



Summer 2014- 9/14

The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

Summer Membership Meeting

The Summer General Membership Meeting is being held on Wednesday, **September 10 at 7:00** at Piscataway High School **Patton Cafeteria, so mark it on your calendar now!** Please come and provide input to your Board Members. **Each Instructional and Travel team is responsible** for supplying at least one person. September Board of Director's meeting will be held Thursday, September 11, 2014, at Kerwin's in Middlesex at 7:30 following the meeting. Interested members are welcome to attend.

Important Dates

September 10 - General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 @ Patton Cafeteria

September 11 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's

September 13 - Projected start on Travel Season

September 13 - Projected Start of Instructional Season

September 19 - Elks Shootout at the High School Turf Field

October 15 - Spring 2015 Travel Registration Opens

October 16 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's

November 15 - Travel Registration Cut-Off \$50 Late Fee Applicable

November 20 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's

December 4 - General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 @ TBD

December 4 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 8:30 @ Kerwin's

January 4 - Instructional Registration opens

Presidents and Tournament Directors Message

I would like to thank all the membership for their help once again at the Tournament this year.

Many coaches and parents of other clubs came up to me or emailed me saying what a great tournament we ran and how great our volunteers are. Without the help of all parents in the club we could not run an event this large. We had a record amount of teams this year, 187 teams. Even with the bad weather on Saturday we were able to reschedule some of the games for Sunday and it was greatly appreciated by most of the teams. One of our competing Tournaments just cancelled their games on Saturday and did not reschedule any of them.

I would like to once again thank the back bone of the tournament; the following spent all or most of Saturday and Sunday with me at Green Acres, from before dawn to after dark, 15 hours each day.

Tom Roberts, Ro Roberts, Young Tom Roberts, Karyn Erdman, Christian Erdman, Ryan Erdman, Caitlyn Erdman, Ilia Myers, Chuck Myers, Joe Wojtowicz, Brian Hinds, Sandy Ogilvie, George Roussey, Greg Stewart, Tommy Stewart, Wendy Wiebalk, Jeff Sundelof, John Chapman, Maureen Chapman,

Green Acres Field Leveling Project. – We have received approval from the Board of Ed, Piscataway Township and Middlesex County Parks to proceed with our proposed field leveling project. The board is soliciting at least 3 proposals from engineering companies to perform a survey of the area, develop a grading plan that we can use to solicit a minimum of 3 bids from Sitework Contractors to perform the work. The work will be performed either in the Spring or Fall of 2015.

Thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to working with you for the benefit of the club in the future.

Thanks,

Mike Majorczak

President and Tournament Director

Instructional News

The instructional season is slated to start September 13 There are still some activities for those parents to get their work bond time in..

Travel News

If you haven't been to the Conackmack site this summer, you have missed a lot of training going on. Many of our teams have been working all summer to prepare for the tournament and the fall season. Training started Tuesday, September 2, and the season starts September 13-14.

Registration Fees

Due to increases in costs for referee and mid-New Jersey Fee's, the Board will likely be increasing costs starting with the Spring 2015 season.

Field Usage News

INSTRUCTIONAL: All **U-6 and U-7** games are at New Market on Saturday mornings– Training by USA will be at Green Acres. Coaches can have additional practices at New Market as they wish. Coaches, Please lock up the goals at New market after use.

All **U-8 and above** games are at Green Acres. Training for instructional with USA will be at Green Acres on Field 18. Additional practices can be at green acres (but not on the playing fields) or New Market. Lights are being set up.

TRAVEL: All Travel training will be at the **Green Acres** fields. Practices may also be held at Witherspoon. Game fields will be at Green acres and the middle school fields at Conackmack. Fields will be dictated by the schedule.

All playing fields are off limits. Other school properties are available for use on weekends during light.

Piscataway Soccer Club & Elks Soccer Shoot Out!!!

A Soccer Shoot Out event will be held on **Friday, September 19**, at the PHS Turf Field at 7:00. **Check in time starts at 6:30.** The event is open to all children up to U14 (ages 13 and under), whether or not currently in the Soccer Club. Come on out and check it out. Invite your friends who may not be in the club too.

The Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee of the Elks intends to bring every Elks State Association on board and increase participation in soccer on every level. The Elks Program includes a Local, District and State Shoot Out. The Elks work with local Soccer Associations and Recreation Departments to increase Elk participation. **Thanks again to John and Maureen Chapman for running such a great event.** The Soccer Shoot Out program consists of two different contests that test different level skills at different ages:

The "Five Goal Contest" consists of a series of five goals, decreasing in size from 48 inches to 17 inches. The age groups that use these goals are divided into two categories; a U-8 group that contains all ages seven years old and younger and a U-10 group that contains ages eight and nine. The contest is open to boys and girls, who will shoot separately. The U-8 contestants kick from 15 feet from the face of the goal, while the U-10 contestants kick from 18 feet from the goal.

The Grid Goal Contest consists of a full-size goal sectioned off so points can be scored when the ball is kicked into certain sections. The age groups that use this goal are U-12, which contain the ages ten and eleven, and U-14, which contain ages twelve and thirteen. The contest is open to both boys and girls, who will shoot separately.

Winners at this Local Shoot Out will advance onto the Elks District Level. The Piscataway High School Athletic Booster Club will open the Concession Stand with a limited menu of Hot Dogs, Pretzels, Hot and Cold Drinks for your purchase if you so desire.....

2014 Fall Tournament

The 34th Annual Fall Classic Travel Soccer Tournament was held on September 6-7, 2014, at Green Acres. 187 teams attended, which is almost 20 more than last year without an increase in the number of fields due to the work of our scheduling savant and BOD secretary Chuck Myers. Anyone who was there can attest what a beautiful weekend and what a well run tournament. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate on Saturday afternoon, but everyone stepped up and we got at least some of the games in early Sunday and late Sunday. It could not have been done without all of the travel parents participating, so the club president and tournament director Mike Majorczak is sending a big thank you to everyone, as well as a big thank you to the tournament committee members. There are so many tasks to be done and without the parents it would not happen. Field building was tremendous, with 2 fields a night being built for the three weeks leading up to the tournament! We had great turnouts from all the teams.

We could always use more helpers on the committee, so if you are interested please email Mike Majorczak at mw.majorczak@gmail.com. Meetings of the committee will start in April, and will meet once or twice a month. Next year's tournament is the weekend after Labor Day, September 12 and 13. All parents of travel team players are required to put in shifts for each child they have on a travel team (1-child= 1-shift, 2 children=2-shifts, etc), so leave that weekend booked for soccer! You won't know what days you will be called on.

Tournament Field Building

Tom Roberts, our BOD Executive Vice President and field building maven wanted to send the following note to the volunteers. *I would like to thank everyone involved this year with field building. In 4 year of being the coordinator for the tournament field building, this was by far the best year. This was due largely to your willingness to volunteer to support the club. We set record of building fields from scratch in under an hour. Simply amazing. Thank you again I truly appreciate everyone's efforts.*

Team News

Want to have some fun information about your team's season put in the newsletter? Just send them to the public information officer at groussey@erols.com.

U9G Lightning

Here's a note from Ed Farmer about some summer league action this summer:

The U9G Lightning formed a summer team in order to play in a series of tournaments in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and were joined by age appropriate players from the U10 Fire and the U8 Mayhem. The girls finished their season in style, compiling a 3-1 record at the Pocono Cup held on July 19th and 20th in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. The Lightning's performance earned the girls a second place finish in the Mine Flight. The Lightning summer team also competed in the Central Jersey Invitational and the Rider Cup. They were coached by James Watson of Go Soccer FC.



Snack Shack

The Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to sell goods at the shack on Sundays. Please help to make this a success by giving it your support, both as a consumer and as a worker

Background Checks

As a requirement for coaching with the club, all coaches, whether instructional or traveling, are required to fill out the Kid Safe form, as well as filling out an on-line E7 background check. The form is used to complete and cross check with back ground checks. All information requested on Kid Safe forms must be filled in. If it is not completed, you will not be able to coach. All those who have done the check **after September 2011, do not need to do again.**

The information will be kept confidential with one board member only assigned to review the findings before the records are deleted. Please go to. It may say 2009-2010, but disregard if it does. You will be forwarded a link by your respective Vice Presidents once all names are confirmed for the Fall 2014 season.

Coaches Licenses

The Piscataway Soccer Club requires all coaches to obtain at least an "F" License to coach an instructional team and in travel, age U-10 and below. **Head coaches in travel U11 and up must have at the minimum an E license.** This United States Soccer Federation sanctioned "F" classes are recommended for coaching youth soccer from ages 6-11. The F license class is a nine-hour class (three hours lecture on Friday night and six hours of field play on Sunday in this case). It is important that all people coaching for the soccer club take the class. The cost of the course typically is around \$35 and will be reimbursed to members of the Piscataway Soccer Club upon completion of the class. *Registration must be done through the NJ Youth Soccer web site listed below.* If you have obtained the F-license and are looking for more training or are coaching older children, it is recommended you to take the E-license course. Since February 2007, the PSC also requires all those coaching traveling teams U-11 and up to obtain the E-license. The E-license is an 18-hour course held over 2 weekends in a similar format to the F-license. The E-license is \$75, but upon completion you will be reimbursed by the club. If you would like to take either the F or E-license course, you may find a class location by visiting either www.njyouthsoccer.com/coaching/fsched.htm or www.njyouthsoccer.com/coaching/esched.htm *Registration must be done through the NJ Youth Soccer web site listed above, even for those classes hosted at Piscataway High.*

Reffing Info

Interested in reffing or having your child ref traveling games? Go to **www.mnjysa.org** or **www.njrefs.com** and look for referee course information for entry level grade 8 referee classes. You must be at least 16 years to take the reffing class. Please keep checking the website to see if any classes are added to the current list and **look for information on the club website**. However, if you have done traveling soccer and know the rules, you can ref instructional games. Please contact Brian Hinds if you are interested. If you get your reffing license and ref instructional, there is a bonus pay.

Web Site

For those of you who have gone on our website recently, you may have noticed a change. The club changed carriers as there was a savings of about \$3,000 a year. Thanks to our Club Webmaster Christian Erdman with assistance from Chuck Myers and Jeff Sunderloff for researching and making it happen. Please visit our website on a regular basis. There is a lot of great information and coaches can create their own team page. Also, you will notice the **coupons from Dick's Sporting Goods**. Put them to good use!

www.PiscatawaySoccer.org