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Bulls Calendar

03/01 – 03/03: US Youth Soccer Workshop and Coaches Convention, St. Louis, MO

03/03: U13 - U19 Season starts

03/07: Oahu League Board meeting, 7:15 p.m., Hale Akoakoa 107, Windward Community College

03/11: HSC Bulls coaches & managers meeting, 7:00 p.m., Manoa Rec Center

03/14: HSC Bulls BOD meeting, 7:00 p.m., 900 Fort Street Mall

03/17: St. Patrick's Day

03/24 – 03/27: HYSA ODP State Selection Camp, Waipio Soccer Complex

03/25: Newsletter deadline for the April issue

Message from the President

Great Expectations:

Every so often, I feel the need to remind all of us of the mission of the Club.

The mission of the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club is to educate and develop 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 nominations to State, Regional and National Olympic Development Programs; play and excel in club and high school soccer in order to receive college

scholarships; and, attain professional playing opportunities

- To build and sustain a nationally and internationally recognized soccer club
- To develop HSC Bulls teams that will achieve state, regional, national and international soccer championships.

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.

Our Club has grown tremendously in the last 8 years. We now have an ever growing Keiki Bulls, with children ages 5 - 9 having fun and learning the game at an early age with the proper foundation from an experienced staff. The kids probably don't even realize they are learning correct techniques of passing, dribbling, throw-ins and team dynamics. Jose Dydasco, Luke Baer, Rick Chong and their junior staff make the sessions so enjoyable the participants and their parents can't wait to return for the next one.

This year the coaching staff wanted to experiment by creating U7 teams to compete with the U8's. The U7/8-11 season has just concluded positively in spite of many players stressed by being double-rostered or playing up two years. The coaching staff stresses having fun and learning the basics of the game during these formative years, with winning being a nice perk if it happens. The problem is that winning doesn't always happen; in fact, at the U9/10 level it is most unlikely on a consistent basis. Ask the current 88 boys. They lost more than 30 matches in a row until things started to click in the U11/12 era. They stuck with it and started to win

with consistency. In fact, from U12 on, they won all state cups and regional qualifications but one.

The point is that the developmental process takes time, takes years. Recently, a few parents and other family members have been heard belittling their children for not playing well, not improving or not winning. Some kids are even being told they have no skill and should quit the game and find another sport! Please remember, these are formative years. Success will come. Support your children and rely on the coaching staff to teach the beautiful game.

As the players mature, winning becomes more significant. The U12-U19 season culminates in state championships; and, of course, the US Youth Soccer Regional Qualifications are very important. Players wanting to play in college need to develop a resume of their successes. Championships facilitate entry into the prestigious Surf Cup and Nomads tournaments where hundreds of college coaches can see the players compete. The Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club has a fantastic list of players that have gone on to play well in prestigious colleges across the country. You can see them in action locally at the annual ProXtreme camp where they give up their holiday time to give back to the Club. You can also see them while watching the UH Wahine compete at Waipio. Just as the youngest kids find it difficult to win in the formative years, those seeking college placement have no guarantees that this will happen. Our mission statement is not a guarantee. I see it as a challenge, filled with risk, requiring dedication and sacrifice. Player burnout, full college rosters, wrong fit for a particular school and



schoolwork demands can all rear their ugly faces. Regardless, it is still imperative to carry on with this as one goal; not the only goal. Our mission is to educate and develop youth players to their highest potential with the end product, hopefully, being decent human beings who just happen to be very successful soccer players.

When the '85 Boys won the James P McGuire Cup in 2004, DOC Neddo commented at the Anniversary celebration: "I would like to thank all the coaches, managers, players, parents, volunteers and friends who have helped support our mission, objectives and philosophy. There could be little better evidence for "Success through Education" than the success of all of your efforts." Enjoy the process, the camaraderie, the game. Support the players regardless of age or success/loss and support the Club for its belief in the mission.

Ken



Just a reminder:

By Ken Perske

Membership fees are annual fees and non-refundable since soccer training is year round.

Trivia Question Winner:

By Ken Perske

Amazingly, no one submitted an answer to last month's trivia question. I don't think it was that difficult, just a bit time consuming; and time was a precious commodity with the season winding down and culminating with the President's Cup. So, last month's question is still needing an answer. The first correct response emailed to kperske@hawaiiantel.net wins.

Which companies sponsor the following professional teams by matching the sponsor to the team?

Teams:

Middlesborough FC
Manchester United

Sponsors:

We Win!
Samsung
Fly Emirates
Pipex
Northern Rock

Bonus question:

Who said, "I have good dribblers to get out of trouble. I need great dribblers to cause trouble!"

Final Newsletter:

By Les Aubrey

I guess there's no easy way to say it. I need to give up editing the Club newsletter. I'd like this to be my last issue, but if you need me to do it one more month, I will do so. I am now fully entrenched in the Silver Falls Soccer Club. Currently I am working with U8, U10, U12 and U14 girls' teams. The Silver Falls Soccer Club has been in existence since 2002, but it's still struggling. The Club is small and they don't have the benefit of a DOC like Phil. I'm fortunate to have served under Phil for as long as I did so I can share his vision and training techniques with this Club. At least some of the coaches are open to the new ideas. Although the Club is small, there are thousands of kids enrolled in the local public schools in this area. We just need to reach them.

I will look in on the Bulls web site at times to stay current with the Club. I will definitely miss it and all the folks associated with the Club. The Bulls were a huge part of my life for many many years.

Regards, Les