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Bulls Calendar

12/07 Bulls BOD
12/8 Hanukkah
12/10 HYSA E/D
12/11 Winter Jamboree
12/12 Coaches/Managers Mtg
12/18 HYSA/USFF D
12/25 Christmas
12/26 ProXtreme
12/27 ProXtreme
12/28 ProXtreme
12/29 ProXtreme
1/1/05 New Year's Day
1/2/05 30th Anniversary Party

Message from the President

Christmas Wish List...or Dear Santa:

The U17 Boys recently competed in the Nomads Showcase Tournament in San Diego and overall did very well. In three matches only one goal was allowed and the boys tied two and won one but did not advance. That would have been ideal, but a secondary goal of the tournament is exposure of the players to college coaches. So the trip was not a total loss. In addition, we were able to briefly reunite with previous Bulls coaches: Paul Soufl (thanks for letting us crash at your place), Shanna and Jacob Blanchard (thanks for coming to our matches and good luck with your Baby Bull on the way), and Jean Paul Verhees (always good for a laugh). With so many ex-Bulls coaches there we should form a Cal South Bulls!

What struck me was how hard they all had to work at what they and their players do. Field space is a precious commodity. One team had to be off

of the fields by 6 p.m. sharp, so that the recreational players could use the field. Seems easy enough to do until you consider the fact that the players had to drive at least an hour after school in SoCal traffic, getting them at the fields with only an hour to train without any warm up. And if the field was without lights, it is dark by 5:15 p.m. in the winter months. With limited field space, training sessions are limited to small-sided games, as we often do. Then, once training is finished, the players had to drive 1-2 hours back home before getting started on homework. From the coaching perspective, one coach related putting 450 miles on his car in one weekend while coaching two teams in different tournaments. Another coach spent \$55 for gas on one weekend alone just to coach two matches miles apart in that infamous traffic.

We are fortunate not to have these problems. Our complaints of being stuck in a traffic jam near the Wilder exit for 15 minutes while on the way to Wai'pio, or of having to practice at night, or having to go from field 6 to field 14 all pale in comparison to what others have to endure.

One day we will have our own fields to train on and maybe compete on. One day we will have a clubhouse we can call our own to hang our pictures and our competitor's banners. One day we can display all of the trophies, the centerpiece being the National Championship bowl. Our DOC, several Board members, parents and outside interests are pursuing this. It is still a long way away, but then we will truly be a great Club.

I know this is on my Christmas wish list, and Coach Neddo's. Anyone out there with some great ideas (or

cash!) to make this happen sooner, let us know. At least put in a good word to Santa if you have nay connections!

Happy Holidays One and All!

Have fun this month with all that we offer: Jamboree, ProXtreme with 4 excellent professionals, our 30th Anniversary celebration, the return for a while of our alumni from college.

Good to Great:

The following is an excerpt from an email sent from Soccer Newsletter and is interesting food for thought for our players.

At some point, people are going to have to realize that to be truly successful, players have to participate on a team in which the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. To be a top soccer player, a player must make all of the other players around them better. This can be done any number of ways. It might be a case of the player setting a good example by working so hard that the other players on the team feel they have to improve their work rate to be competitive. It might be a case of the top player stopping and showing the less experienced player how to do something better. It might be the top player making the correct pass at the correct time enabling a teammate to score the goal.



30th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Bulls 30th Anniversary Celebration will soon be upon us. It will be held at the Waikiki Yacht Club on Sunday, January 2, 2005 from 3:30-7:30 p.m.

The Buffet Menu includes:

- Kahlua Pig
- Teriyaki Chicken
- Lau Lau
- Lomi Salmon
- Squid Luau
- Hawaiian Sweet Potato
- Steamed White Rice
- Haupia
- Iced Tea, Soda and Fruit Punch

There be a No Host Bar and Door Prizes Galore.

The cost is \$18 dollars for adults...\$9 for children under 10.

The deadline to reserve your spot at this once-every-30 years event is Friday, December 17th. Managers have reservation forms.



PROXTREME CAMP

Hawaii's own Brian Ching headlines this year's ProXtreme Camp, December 26th-29th at Waialae Iki. The San Jose Earthquakes MVP is a

Kamehameha Schools grad who played at Gonzaga and now is one of the outstanding players in the MLS.

Joining Brian will be Marshall Leonard of the New England Revolution, and two women from the US National Team, Lorrie Fair and Tiffany Roberts.

If your child has never attended a ProXtreme Camp, he or she is in for a treat! Kids grow close to the players, and vice versa. After 4 days of soccer fun, the kids are already looking forward to the next ProXtreme.

Sign up online at www.HawaiiSoccerCamps.com



KEIKI BULLS REGISTRATION

The new Keiki Bulls season starts January 6th. If you know children ages 5 through 9 who are ready to further develop their soccer skills, have them (or their parents) call 521-6067 or email keikibulls@hawaii.rr.com



DC UNITED v LA GALAXY

Looking ahead to February, MLS Soccer comes to Aloha Stadium. Freddie Adu and the DC United take on the LA Galaxy. Some teams are

selling tickets for fundraisers. See your manager for more info.



2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

It's not too early to start thinking about next year's golf tournament. The date is set...March 4th, 2005 at Kapolei. Get a team together and reserve a spot in the Forms section at www.hscbulls.com Also be thinking about getting some prizes donated for door prizes.



Congrats to all the teams who played so well over Thanksgiving Day Weekend! both here and on the continental U.S.