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Bulls Calendar

02/04 Oahu League BOD meeting, 7:15 p.m., Gentry Pacific Center
02/08 Hawaii Tide American Cup – team check-in
02/08 HSC Bulls Coaches Meeting, 7:15 p.m., Paki Hale
02/13 Oahu League Spring U13 – U19 Player/Coach Registration
02/14 – 16 Hawaii Tide American Cup Tournament, Waipio Soccer Complex
02/15 HSC Bulls Coaches/Managers meeting, 7:00 p.m., Paki Hale
02/16 Holiday – President's Day
02/19 – 22 US Youth Soccer adidas Workshop and Coaches Convention, Boston
02/20 Newsletter deadline for January issue
02/27 U12 – U18 US Youth Soccer Hawaii State Cup USYNC entry deadline, 04:00 p.m., Soccerama

Message from the President

"We do not know what the future holds, but we do know WHO holds the future!"

If you look back through several past newsletters, you will note many references to the Club's mission statement. It's important to revisit the mission periodically to see if we are remaining true to it. Every decision the Board and the coaching staff makes keeps the mission statement in mind; so it is helpful for members to reflect on it occasionally. The mission statement was formulated at a retreat 5 years ago attended by coaches, players of all age groups, parents, alumni and outsiders.

The Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club is committed to educating and developing youth players to their highest potential through the game of

soccer. The Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club offers this support to all youth players committed to the pursuit of excellence by providing the highest level of coaching.

The goals are:

To develop well-rounded players whose academic and playing abilities enable them to gain nomination to State, Regional and National ODP Programs,

To play and excel in club and high school soccer in order to achieve college scholarships,

To attain professional playing opportunities,

To build and sustain a nationally and internationally recognized soccer club,

To develop Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club teams that will achieve state, regional, national and international soccer Championships.

Players and parents in our younger age groups may not see much relevance to this as they practice until dark or lose every game in the U9 age level. Yet!

The significance will become clear if you persist. Let your son or daughter develop with time and coaching.

Look throughout our Club and you will find abundant examples of us being true to our mission. Those in the Keiki League get their first introduction to excellent coaching not only by Coach Les but also by responsible youth players giving back to the organization from which they have benefited. Younger players graduating to higher age levels progress to even higher levels of coaching with staff coaches that are NSCAA licensed (Les is too!). The Club provided for this licensure. In fact, the Club has hosted the NSCAA clinic here in Hawaii twice

now, when no one else in the state was willing to provide this service. The Club is also now proud to have Robin McCullough as one of its coaches. Robin is a professional from the WUSA league and was very popular at this year's Pro-Xtreme camp.

Currently it is high school soccer season. Virtually all ILH schools and many OIA schools that you watch have Bulls players showing leadership in their quest for a state championship. It is great to see players that are normally Bulls teammates going up against each other at the high school level. It is all business on the pitch, but as soon as they have cooled down the Bulls players go and greet each other and update their lives. It is also great to see younger Bulls at these high school games watching the athletes perform.

This was probably one of the best years of recruitment for college programs the Club has enjoyed. Once again, look back at the website at all of the news articles about alumni contributing to their college program. Beyond college, we have alumni such as Brian Ching, a success story for Hawaii and the MLS Champions, the San Jose Earthquakes. Other alumni are knocking on that same door with Duke Hashimoto training with the LA Galaxy and Adam Sthay competing at the MLS Combine recently in Florida.

The vision of the Board and DOC Neddo and his staff is to remain faithful to our mission statement. We are pleased that you share this vision by your membership and are along for a great ride as we mold the future leaders of our society.

Realization of these goals must be accomplished within the proper



framework of instilling character, self-esteem, confidence, responsibility, accountability and fair play within our youth athletes.

"The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense." Thomas Edison

Reminder Open Forum

The HSC Bulls Board of Directors (BOD) is hosting an open forum meeting for all members on Tuesday, February 10 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. If you have questions and need answers about the Club, here is an opportunity for you to meet with the folks in charge.

The BOD is always looking for ways to improve our services. If you have a good idea and the means to implement it, please come to the meeting.

Tide Cup Reminder

There will be no fast foot work on Saturday, 14 February because it is Tide Cup weekend.

Soccer Trivia

By Ken Perske

What Football Club has the most championships, and how many, in the Champion's League?

Congratulations to Erik Fergestrom, Megan Mestanza and Wade McDermott for answering last month's trivia question. Real Madrid FC has won the Champion's League NINE times!

The Tomato Company

From Ken Perske - www.daily-blessings.com

An unemployed man is desperate to support his family of a wife and three kids. He applies for a janitor's job at a large firm and easily passes an aptitude test.

The human resources manager tells him, "You will be hired at minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour. Let me have your e-mail address so that we can get you in the loop. Our system will automatically e-mail you all the forms and advise you when to start and where to report on your first day."

Taken back, the man protests that he is poor and has neither a computer nor an e-mail address. To this the manager replies, "You must understand that to a company like ours that means you virtually do not exist. Without an e-mail address, you can hardly expect to be employed by a high-tech firm. Good day."

Stunned, the man leaves. Not knowing where to turn and having \$10 in his wallet, he walks past a farmers' market and sees a stand selling 25 lb. crate of beautiful red tomatoes. He buys a crate, carries it to a busy corner and displays the tomatoes. In less than 2 hours, he sells all the tomatoes and makes 100% profit. Repeating the process several times more that day, he ends up with almost \$100 and arrives home that night with several bags of groceries for his family.

During the night, he decides to repeat the tomato business the next day. By the end of the week, he is getting up early every day and working into the night. He multiplies his profits quickly. Early in the second week, he acquires a cart to transport several boxes of tomatoes at a time, but before a month is up, he sells the cart to buy a broken-down pickup truck.

At the end of a year, he owns three old trucks. His two sons have left their neighborhood gangs to help him with the tomato business, his wife is buying the tomatoes, and his daughter is taking night courses at the community college so she can keep books for him.

By the end of the second year, he has a dozen very nice used trucks and employs fifteen previously unemployed people, all selling tomatoes. He continues to work hard.

Time passes and at the end of the fifth year, he owns a fleet of nice trucks and a warehouse that his wife supervises, plus two tomato farms that the boys manage. The tomato company's payroll has put hundreds of homeless and jobless people to

work. His daughter reports that the business grossed a million dollars.

Planning for the future, he decides to buy some life insurance. Consulting with an insurance adviser, he picks an insurance plan to fit his new circumstances. Then the adviser asks him for his e-mail address in order to send the final documents electronically.

When the man replies that he doesn't have time to mess with a computer and has no e-mail address, the insurance man is stunned, "What, you don't have e-mail? No computer? No Internet? Just think where you would be today if you'd had all of that five years ago!"

"Ha!" snorts the man. "If I'd had e-mail five years ago I would be sweeping floors at Microsoft and making \$5.15 an hour."

**Good Luck Bulls
at the Tide Cup**