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President's Message

"Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I don't like that attitude. I can assure them it's much more serious than that."

Bill Shankly, Liverpool

You can't tell the seven teams bound for the Far West Regionals in Salt Lake City it isn't serious! The Club is so proud to be sending another wave of Red and Black to compete. Congratulations to all who competed and to those who qualified.

Summer will soon be here. This translates into traveling for competition. Many teams have already been accepted to the prestigious Surf Cup and Claremont tournaments. After Regionals, many Bulls will travel on to ODP camps in Idaho and Oregon. Good luck to you all and "hat's off" to the parents and staff who support you in your endeavor to excel in soccer and in life. The Club is proud to be a vehicle to help you achieve your goals.

The next few months will be very active ones for the Club and your continued support and involvement will be crucial. The State Championships will take place May 25th through 27th. New Board members will be elected June 1st at the Annual General Meeting. Once the competitive season ends in mid-June, tryouts will once again be held and we will need volunteers to help with the registration process. Team managers will be responsible for disseminating the necessary paperwork for registration so keep in touch with them so deadlines can be met appropriately. Of course, in July we also have the HIC tournament; Bulls teams not traveling are expected to compete.

Obviously there is lots to look forward to, so please stay involved! Better yet,

get involved for the sake of your children.

Go Bulls!

Nominations

REMINDER! Nominations for the Board of Directors (BOD) of the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club will be accepted through Sunday, May 19, 2002. Every year, half of the BOD must be elected. Elections for those 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, send an e-mail to one of the Nominating Committee Members below (or submit a letter to HSC-Bulls, Nominations Committee, P. O. Box 240277, Honolulu, HI 96824-0277). All nominees will be contacted to verify their willingness to run for the Board.

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Bulls Calendar

5/4 Start of new Fast Footwork sessions

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

5/12 Bulls deadline for roster changes for HYSA State Championship

5/12 Mother's Day

5/14 BOD meeting, 7 p.m., Hawaiian Brian's

5/20 Newsletter deadline for May issue

5/25-27 HYSA State Championships (U12-U19), Waipio Soccer Complex

6/1 HSC-Bulls Annual General Meeting, Wesley United Methodist Church, 8 a.m.

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

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Blaine in Spain



Last summer at the 2000-2001 Surf Cup, one of our Honolulu Bulls was nominated and selected to represent the USA in the Fox Sports World Challenge. Not to let this great opportunity pass him by, Blaine and his father, Roy Gonsalves, better known as Coach Roy to the U12 boys, took off for Barcelona. After a stop-

over in New York to practice with the team, they arrived in Barcelona, Spain on March 25, 2002.

While in Spain, Blaine was provided many exciting opportunities. After little playing time in the first game, Blaine got his chance to go in and never looked back. His time on the field increased each game. He ended up scoring three of the team's twelve goals for the tournament, including two in the team's victory over Poland. His team ended with a 3-1-1 record, claiming victories over Colombia, Poland, and Germany, a draw with Spain, and a loss to Romania. Next, he was able to take in a F.C. Barcelona game with 80,000 other fans, "what an experience". He was also able to interact with players from twenty different countries as they all stayed together in a large dormitory. For five days, he was free of parenting and able to create havoc with his new buddy from England, Tommy. They even traded jerseys at the end of the tourney as many international competitors do.



As his coach, I am proud of Blaine for taking this opportunity and making the best of it. It's not easy to be put into an unfamiliar environment and then be expected to perform. I am glad he has prepared himself to be able to do so.

This was Blaine's first experience representing the U. S. in an international soccer tournament and hopefully not his last.

Fast Footwork Schedule

Saturday Fast Footwork sessions resume for older players this weekend and will continue for all age groups through June 8th. The dates for the sessions are: **May 4th, 11th, and 18th, June 1st and 8th.**

Times are as follows:

8 - 9 a.m. — Beginner Level

9 - 10:10 a.m. — Intermediate Level

10 - 11:15 a.m.** — Fast-Moves for U13s and older who have completed at least 2 years of Fast Footwork at the Intermediate Level.

** Warm-up at 10:00 a.m. **PLAYERS MUST ATTEND ALL THE SESSIONS, NO EARLY DROPOUTS, NO EARLY DEPARTURES.** All players must sign up for

this session May 4th and may miss a session only for HSC-Bulls games with a written note to the DOC and his approval.

Jacob Blanchard, Coaching Coordinator

SNICKERS RESULTS

After an exciting weekend on Maui and Oahu, the **SNICKERS** tournament is over, the results recorded and the HSC-Bulls are sending 7 teams with just under 120 players to the Far West Regionals in Salt Lake City. Participating in Regional play are:

U13B - 89 Ka'ula B

U14B - 88 Ka'ula B

U16G - 86 Ka'ula G

U17B - 85 Ka'ula B

U18G - 84 Ka'ula G

U19 G - 83 Ka'ula G

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In addition, three teams received Fair Play Awards:

89 Ka'ula B, 87 Ka'ula B, and 86 Ka'ula B.

Below are photos of two teams that participated in the USYNC **SNICKERS** tournament. If other teams have photos that they would like to have included in the newsletter, please e-mail them to <coe@hawaii.rr.com>.

U14B
with
Coach
Phil's
Parents



U15 huddle
before the
game with
the Tsunami
on Maui

Summer Try-outs

The dates for try-outs for the fall developmental season have been set by the Coaching Staff. Specific times for each age group will be announced later in May.

U7-U11: Throughout May (non-HYSA players only)

U7-U11: June 1st and 2nd (probably in the afternoon)

U12-U19: July 12th, 13th, 14th, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th

Check the Bulls website: <hscbulls.com> frequently for the latest updates.



From the Director of Coaching . . .

April was a busy month in the club! The Snickers Cup just ended and seven teams will be representing the HSC Bulls and the State of Hawaii at the Far West Regional Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah, this June. This is the same tournament that Hawaii will be hosting as a State host next year, so get ready! Many of our seniors have made a decision on their Universities and Colleges of choice. Strong soccer conferences from the Ivy League to the PAC-10 and others will be showcasing our graduating seniors this fall.

For the young ones in the club, the end of the spring season and the State Championship Tournament (Memorial Day weekend, Waipio Soccer Complex) will be the last opportunity for you to see some of these older players play. Missing an opportunity to see them in action may be something you will regret. For example: did you know that both the 2002 Male and Female High School Players-Of-The-Year are HSC Bulls' players? You can see one of them play on the HSC Bulls U18 Girls and the other on the U17 Boys' teams.

This brings me to my topic of the month: who is your best coach/teacher? We have come great strides in the coaching development in our club, and the HSC Bulls Coaching Staff is the most experienced and Nationally Licensed staff in the State. But the best coach of the game of soccer is not on our staff at the club. The best coach is not a person you see, it is the game you play with your friends, in training, at school, in the league, even more so in Tournaments on the mainland. The higher the level of play and intensity is, the better the learning environment is. And the sooner you become aware of the higher levels of play, the sooner you will be able to imitate and demonstrate at the highest level. Most of our games in the league are not of the best quality and the demands on our demonstration of tactical and technical soccer skills to be successful are very low. So how do we step it up? We have already committed ourselves to travel to find better competition. Over 18 teams from the club will be going to a tournament on the mainland this summer. But the traveling is not enough! You need to start watching games of high caliber (Champions' League, Europe; World Cup 2002, Japan/S. Korea, this June; etc.) on television. One of the best sources of education through the game is to watch some of your older clubmates play in their games. There are many things you can pick up from watching the older Boys and Girls play. You know most of them, and many of them know you from the times they helped you in training. Believe me when I say that you will be amazed at the things some of them can do. And you just might be able to pull one of their moves in your game after watching them doing it in a

game. This is an open invitation to all the HSC Bulls players to come and watch the U16-19 Girls and Boys Teams play. You are even welcome to come and hear the halftime discussion with the team! We will try to get some schedules in this Newsletter or you can ask your coach to find out. Or ask me when you see me and I will tell you when and where, is the best game to watch! I have a reason to want you out there: these older players are good, but I want you to be even better than they are now. So you need to hurry out there and imitate what you see earlier than they did! This month, there is a young man out there who is being offered a Multi-million dollar contract to play soccer in Europe. Many of our players have seen him play, strike a ball, control it, pull a few moves and many other things. When I see your older clubmates play, I realize there are some of them who could be even better than he is, if only they can catch his moves even earlier...than he did!

Thanks for the privilege,

THE WINNERS VS THE LOSERS

The **WINNER** is always part of an answer.

The **LOSER** is always part of the problem.

The **WINNER** always has a program.

The **LOSER** always has an excuse.

The **WINNER** says, "Let me do it for you."

The **LOSER** says, "That's not my job."

The **WINNER** sees an answer for every problem.

The **LOSER** sees a problem in every answer.

The **WINNER** says, "It may be difficult, but it is possible."

The **LOSER** says, "It may be possible, But it is too difficult."