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Bulls Calendar

- 10/01: Hawaii Youth Day
10/04: Oahu League BOD meeting, 7:15 p.m., Hale Akoakoa 107, Windward Community College
10/09: Holiday – Discoverer's Day
10/11: HSC Bulls BOD meeting, 7:00 p.m., 900 Fort Street Mall
10/20: Keiki Bulls end
10/25: Newsletter deadline for the November issue
10/28: MISO Junior League Ends

Message from the President

Good things come to those who wait; or so the saying goes. Occasionally I struggle to find ideas for the newsletter. I have been toying with the concept of what it means to be a member of the Honolulu Bulls when just yesterday I received a letter in the mail capsulizing my thoughts in a very eloquent fashion.

I received a thank you note from the resigning Registrar for HYSA, Cora Hata. She and her husband, Ron, have been doing an excellent job at the Board level of HYSA for years; in addition to all of the hard work, they handle almost single-handedly at HYSA tournaments.

Her letter was addressed to me and the Club so I feel she would not mind letting you all know what she said.

Thank you so much for thinking of me and for the very generous gift. I really can't thank you enough. Over the years, the Bulls have become my #1 Club to work with. Your paperwork has been in order, your coaches and administrators have been wonderful, your players and staff have been so helpful. You name it and the Bulls have been there to help HYSA. I will really miss that. I was glad to get to witness the Bulls in action at the last Regionals. The support you showed your teams with the sea of red that lined the fields was unbelievable. I was proud to say that it was our Hawaii teams. You guys really

showed everyone that you can have a good time. Best of luck to all of you. Keep up the good work and make Hawaii proud. Aloha and mahalo, Cora Hata.

The HSC Bulls organization has evolved dramatically over the past decade. Now, to be a member of this historical Club has so much meaning.

Our Club structure is one of a strong and diverse Board whose members believe strongly in the mission statement and want to continue to make it a reality. Our coaching staff has the highest number of nationally licensed coaches who also just happen to be very good people on and off of the field. Our teams are recognized both here and abroad as formidable foes with excellent skills and great success due to DOC Neddo's coaching curriculum and the support of the managers and parents. No other club sends up to 18 teams to the mainland each summer to compete in tournaments. The Club is also socially responsible at many levels with our player's and parent's codes of conduct; by providing financial assistance to those in real need and with the athleticism to deserve membership; by giving back to the community by supporting Hawaii Youth Day, supporting Special Olympics players, repairing our training fields during their downtimes and donating used gear to missions in Africa.

These are a few of the things that come to mind when I wonder why 400 players this year want to be a Bull. We each have our own reasons. Those listed above belong to all of us.

So be proud when you put on the red, black or white! Go Bulls!

*Traveling?
Check out the YTB link on the Club website.*

Give Aloha:

By Ken Perske

Mahalo to those who donated to the Honolulu Bulls on behalf of Foodland's Give Aloha program in September. Every little bit helps.

Financial Aid:

By Ken Perske

Each year the Club has about 30 players apply for financial assistance. The Club and the Board have been very generous over the years to those who need it the most and who correctly go through the steps seeking assistance. Once the applications are in, and the minimum deposit submitted with the proper paperwork, the financial aid committee privately reviews each case and recommends each player for assistance. This process takes time since we are all volunteers, so please be patient as the committee does its job. The Club realizes this is a sensitive and private matter and we deal with it as such. Once the recommendations are made, players will be notified. Some players get more assistance than others, based on need. In addition, even with the assistance given, some families find it difficult, so payment plans can be personalized with our Treasurer and Registrar. Thanks for your patience to those to whom this applies.

ProXtreme Holiday Soccer Camp:

By Ken Perske

Once again, we will be holding the ProXtreme Holiday Soccer Camp from December 26 - 30 at Waialae Iki Park. Let your friends know about this. This is an excellent camp for



beginners, both in and out of the Club. It also makes for a terrific Christmas present AND is affordable child care during the Holiday season, for those who still have to work.

Brian Ching will be the feature professional. In addition, Ted Eck (formerly of MLS Dallas Burn), Jeff Cassar (Goalkeeper, FC Dallas and previously with Bolton Wanderer's) and Duke Hashimoto (Real Salt Lake) will be there to make the camp even more memorable. Who knows, there might be some other big names dropping by. Register on-line at www.hawaiisoccercamps.com.

Parents, we would like some help with donations for these professionals. They come to the camp for airfare and hotel only, which is much less than they get for similar camps on the mainland. They do it for DOC Neddo and the Club.

If anyone can help with donations of rounds of golf, fishing trips, spa treatments, dinner certificates the Club would greatly appreciate it. If you can help, contact Ken Perske at kperske@hawaiiantel.net or 351-7816. Even donations of food for their lunches would be FANTastic.

FC Fox and More

By Les and Carol Aubrey

Where is one of the best places to keep up on what is happening in the Hawaii soccer world? The Fox Soccer Channel, of course! My wife will readily tell you that I can often be found sitting in my favorite chair watching the Fox Soccer Channel. I was very surprised to see a special piece about the Hawaii International Cup. FC Fox was talking to players about their favorite place to play soccer. They all agreed that it was Hawaii. FC Fox interviewed several players, mostly from Denmark and Guam, who agreed that it was Hawaii when they recently played in the Hawaii International Cup this past summer. They also interviewed DOC Neddo and Tournament Director, Michael Guidry about the Hawaii International Cup. The Club got national recognition for hosting a respected international soccer

tournament. This is an exciting time for the HSC Bulls.

Some of you may wonder whatever happened to me after my wife, Carol and I relocated to Oregon. The reason for our relocation was to be closer to family—mainly our grandchildren. We are having a great time being grandparents. Our oldest just turned five and our youngest is 2-1/2. Children may keep you young, but they also wear us out. But we love it.

We bought a home in the country just a couple miles outside of the charming and historic town of Silverton, Oregon. We are strategically located between Salem (Willamette University) and Portland (University of Portland, Pacific University). If you are in the area, give us a call. We'd love to host you for the night, meet you for dinner or whatever you have time for. Our home phone number is (503) 874-8318. Our address is 6737 Tessa Lane NE, Silverton, Oregon 97381.

I started coaching again this past summer, starting out in a very small way with a recreational league hosted by the local Y. It felt so good to be back on the pitch with the kids again. The director of the Y then asked me if I would coach an after school program for middle school girls. I have them every day after school for two hours and they play games against other area schools twice a week.

The Silver Falls Soccer Club was looking to start a girls U10 team. Until this year, they were unable to attract enough U10 girls for a full team so the girls had to play on a mixed team. This year, in large part to the positive experience enjoyed in the summer recreation league, enough U10 girls have signed up to make their own team. They play one game on Saturday at a nice complex about 15 miles from here. Last week the coach from the opposing team complimented the girls by saying they were the best team he had played yet. Today a parent from the opposing team came over to compliment the girls on their play.

When I'm not coaching soccer, Carol has me busy on a myriad of landscaping projects such as building a fence around our vegetable garden (to keep the deer from helping themselves), stacking wood, picking up rocks, digging holes for more plants, weeding, mowing the grass (thankfully I now have a mower and bagger on my garden tractor which cut the lawn mowing time down from 2-1/2 hours to 50 minutes). But most of all I am thankful that soccer occupies many hours of my day or I'd be a physical wreck. A friend of Carol's visited us from Hawaii and said it was so peaceful, beautiful and tranquil here that it was a Zen-like experience to weed the flower beds, listening to the creek and the birds singing. She suggested that people might want to come here to stay just to work in the yard. Our calendar has a few openings left for any of you wishing to attain nirvana working in our yard. Just call.

Trivia Question:

By Ken Perske

Congratulations, again, to Osamu Fukuyama, for correctly answering last month's trivia question. Eric Wynalda, Michelle Akers, Paul Caligiuri and Michael Windischmann were inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame in 2004. Way to go, Osamu. Sometimes I get the feeling the only ones reading the newsletter are the Fukuyama's, Stollar's and Balanay's!

There is lots of interesting soccer information at www.soccerhall.org!

October's question is a matching one. Match the Bulls player with his or her current college team.

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| Boise State | Jeremy Wittig |
| Creighton | Shawn Higa |
| Loyola | |
| Marymount | Sophie Merrifield |
| Yale | Rachael Lau/Kelsi Chan |
| University of Hawaii | Stephen Carlson |
| Harvard | Allison Tsuchida |

The first correct e-mail response to kperske@hawaiiantel.net wins a prize.