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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

HSC Bulls U17 Girls



It's official everyone. The HSC Bulls 88 Girls took the US Club Soccer National Title in the Under 17 Girls Age Division on Monday morning (8/8/05) in Stony Brook, NY, defeating the Boston Renegades, 1-0. Katrina Chong scored the match winner off of an assist by Alana Wall near the 30th minute of the first half. The Bulls' defense was the story of the rest of the match as they shut out the Boston renegades.

The Champions posted an impressive 7-0-1 record throughout their entire US Club campaign, going 4-0 in Las Vegas, NV and 3-0-1 in Stony Brook, NY. The 88 Girls netted 25 total goals in 8 games, but it is perhaps even more impressive that

the girls only allowed 1 goal in those 8 games. Quite a performance, and a true testament showing why these girls are now US Club Soccer National Champions. Congratulations girls, we're all very proud of you!

GO BULLS!!



Message from the President

Those who actually read the newsletter noticed that there wasn't one for the past two months. For that I apologize. But what a FANtastic summer it has been. Eleven teams participated in the US Club Soccer Regionals in Las Vegas, with two Bulls teams being crowned Regional Champions, the U13 and U17 girls! Way to go ladies! Six teams then competed in the Far West Regionals for USYSA in Colorado, with 3 teams advancing to the Quarterfinals. Eight teams participated in the San Diego Surf Cup...a record for the Club as participants. I had initially penned, "It doesn't get

any better than this!" But it did.

Congratulations to the U17 Girls for being crowned the US Club Soccer National champions. This team has worked so hard over the years under the guidance of Coaches Neddo, Nosse, Guidry, Kato and Robyn McCullough; and supported by an exceptional manager and a terrific group of parents. Stay tuned for a little celebration we are planning once they all return from a well-earned rest.

Literally, almost half of the Club was present in Las Vegas during the US Club Soccer Regionals. At any given time of the day (other than high noon!), you could see a field of red and black adorned players and supporters. One Club trademark that people still talk about on the mainland is the number of fans we have on the sidelines of our matches. Vegas was no exception. Players and supporters cheered for the victors, created human tunnels through which they passed; and supported those in defeat without hesitation. Mahalo to Melinda Ashton, Lorie Chang and Debbie Chan for their awe-inspiring organizational efforts to make the tournament memorable.



“Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody is going to know you did it or not!”

It is now back to reality. Registration is now in process. There was a bit of a delay while we waited for the vendor to upgrade the registration pages; but now is the time to register. It will take you literally 4 minutes...honest. The success of our U19 Boys winning the prestigious McGuire Cup and the U17 Girls becoming the US Club Soccer National Champions should be viewed as the players raising the bar for all of the other players in the Club, challenging them to strive to be the best. Hopefully, players from outside of the Club will want to be part of a winning effort.

Communication is vital in our large volunteer organization. Parents, your link to the administration of the Club is your team manager. Please support him or her. Being a team manager is an awesome task. Managerial duties include player registration, uniform ordering and disbursing, applying for leagues or tournaments, attending monthly meetings with the coaching staff and Board members, managing team finances and fundraising when appropriate, promotion of the Club to the team and the community. Managers are also charged with arranging team meetings with the

coaching and administrative staffs to discuss team or Club issues. Many of the managers also volunteer for thankless tasks such as coordinating uniforms orders or providing community service.

Good luck to all over the course of this next year. Welcome back all current Bulls and aloha to our new members. You are all part of a great organization, led by experienced nationally licensed coaches who want all of your children to succeed in soccer and in life.

Ken Perske

Did you know...?

Every year questions come up about a variety of Club issues, policies and procedures. Each team manager has most of the answers to people’s questions in their manager’s manual; and if the information is not there it is usually discussed at the monthly meetings they are obliged to attend. Managers are tasked with relaying pertinent information to all members of their team.

Membership dues are based on our annual budget and are not refundable.

The uniform fee is for usage of the primary kit for the season in question. Each player

needs a primary and secondary uniform so that there is no conflict with opponent’s colors. Our club colors are red, black and white. Our current primary jersey color is red, with white being next in the cycle. New players to the Club need to pay for both primary and secondary uniforms (many times the secondary uniform can cost much less since they are used previously but in good condition). Once a player has been through one season, they only need to pay for one uniform each year.

Logo items are available throughout the year. The Club logo can only be used on approved items. Club spirit is most appreciated; but the logo can only be placed on items approved by the board (bags, tents etc). Only players are allowed to wear practice t-shirts and game uniforms.

There are many meetings held throughout the month that you may not know about. The coaching staff meets every week. Coaches and managers meet each month at least once, sometimes twice. The Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The Board meetings are open to all members, with prior notice of attendance. Many items for discussion require closed sessions. Subcommittees also meet regularly to discuss fundraising, fees, uniforms, the budget, the staff, travels, community efforts.



Each team fundraises on its own and must keep track of the money themselves. The Club is a non-profit 501c3 organization and must follow IRS rules about fundraising. Individuals or individual teams cannot use the non-profit status of the club to fundraise without relinquishing the money to the Club, which then bears the responsibility to file it as taxable income. It is suggested that if a team wants its own account, that one person be responsible, using his or her own SSN to open an account. At some point in time, the Club may have a paid administrator who can manage 30-35 accounts. This is not possible at this time with volunteers stretched to the limit with other duties. Some fundraising efforts require liability insurance. This can be arranged for through HYSA (your manager has the contact information) without charge at this time; or through the Club's insurer at a cost of \$100/event.

The Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club is not a HYSA Club. We are a member of HYSA and the Oahu League; just as we are a member (a founding member) of US Club Soccer. Bulls teams participate in the Oahu league, MISO Junior league, MISO men's league and WISA women's league. The Bulls sponsors many events throughout the year and we encourage participation at the player level and as volunteers to make them happen: Jamboree,

ProXtreme; Spring and Summer camps; Keiki League, the HIC. Teams also participate in outside tournaments such as Mililani 7 aside, the Aloha Cup, State Cup.

Teams travel extensively to gain experience from the game at higher levels. Most of the traveling is done during the summer months. This summer 25 teams will have traveled by summer's end. Priority for training these traveling teams means that those not traveling get a break. All players traveling to the same tournaments share in the costs for the coaching staff going to that tournament, not just "their" coach. We travel as a Club, not as individual teams. This reduces costs for all and shows that the Club takes priority.

We participate in competitive, not recreational soccer (other than Keiki League). Having fun is certainly a priority; but the nature of the competition is still competitive. Coaching issues such as playing time, position, rostering are all left up to the coaching staff. Managers and parents have no input in these matters. Sounds harsh but the coaches know the game and the players and their abilities, so please respect their decisions. Discussions are always welcomed at the appropriate time (not during games or training sessions) and your manager can help arrange these.

We are a volunteer organization that always needs new help, new constructive ideas. If interested in getting involved or if you have great ideas for sponsors, logos or club function, let your manager know so your ideas can be brought to the Board's attention. We have many events where you may be asked to volunteer time, goods, services or money. Your involvement and suggestions are appreciated. These are just a few things that come up throughout the year. Hope this has been helpful.

Ken

Do you know your Board of Directors?

- Karen Ehrhorn (Treasurer)
- Larry Stenek (Nominations)
- Miles Tsuruoka (Secretary, Webmaster and Coach)
- Bill Brennan (Media)
- Bill Meheula (Legal)
- Mike Stollar (Golf Tournament, Fundraising, Community events)
- Mike Watson (HIC)
- Katy Bourne (Athletic Director of an ILH School)
- Peter Cooper (Realty Management)
- Ken Perske (President)

Each Board member is elected at the Annual General meeting for staggered two-year terms.



Give Aloha

The Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club is, once again, proud to be a participating member of Foodland's Give Aloha program. This takes place throughout the month of September. Foodland will match donated funds if you designate the Bulls when you check out at any Foodland store. Please consider the Club if you regularly participate.

You can also donate to the Club when you register on-line. Each year we get several hundred dollars from very generous members. Even though I may not get around to sending notes of thanks to all who donate, your contributions are certainly greatly appreciated.

HIC

This year's HIC was the most successful ever thanks to the teams who participated and to the tireless efforts of Michael Guidry, Mike Watson, Wes Meadows, and Luke Baer who worked through the year to make it all come together. The number of teams participated was over 80 this year. Attractive travel packages through TSI, and events with a local flair (lei making, hula lessons, outrigger canoe rides) made the tournament a popular one. Profits will be used to promote next year's

HIC, and to help defray coaching costs and financial aid expenses.

The Board recognizes that the HIC is the primary fundraising event for the Club. The Club will still move ahead with its golf tournament and camps; but the HIC has the potential to grow exponentially each year. We need to begin now to raise the awareness of teams and clubs abroad to get many more participants for the 2006 tournament. The tournament coordinators listed above, and the Board, are brainstorming ideas on how this can be achieved.

We are looking for a parent in the Club who has marketing expertise to help us get the word out. We would prefer that these services would be viewed as a huge donation to the club; but are also not opposed to the possibility of paying for these services. The main job would be to market the tournament to Clubs on the mainland and abroad. Other duties could include the securing of perks for teams participating such as surfing lessons or outrigger canoe paddling.

If any parent is interested in this effort, please contact me so we can pursue.

My email address is kperske@verizon.net and I check it many times a day.

KEIKI BULLS

The Fall Keiki League is gearing up to start August 25. Keiki Bulls will be taking place at the same locations and times and will last approximately 8 weeks from the last week in August.

Thursdays: 4:30pm - 6:00pm
Waialae Iki Park

Fridays: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Manoa or Kapaolono Park

This year looks to be another record year for Keiki Bulls as the registrations continue to climb. Keiki Bulls is a great opportunity for all Bulls players to give back to the community. If you are interested in helping out with Keiki Bulls, please contact Luke Baer - info@keikibulls.com. He will be compiling a distribution list of players that assist with Keiki Bulls to better communicate with those players.

If you'd like more information about Keiki Bulls, check our the brand new Keiki Bulls website at www.keikibulls.com. We're still looking for more high quality photos from Keiki Bulls to add to the site, but the information content is complete and ready for your viewing pleasure!

Soccer Trivia

First two correct responses to kperske@verizon.net will be declared winners!



1. What Bull's player swapped a practice t-shirt for Petke's DC United game jersey at the recent match at Aloha stadium?
2. What company signed a \$95 million sponsorship deal with Chelsea?
3. Name the professional soccer player who attended one of the first ProXtreme camps that was recently inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, New York.