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Bulls Calendar

- 11/3 HSC Bulls Coaches meeting, 7:30 p.m., Paki Hale
- 11/5 General Election Day
- 11/9 Retreat – Parents, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Paki Hale
- 11/9 Retreat – BOD, 1:30 a.m. – til, La Pietra
- 11/11 Holiday – Veteran's Day
- 11/12 BOD meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hawaiian Brian's
- 11/16 Tryouts, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Kapiolani Park, field 4
- 11/17 Tryouts, 02:00 p.m. – 04:00 p.m., Waialae Ike Park
- 11/17 HSC Bulls Coaches and Managers meeting, 7:00 p.m., Paki Hale
- 11/20 Newsletter deadline for November issue
- 11/28 Holiday – Thanksgiving Day
- 11/29 – 12/1 Mililani 7-a-side Tournament

President's Message

"The past is history, the future a mystery, "now" is a gift—that's why it's called the present." During these times of uncertainty at home and abroad, it is healthy to have some stability in our lives; some constant we can always count on. One constant for many of us is the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club (HSC Bulls). Whether it is "practice until dark" or "when is practice over", whether it is when players are preparing for practice or competition, there is a degree of comfort in the uniformity of the effort regardless of the age group.

The unknown of potential terrorist attacks or snipers superficially means little to most of us here in paradise. Deep down though we

all are concerned, even the players. The escape to the practice field or the pitch is a form of support for each other and just by being there brings constancy to us all. Thanks for being there.

Happy Thanksgiving to the Bulls Family!

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."
Jackie Robinson.



Pro-Xtreme Camp

By Briana O'Dowd

Mahalo to Michele Bray and Chris Haines for volunteering to spearhead the effort for this year's Pro-Xtreme Camp. Helping will be Staff Coach Bri O'Dowd, who will organize the coaching staff. We hope to have 250 participants this year. To help encourage Bulls players to attend, look for a generous coupon shortly.

A tremendous amount of work goes on behind the scenes to prepare for this fun way to bring in the New Year. If you would like to help, please contact Michele at chelebray@hotmail.com.

Volunteers will be needed for set up and take down, registration, security and procurement. We will be looking to borrow tables, chairs, ice coolers and large sports drink coolers for the 4 day event.

Team discounts will be available. Please let your friends playing American Youth Soccer Association (AYSO) know about

this event. And do not forget to invite your friends on opposing teams. We would like to see our opponents at this Camp as well. Bring a friend!

Imagine being a young player (or even an older volunteer) participating in a soccer camp headlining a player who scored a key goal in a World Cup match!

See you there!

Give Aloha Program

Thanks to 7 donors and Foodland, the HSC Bulls will receive \$651.00 from Foodland's Give Aloha Program.

Inside the Bulls

By Ken Perske

I just felt compelled to bring everyone up to speed on how the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club functions.

Years ago there was a plea from the coaching staff to relieve them of their administrative duties so they could concentrate on coaching. At that time we were a loose knit assortment of teams with individual names and identities but under the Bulls' umbrella. No real unity existed. Each coach handled registration, ordering uniforms, team reservations and collecting money. Almost five years ago we reorganized and became more professional. The coaching staff has been relieved of its administrative burden by a supportive volunteer staff.

The Director of Coaching (DOC) and the professional staff of excellent coaches have one priority: teach the kids the game they love. Our DOC is in charge of the coaching staff and all issues related to coaching soccer. They are the experts and we rely on



their expertise at the practice field and in competition. Each team has a head coach (often a volunteer) and there are several staff coaches to handle various age groups (U13-14, U15-16, etc).

The Board members (all volunteers), elected at the open Annual General Meeting (AGM), are responsible for the daily administrative activities of the Club. Their primary responsibility is fiscal and budgetary. Bookkeeping, registration and team reservations, fundraising, media relations and special events are all tasks the Board members tackle. The Board members, all with full time jobs elsewhere, meet monthly; but much more takes place behind the scenes to ensure the smooth functioning of the Club.

Key to the day to day functioning of the Club is "middle management." Team managers, the Coordinating Manager and the Uniform Coordinator are essential. They are also all volunteers asked to do their particular job by the team's head coach or the DOC. The team manager communicates with the parents, handles or delegates team finances, orders uniforms and completes the paperwork necessary for registration of players and team. Obviously this can be a daunting task, made easier by cooperative and supportive parents. Issues, suggestions, comments regarding the non-coaching issues of the team or the Club should first be brought to the individual team manager who then can take it through appropriate channels, usually the Coordinating Manager.

Our Club identity is very important to us. Our DOC sets the standard for the uniform and other items that players use that bear the HSC Bulls logo. We do not allow teams to purchase their own uniforms, or arrange their own items using the logo so that we can maintain our Club identity. Ideas for new logo apparel items are welcomed by the Board of Directors (BOD), and if

approved, the items can then be made available to everyone.

Although in the past teams sometimes arranged their own uniform purchases, now all purchases go through our uniform coordinator. This helps maintain the image, but more importantly, it allows for price reductions through bulk purchase. The uniform coordinator works closely with the registrar and the BOD so that only those players who are properly and completely registered will receive uniforms. The DOC and BOD feel very strongly that if registration has not been completed, players must not compete (for liability and other reasons). One way to control this is to not provide uniforms to players until all of the registration process is completed. It is not possible to do registration overnight. Don't assume that because the papers have been handed to someone at the field that you are good to go!

Communication is important in any large organization. For the membership we have our excellent website, monthly newsletters and regular emails. Coaches and managers make general announcements after practices when needed. The staff coaches meet weekly with the DOC. All coaches and managers are expected to attend the monthly meeting held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. The Board meets at least once a month. Several Board members and coaches also represent the Club and youth soccer at various state and league levels.

The efforts of all of the hardworking volunteers and employees are geared to one thing: the best youth soccer experience for all of the players in the Club. Our red, black and white image is a symbol of this. It represents the unity of the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club: a club to be proud of!

Glad you are along for the ride!

A Bull's Bonus

By Briana O'Dowd

On October 17 and 18, the HSC Bulls were fortunate enough to have two of the U.S. national team staff coaches visit Hawaii and train and talk to some of our players and coaches. Thursday night the U17 and 18 boys sat down with the coaches for an informational meeting about college and the training expectations by the coaches of the national team, Mike Haas, Region IV National Staff Coach and Jay Entlich, U.S. Women's National Team Staff Coach.

When asked to compare players from Hawaii with other players throughout the U.S., both the men's and women's staff coaches stated two things that are lacking in the Hawaii players. The first thing is to remain mentally focused for 90 minutes and the other is that we were too "soft" and too "nice".

The way to address the lack of focus is that during training the player has to focus and compete and push themselves to the highest levels at all times just as if it were a game situation.

As for being too soft, players in Hawaii, in general, lack the aggressiveness and competitive desire that is so often found in states such as California and Colorado. Jay Entlich said, "When you knock someone down, the aloha spirit kicks in. You feel the need to help them up and call a medic. I love the aloha spirit, but when you are playing soccer, that has to be left on the touchlines." The bottom line is that they need to "play to the whistle". In other words, keep playing until the referee stops the game for a foul or an injury.

The national coaches said that the creativity and imagination coming out of this Club is at a high level. This is a strong point for the players coming out of Hawaii and the HSC Bulls. This is the way they responded to the question of



what do they see as the style of the club.

When asked about college recruitment, the coaches said that they do all of their recruiting at showcase tournaments such as Nomads, Surf Cup, Capital Cup and Snickers Cup. In fact, one coach said that in his eight years of coaching college level soccer, he went to one high school tournament—only because it was less than three miles from where he lived.

National team training is always competitive—whether the coaches make it competitive or the players themselves make it competitive by putting demands or “bets” on the games where the losers will have to do push ups, sprints, etc.

Then on Friday, October 18 Jay trained our U17-18 girls from 4:30-6:30 p.m. with Mike and Tim Schulz, Technical Director, Colorado Rush working with our U15 boys at Waiialae Iki Park.

New Uniforms

By Cindy Sguigna

Team uniforms have arrived. The new uniform consists of a white embroidered and numbered jersey with black shorts and white socks for the U11 and below. For the U12 and above the uniform

consists of a white embroidered and numbered jersey with white embroidered shorts, white socks and embroidered black practice shorts. All players also receive a scrimmage vest. Players should always have their scrimmage vest at practice. The jersey, shorts and scrimmage vest are the property of the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club and must be returned if a player leaves the Club. The Club is asking each team to appoint a parent to wash the jerseys after each game and bring them to each game. Club policy is if the jersey is damaged and rips during play, it will be replaced at no cost to the player so long as the jersey is maintained by a team parent.

Open Tryouts

On Saturday, 16 November from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Kapiolani Park field 4 and again on Sunday, 17 November from 02:00 p.m. until 04:00 p.m. at Waiialae Iki Park, the HSC Bulls will be hosting open tryouts for U8 through U12 boys and girls.

Parents and Players – If you see a potential player, the first question you should ask “Are you a HYSA player?” If the answer is yes, END the conversation!

Hawaii Youth Soccer Association (HYSA) players from other clubs will need written permission from their current coach before visiting the HSC Bulls. Non-HYSA players can tryout at any time throughout the year.

Winter Jamboree

By Briana O’Dowd

The fifth annual Winter Jamboree will take place on Saturday, 14 December at the Waipio Soccer Complex. The HSC Bulls are inviting all HYSA U11 and U12 boys and girls to participate. Each team will have a minimum of three games with 20-minute halves. No scores or standings will be recorded.

The purpose of the Winter Jamboree is to provide HYSA teams with the opportunity to compete under the HYSA Winter Season (competitive season) rules and game format to prepare for the start of the season. All games will have a center referee, as well as referee's assistants to call offside.

Words to Live By

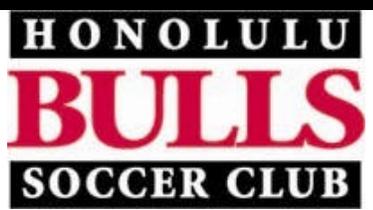
"If I don't practice for a week, the fans know it.

If I don't practice for two days, my opposite knows it.

If I don't practice for one day, I know it." Unknown.



\$25.00 Coupon



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This coupon entitles:

a member of the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club to a \$25 discount for the Pro-Xtreme Camp registration fee.

*Only one coupon per player. Coupon cannot be combined with group discount.

Not redeemable for cash. Redemption value not to exceed \$25.00

Expires: December 29, 2002

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