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Bulls Calendar

07/11: Bulls Board of Directors' Meeting
07/12-15: **HIC Tournament**
07/31: Newsletter deadline for the August issue

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STRAIGHT FROM THE BULL'S MOUTH

Aloha! Welcome back to another great year of *futbol* to all returning players and their families. Your commitment to excellence and your loyalty to the Bulls are admirable and truly appreciated. This year's tryouts were very successful for many age groups; and to all of our new Club members, we welcome you. Your trust in the Club is most noteworthy and also deserves a hear-felt *mahalo*. We know you won't be disappointed once you experience quality coaching over the next year.

This has been an exciting summer so far with fifteen teams traveling to Washington, D.C., the Far West Regionals in Las Vegas, and the US Club Soccer Regionals in San Bernardino. From what I hear, the DC trip was valuable to the players as they were able to play multiple scrimmages and match games in between taking in the historic sites of our nation's Capitol; and provided another great opportunity for the Bulls' name and events to be advertised to many East Coast Clubs.

- Congratulations to our Far West Regional Quarterfinalists, the U15 and U19 girls, and to the U19 boys for reaching the semifinal match.
- Congratulations to the U17 Girls, US Club Soccer Regional Champions who will now move on to North Carolina to compete in the Nationals.
- Finally, good luck to the U12 boys and girls as they head to Denmark soon to compete in the famous Dana Cup.

As we begin a new year of soccer, it seems wise to describe some general expectations and guidelines and prepare all those involved for the exciting 2007-2008 season.

TEAMS:

The Club usually fields more than 30 teams throughout the year. Each team has its own unique identity and personality. Our teams play in multiple leagues. Through HYSA, we participate in the fall, winter and spring seasons administered by the Oahu League. Through US Club Soccer, we participate in the MISO Junior League administered by MISO (Men's Island Soccer Organization). This same body administers the men's league for our older players, alumni, and those players who elect not to play high school soccer if the coaching staff feels they are ready for the more intense matches.

Each team has a manager, selected by the head coach, to attend to all of the administrative needs of the team. The team manager is a vital link between the administrative and coaching staffs. Managers are responsible for collecting and organizing team paperwork and player cards; organizing team finances; distributing and caring for game uniforms; assisting with travel arrangements; and fundraising events for their team. Managers are also asked to assist at Club functions, such as camps and tournaments.

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BULL'S MOUTH (CONT.)

The Club asks that if parents have issues or concerns related to *non-coaching issues*, that these be brought to the manager's attention first. *Coaching issues are dealt with by each head coach directly.* Please reserve these discussions for times *before or after training sessions or games*, not during.

Players are assigned to a primary team for HYSA, based on their actual birth date and may be double-rostered to another Bulls team if the coaching staff feels they have the ability and if the experience will benefit that player. Players are also registered with US Club Soccer, which is more flexible in allowing players to shift to other teams of the same age or higher.

When the Club registers a player, there will be paperwork and player cards for both organizations. At times these two organizations' seasons overlap. This puts added strain on parents getting players to and from multiple games, but because players learn best from playing the game, the more games the more they learn. Each team has a head coach and also a staff coach assigned to that age group. Coaches are assigned to teams once the registrations are in and the teams are created.

Players usually practice twice a week and then are also expected to attend Saturday morning fast footwork skills sessions when they are held. Attendance is taken by managers at all training sessions. This helps the coaching staff watch the progress of players (or lack thereof if they do not attend). More frequent participation with noted progress can translate into more playing time, depending upon certain games. Players are expected to bring their own gear to all training sessions. Players without shin guards generally do not participate due to safety concerns, so please bring all gear. Each player is issued a red and a white practice t-shirt. Both should be brought to every practice and game. Only players are allowed to wear the practice t-shirts.

Training sessions are held in local parks at which the Club can get field permits. Typically they are held at Waiialae Iki Park or Kapiolani Park training from approximately 4:30 to 6:30 pm. for players under age 16. Exact times for beginning and ending training are not strictly adhered to. Players at and above 16 years of age usually train at night under the lights of either

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Washington DC 2007

By Derick Kato

It all started last summer with an innocuous question, "What do you think of the 96 boys and girls traveling to Washington DC next summer?" "Sounds good to me," was my reply to Coach Luke Baer. Thus began a journey of 4,835 miles to our Nation's capitol to spread our aloha and establish the reputation of the Honolulu Bulls on the East Coast.

We landed Friday evening to thunder and lightning on the way to Gaithersburg, Maryland, our new home for the next ten days. Luckily, the weather cleared in time for our Saturday morning friendly against the Olney Tigers. A 3-0 victory for our girls, as the boys cheered us on in between training. Later that afternoon we all went to Great Falls National park to hike and watch the kayakers traverse the waterfalls. The next day the boys went off to Maryland to play a friendly against, the Soccer Association of Columbia and later catch a DC United game.

The girls had a day of soccer, playing the Bethesda Galaxy and Freedom teams and the Damascus Sparks. A potluck and swim in the Bretton Woods Country Club pool, followed by an afternoon in the strawberry fields in search of the smallest, largest and funkiest berries put an end to a fun-filled day.

The next three days were a blur. We toured the Library of Congress, dined at Union Station, shook hands and posed for pictures with Senator Akaka, walked, visited the United States Capitol building, rode the Metro, raced to and through the Pentagon, walked some more, stood in awe at the foot of the Washington Monument, walked pass the White House in the face of an oncoming storm, and the museums! We perused the exhibits of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. Watched an IMAX movie at the Air and Space Museum and explored the world of espionage at the Spy Museum. Whew! Tired feet aside, we

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Manoa Park or Kapaolono Park from 7 to 9 pm. All players are responsible for balancing homework with training sessions.

EVENTS:

There are many events that teams will participate in throughout the year. The summer months can be very hectic with many teams traveling to tournaments. Teams U12 and above are *expected* to travel; younger teams are encouraged to do so, but are not required. Our own HIC tournament is held in July, with all teams participating in the planning and playing of the event. Many younger teams enter the Mililani 7-a-Side tournament at Thanksgiving. The Bulls also hold the Holiday ProXtreme Camp just after Christmas each year. Throughout the spring and summer, the Club holds camps depending on demand. Keiki League sessions for beginners up to 9 years of age are held several times per year for eight weeks at a time. The older teams are asked to handle tent set up and maintenance when the younger teams have their tournaments and championships, and vice versa. The U12 teams help organize our Jamboree and the U14 teams organize the ProXtreme Camp.

TOURNAMENTS:

The Honolulu Bulls always participate in many local tournaments. To name a few, they include: State Championships for U8-11 and U12-19; Regional Qualifying tournaments; HIC; Mililani 7AS. Winning is important for teams that want to be accepted to more prestigious mainland tournaments like the Surf Cup, Nomads, Pateadores Cup, Dallas Cup, and regional tournaments for USYSA or US Club Soccer.

COMMUNICATION:

As with any organization, good and effective communication is key to our success. Every effort is made to be as open and up front about all issues and events in the Club. The team manager is a critical intermediary between the Board and the Coaching staff. Managers attend monthly meetings to get information that needs to get back to the teams. A monthly newsletter is distributed via email to all members to keep you up to date. Team meetings with staff can be arranged individually. Town hall meetings and open forums have met with mild success in the past, but can be arranged as needed. The Annual General Membership Meeting is open to all.

Several websites should be visited regularly; both for local information and to keep abreast of what is happening in the global world of soccer.

www.hscbulls.com

www.oahuleague.com

www.foxsoccer.com

www.hawaiisoccer.com

www.mlsmnet.com

www.usclubsoccer.com

www.regioniv.com

GIVING BACK:

The Club feels strongly about giving back to the community at large as well as to the Club. Community service is rewarding to those who participate and to those who receive. Each player is asked to give back 20 hours of service and many opportunities to do so are available. All of our events need manpower. We also participate in some Special Olympics events, Summer Camps, No Smoking and Drug Prevention campaigns, HMSA Go events and the Annual Children and Youth Day.

All players and family members should consider themselves ambassadors of the Club and, we hope, will positively promote and represent the Honolulu Bulls in the community.

Monetary contributions are also greatly appreciated. Donations can be made directly to the Club and are tax deductible (donations to individual teams or players are not).

I hope all of this information is helpful as we all begin another journey together. Welcome to the Club and

Go Bulls!



CALVES CORNER (cont.)



Left: 96 Boys & Girls with Senator Akaka
Below: 96B with Shane Isono (00B)



all had a blast! Our heads filled with information and history and our hearts with love for our country!

But our trip was only beginning. After a quick visit to Arlington Cemetery, we went off to play matches against Arlington Travel Soccer. The girls were able to complete their match before the rain washed the boys from the pitch at half. Thursday morning brought a day off from touring but not from walking as the teams shopped for "omiyage", before an afternoon of matches against Potomac Soccer club. After which we had a feast for the ages under a circus tent of food! A hearty breakfast was served Friday morning, prepared with love by the 96 boys and girls as a show of gratitude to their parents, chaperones, and coaches.

That night we had the first ever, "HSC Bulls Wii Video Game Tournament", as the parents and chaperones were given the evening off for their tireless efforts. Tennis, bowling, and golf followed by a championship round of boxing culminated an evening of fun, laughter, and relaxation as the teams prepared for the start of the weekend's tournaments. Needless to say, the boys were literally "knocked out" by the girls when they claimed the Wii championship title.

The sun was out for the weekend as the boys started the Mid-Atlantic Cup off quickly, steamrolling PWSI United and the SAM Musketeers, by a combined score of 13-3. The tournament was held at the beautiful Discovery Maryland Soccerplex in Germantown, MD. Bull Run, Virginia played host to the WAGS Festival in the Park, but the 96 girls had a rough go of it as they could only muster one goal in their two games of the day. The morning brought a 1-0 heartbreaking loss to eventual tournament champion, Freestate Strikers. But they bounced back to polish off Loudoun Freedom 1-0 later that afternoon.

Sunday was filled with promise as both teams needed victories to secure spots in the finals. A 5-3 defeat at the hands of the MSI Hammerheads ended the boys run to glory. And the fourth 0-0 tie of the trip, this time against SYSA Freedom, dispelled any hope of the girls advancing to the championship game. The girls ended up tied for third following a 1-1 draw against Braddock Road Soccer Club. The 96 boys fought fiercely but eventually succumbed 5-2, to the Mt. Airy RBI's, on a pair of last minute goals by the RBI's to finish fourth.

After ten exhaustive days, we were all ready to call it a trip. We saw the beauty and history of our beloved country and were fortunate enough to play against some of the best competition the East coast had to offer. We spread the aloha spirit to our nation's capitol and along the way showed the clubs in the East coast that a tiny state in the middle of the Pacific Ocean has some very talented players and an outstanding club, the HSC Bulls! "Next year?" Luke asked me as we flew somewhere over the cornfields of Nebraska. A smile was my only reply.

Special thanks to Luke Baer, Connie Balanay, and Linda Kaneta whose uncompromising efforts helped make our adventure to Washington DC a success!

(SEND IN YOUR TRAVEL ARTICLES TO THE BULLETIN NEWSLETTER EDITOR AT mnf927@yahoo.com!)



Help The Bulls With Their New Practice Field!

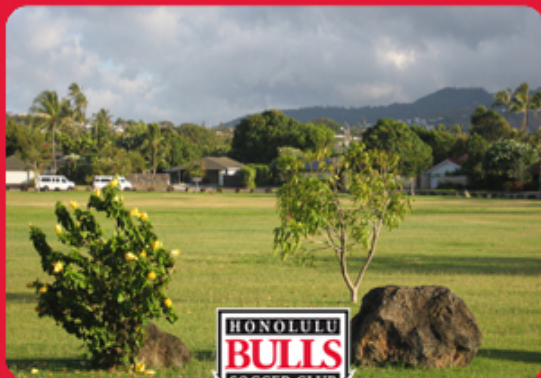
Great News!

We have negotiated with the Hanukai Park Association to make Hanukai Park the exclusive training field for many of our Bulls teams starting in August. The park is both spacious and well maintained and the parking is safe and abundant - we can even put a practice shed for storage off all our gear!

To match the parks annual dues presently collected from AYSO and Baseball we have negotiated an annual \$7,500 usage fee. As this is not in the annual Bulls budget we are asking for donations to help us make this the Bulls new practice home.

Please donate a half month or a month of the year and your name will be honored in that month of practice.

\$7,500



Month: \$650

1/2 Month: \$325

Contact Dustin Sellers for more info: dustin@proservicehawaii.com

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Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July

Hello Parents and Players! Online registration for the 2007-2008 season has been available for the past several weeks. If you intend to sign your child(ren) up for the upcoming year, please visit the Honolulu Bulls website at <http://hscbulls.com/On-lineRegistration.htm> and do so at your earliest convenience. If you do not intend to re-register for next year, please notify your previous head coach and "cc" the club registrar (registrar@hscbulls.com). Coaching/Staff assignments are determined and designated by the Directors of Coaching (Phil Neddo, Michael Guidry, and Jose Dydasco). Once online registrations have been accepted, the coaching staff can make further adjustments according to the needs as determined by registrations.

Some important notes about the online registration process are 1) This year you will not have to enter a separate registration for each player. You will create a family registration which will allow you to register multiple players at the same time. Unfortunately the move to the family registration will demand that you setup a new username and login, but you will only have one for each family. Next year we should be able to migrate the online family registration accounts to the new season. 2) When selecting the installment payment plans, you must select the "Dues Structure" and the "Installment Fee" (\$60). In order to ensure that you only pay the initial payment, you must select "Deposit Only" rather than the "Entire Fee". If you do not select the "Deposit Only", you will be charged the entire amount and I will need to credit your card after the fact. 3) Please be sure to print the confirmation page, as that page is your parent/player code of conduct. You must return those sheets to your team manager. If you have already registered for the upcoming year, thank you for your prompt response! If not, please do so at your earliest convenience!

Aloha, Luke Baer, HSC Bulls Registrar