



the

Bulletin

Volume 5, Issue 4

April 8, 2002

HONOLULU BULLS SOCCER CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2002
 Social Hall of Wesley UMC
 1320 Hunakai Street in Kahala

Bulls Calendar

4/15 BOD meeting, 7 p.m., Hawaiian Brian's

4/20 Newsletter deadline for May issue

4/20-21 **SNICKERS** USYNC State Cup, U13-U19

5/5 Coaches and Managers Business meeting, 7 p.m., Paki Hale

5/25-27 HYSA State Championships (U12-U19)

6/1 HSC-Bulls Annual General Meeting, Wesley United Methodist Church

6/23-29 **SNICKERS** Far West Regional Tournament, Salt Lake City, Utah

In This Issue

Dallas Cup

Volunteer Ops

Letter

TEAMS, PARENTS, PLAYERS: Please check out the Bulls website often, especially recent news posted under the "LATEST UPDATES" section. We want to make it more interesting and informative.

Miles Tsuruoka and Glenn Anderson

BOD Nominations

It's that time of year to start looking for people who would like to serve on the Board of Directors (BOD) for the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club. Every year, half of the ten-member Board must be elected and any other seats filled (this year there is one additional vacancy). Elections for these positions will be held on June 1, 2002 at the Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM). Anybody may run for these positions as long as they meet the following qualifications:

- * Are committed to the Bulls' mission, purpose, goals, and rules of conduct;
- * Will fulfill the role of informed leadership;
- * Will exercise all responsibilities and duties with due care, diligence, and good faith;
- * Can participate in one to two meetings per month.

If you are interested in running for a seat on the BOD or would like to nominate another person, contact your team manager or a Nominating Committee Member for a nominating form. All nominees will be contacted to verify their willingness to run for the Board. All nominations must be received by Sunday, May 19, 2002. Nomination

forms can be printed and mailed to the Bulls business address (HSC-Bulls, P. O. Box 240277, Honolulu, HI 96824-0277) or sent as an e-mail attachment to one of the Nominating Committee Members below:

Scott Chan
 <Scott_L_Chan@exec.state.hi.us>
Julian Lipsher
 Nominating Committee Chair
 <jlipsher@lava.net>
Miles Tsuruoka
 <miles.tsuruoka@verizon.com>

Memo from the Coaching Staff

Reminder: Fast Footwork is cancelled for April 13th for all the older players. The 8 a.m. beginner session only, for the youth age groups, will take place. The Staff and teams need to concentrate on our placement games that will run the first three or four weeks of the HYSA Spring competitive season. We want all of our teams to place as highly as possible in their placement games.

Additionally, we encourage all players and parents to support our older teams participating in the **SNICKERS** USYNC State Cup Tournament, April 20-21. Mahalo.

Jacob Blanchard, Coaching Coordinator



Dallas Cup Recap

Two players down due to a family tragedy. Temperatures dipping down to 30 degrees in a harsh wind. Coach Guidry unable to travel with the team. Intense competition, tremendous ball skills, and accelerated speed of play.

Adversity appeared at every corner for the Ka'ula 88 team at the Dallas Cup XXIII — the toughest youth soccer tournament in the world.

In true Bulls fashion, the team persevered and was up to the challenge. At tournament registration, people couldn't wait to see the first team from Hawaii to compete in the Dallas Cup, with a female player (Rachael Lau), another milestone.

The Hawaiian flag flew high during the opening ceremonies; as did the Bulls banner ably carried by the "baby Bulls": Jason Yuasa and Matthew and Patrick Shimoko. The near-capacity crowd in the thousands cheered at Lake Highlands Stadium. Everyone wanted to greet us and approached us for leis, puka shells, and Bulls pins.

From the opening whistle the players gave it their all and held their own against players from Texas, Canada, and Pennsylvania in the cup matches and in five friendlies against Colorado Storm, Montclair Eagles, Dallas Inter, and the Dallas Texans. Eight games in nine days gave the team a tremendous education.

Coaches Jean-Paul Verhees and Jacob Blanchard

networked with players, coaches, and referees from around the world, promoting our Club and tournaments and soccer in Hawaii. They did a fantastic job of laying the groundwork for excellent teams to compete in Hawaii. Even the players passed out our business cards to teams interested in competing here.

We were in awe of the U14 team from Costa Rica as it defeated the North Carolina team in a quarterfinal match that was a thing of beauty to watch. We were dazzled by their toughness, foot skills, and ball distribution. This game alone was worth the price of admission and was surpassed by the U19 Supergroup in which Nottingham Forest defeated teams from Mexico and Texas on their way to becoming champions. They were as good as many English Premier teams.



Dallas Cup XXIII was definitely an educational experience on and off the field. Individual knowledge and Club/team knowledge gained was invaluable. Soccer in Hawaii was promoted professionally by the ambassadors in red and black.

Ken Perske, team manager

Volunteer Options

Two interesting and valuable opportunities to serve the Club are available for interested individuals beginning this summer: Newsletter editor and publisher and Coordinating Manager. Both provide the opportunity to interact with Staff, Coaches, Managers, BOD, parents and players via creative and administrative avenues. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions or think you might be interested and want to learn more, please contact Ken Perske <KennethP@kapiolani.org> or Coe Atherton <coe@hawaii.rr.com>.

Voice From the Past

My name is Stanley Pao, original founder of the Bulls Soccer Club. I met with Tri Nguyen lately, and he has told me of the progress of the Bulls Soccer Club. I clicked onto the website, and it is so gratifying to see how much the Club has grown, from one soccer team called the Kahala Bulls to become the present Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club. When I left Honolulu in 1983, Frank Doyle was very instrumental in continuing to promote the name and expansion of the club. Most of the

coaches, such as Tri Nguyen and Pinsoom Tenzing, were all helping at that time. It is also very appreciated that you have mentioned the original founders in your website. Below is an account of how the team started and expanded.

1975 - AYSO came into Honolulu, and I was asked to coach 9-10 year-olds in Kahala. Kahala Bulls went undefeated and several years after that this group continued to win championships on the island.

As the years passed, I realized that the skills of the boys needed further improvement, and thus we began talking about adding more teams in different age groups. I took the older boys (14-15 or U16), Tri Nguyen took U14, Pinsoom Tenzing took U12, and Thanh Nguyen took U10. Coming from Thailand, we ordered special designed uniforms with Bulls patches at a very reasonable price. The teams played at a very high skill level and took several championships at all age groups.

Frank Doyle, Georgeanne Derby, Rick Beckner joined later and assisted in the B teams in each category.

I am presently General Manager of the Dusit Thani Hotel in Bangkok and still quite active in soccer. My son plays on the U8 team in a club in Bangkok. It would be such a thrill if the Bulls Soccer Club were able to come and play against several teams here. I would be happy to arrange it.

Congrats on such a good job. . . I rest easy, knowing the Bulls Soccer Club is in safe hands.

Regards. . . Stanley Pao

February 9, 2002