experience, determination, and skill. The coaching probably made a big difference, but it wasn't just the coaching; it was the personalities of the players. We all came out to play and win."

"It's not the will to win, but the will to prepare to win that makes the difference."

Bear Bryant, University of Alabama Football



Applications are steadily stacking up for the 4th Annual ProXtreme Holiday Soccer Camp featuring Clint Mathis of the US National team and MLS New York/New Jersey Metro Stars. Joining him will be Josh Wolff, fellow National Team teammate and MLS Chicago Fire player, and Brian Ching of the MLS LA Galaxy and former Bull. Jean Paul Verhees, a favorite of Bulls players, will once again be on staff. Current high school and college players will be assisting the camp staff.

If you have not sent in your registration form, it's not too late. Forms can be picked up at Soccer Locker or downloaded from the Bulls website: www.hscbulls.com.

The camp will run from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 26, and 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 27 - 29. An autograph session with Clint, Josh, and Brian is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cost for the camp is \$195.

Parents: If you are available to assist with camp registration or security, please call Coe Atherton, 941-8454.



**Come
join the
fun!!!**



Bulletin Board

Bulls 89 Ka`Ula (U13 boys) is having a second fundraiser this month to help off-set upcoming expenses. Visit their booth where they are sure you'll be able to find something to complete your Christmas gift-list.

KAILUA HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA / CRAFT FAIR
451 ULUMANU DRIVE, KAILUA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
7 AM - 2 PM

Reminder: Picture taking for younger Bulls teams will take place at the Jamboree on Saturday, December 8th. Check the schedule given to you by your manager for specific times.

USSF Referee Recertification Clinics: The final recertification clinics are listed below. To be recertified in 2002, you must attend one of these clinics. Do not mail the form you received, bring it to a clinic. Blank forms are also available at the clinics.

- December 13 - Waiau District Park, 7 p.m.
- December 15 - Waiau District Park, noon
- December 27 - Makiki Rec. Center, 1st floor, Arts and Crafts Building, 7 p.m.

Huge adidas Sample Sale for the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club, Friday, December 14, 4-8 p.m., Mariners Cove in Hawaii Kai, 7092 Niumalu Loop. Items are priced to sell out. Saturday, December 15, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. open to the public.

Try-outs: For U11-U14 boys and girls, December 15, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Waialae Iki Park. Please pass this information on to any players you know who might be interested. Currently registered non-Bulls HYSAs must have the written permission of their present coaches to attend this try-out. For further information, please call 373-3312. Mahalo.

Hawaii Youth Soccer Association State/National "D License"

- December 14-15-16-21-22-23
Pre-requisite: E-license or equivalent.
- 12/ 14, 6:00-9:30 p.m., Leeward Community College
 - 12/ 15, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Waipio Soccer Complex
 - 12/ 16, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Waipio Soccer Complex
1:00-5:00 p.m., Leeward Community College
 - 12/ 21, 6:00-9:30 p.m., Leeward Community College
 - 12/ 22, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Waipio Soccer Complex
 - 12/ 23, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Waipio Soccer Complex
- Check the HYSAs website for full details.