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# Bulletin

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## Bulls Calendar

- 03/01 Snickers State Cup Entry Forms Due
- 03/01 End Winter Fast Foot Work
- 03/02 HSC Bulls Coaches meeting, 7:30 p.m., Paki Hale
- 03/05 Oahu League BOD meeting
- 03/06 Start U13 – U19 Spring Season
- 03/06 University of Hawaii 6-a-side tournament
- 03/09 HSC Bulls Coaches and Managers meeting, 7:00 p.m., Paki Hale
- 03/11 HSC Bulls BOD meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hawaiian Brian's
- 03/16 End Winter Season
- 03/17 – 26 NSCAA National Diploma Course, Kapiolani Park
- 03/20 Newsletter deadline for April issue
- 03/21 College Planning Session
- 03/23-26 Olympic Development Program (ODP) State Selection Camp, Waipio Soccer Complex
- 03/24-27 Spring Break Ultimate Challenge Soccer Camp, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Kapiolani Park
- 03/26 Holiday – Prince Kuhio Day
- 03/27-29 Some Play for Keeps Goalkeeper Camp, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Kuliouou Park

## President's Message

Lucky you live Hawaii!

This is what went through my mind as we landed on a slippery, snow covered runway in Indianapolis recently. I was there to attend the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) Annual National Conference, along with Director of coaching (DOC) Phil

Neddo and Bulls Board Member Chris Haines. Don't get me wrong...I like snow; I just prefer it under skis!

The USYSA Conference is the annual gathering of coaches, administrators and others involved in youth soccer from all over the country. We were there to attend workshops and to network with others. We are always interested in seeing how the progress of the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club compared to other clubs.

This year, the buzz was all about US Club Soccer (a rival organization to USYSA). Apparently, USYSA membership has fallen and the concern is that more people are aligning with US Club Soccer than ever before. There are philosophical differences between the organizations, but USYSA is now feeling the pressure to make changes to their operating rules to make themselves more "user friendly".

You may be pleased to know that HSC Bulls has also recognized these issues, and we've already started aligning with US Club Soccer. We have had our older players playing under US Club Soccer registration in the Fall, and will continue to use these ties through the Spring. We have had six teams accepted to play in the new US Club Soccer Regional tournament in Portland, Oregon in June, before the USYSA Regional tournament here. We have not abandoned our USYSA/Hawaii Youth Soccer Association (HYSA) ties (and for now plan to continue these relationships), but we have found that the US Club way of doing things works better for our interest in player development over team development.

I'm sure there will be questions about these developments over the next few months; it all adds yet another wrinkle to our already complex soccer lives! I just find it reassuring to know that we are right in tune with the trends of the best clubs on the mainland. We can get the best of soccer and still feel that we are lucky to live in Hawaii!

## College Bound

Liane Tom, second team All-League selection as a junior and honorable mention as a sophomore has signed a National Letter of Intent with Boise State University. Liane was a member of the HSC Bulls U-16 Hawaii State Cup Champions in 2001. Liane spent three years with the Hawaii ODP state team 1999-2001.

Jennifer Loo, a first-team all-state defender last year, has signed a scholarship agreement with Idaho State University.

Also, congratulations to Elizabeth Kalama on signing with Point Loma Nazarene University.

Two other soccer players signing are midfielders Brandon Tario and Scott Shiraishi, both with the University of California-Irvine. Goalkeeper David Semenza accepted early admission to Brown, which does not give athletic scholarships.

Brandon, Scott and David play for the HSC Bulls '85 team, which has won six straight HYSA championships, as well as the EuroYouthCup in 2000 and the San Diego Surf Cup the past two years.



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**Cracked Pots**

Submitted by Ken Perske

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A water bearer in China had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years, this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After 2 years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you've watered them. For two years, I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house"

Moral: Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

Blessings to all my crackpot friends.

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**Waiialae Iki Park Parking**

By Ken Perske

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Just a friendly reminder not to double park your cars during drop

off and pick up at Waiialae Iki Park. Unattended double parked cars will be ticketed and towed.

More importantly, it is unsafe for the players to be running between cars to get to their own, especially once it gets dark. The Park and neighborhood won't allow flood lights. May I suggest that the team manager or a designated parent supervise the pick ups, or, even better, have the players meet their parents for pick up in the Koko Head parking lot. Please be mindful of this and work something out for your individual teams. Mahalo.

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**College Planning Session**

By Ken Perske

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The Club will be sponsoring a college planning session March 21 for high school students (grades 9 through 12) and their parents. Plans are tentative now, but those interested may want to pencil in that date! We are planning on a panel discussion with college coaches followed by a "how to" workbook session. It is always better to be prepared! Details about time and location are pending and will be distributed through your team managers once available.

"The growth of the human mind is still high adventure, in many ways the highest adventure on the earth." Norman Cousins

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**Alumni News**

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Charlene Lui, a freshman from Brigham Young University is a member of the 2002 Mountain West Conference Women's Soccer Academic All-Conference Team with a 3.61 grade point average, currently with an undeclared major. To be eligible for selection to the academic team, a student-athlete must have completed at least one academic term at the member institution, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and be a starter or significant contributor to the team.

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**Ultimate Challenge Soccer Camp**

Spring Break Ultimate Challenge Soccer Camp at Kapiolani Park will be from March 24th through the 27th. Times will be from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Earlybird cost is \$99 if received by 14 March otherwise it will be \$110.00. If not registered by 24 March the cost will be \$125. The number of participants is limited to 100 players so if interested, please let Coach Bri (bulls-bri@hawaii.rr.com) know as soon as possible. The registration form is available on the Bulls web site.

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**Some Play for Keeps**

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Josh Fouts will again present the "Some Play for Keeps" Goalkeeper Camp from March 27th through March 29th. Times will be from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Earlybird cost is \$90 if received by 14 March otherwise it will be \$100.00. If not registered by 27 March the cost will be \$110. The number of participants is limited to 20 to 30 players so if interested, please let Coach Bri (bulls-bri@hawaii.rr.com) know as soon as possible. The registration form is available on the Bulls web site.

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**U11 Boys Fund Raiser**

By Dede Amorin

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The U11 boys are selling snack packs for their summer fundraising. They also have Leonard's Malasadas Wagon from February 28 through March 3 at the Waikele Shopping Center (next to the Bank of Hawaii). Please support the Bulls U11 boys team efforts and buy, buy, buy.

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**NSCAA National Diploma Course**

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The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) will visit Hawaii again to present their National Diploma Course. This course is 50-hours long and covers the teaching process, psychological skills training and Laws of the Game. Several of our coaches are taking the time to attend this course to augment their coaching skills.