

# The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

## **Important Dates**

Dec 6 General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 @ Patton Cafeteria, Piscataway HS

Dec 6 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 8:30 @ Kerwin's

Jan 2 - Start of registration for instructional

Jan 17 – Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's

Feb. 21 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's

## Winter Membership Meeting

The Winter General Membership Meeting is being held on Thursday, **December 6 at 7:00** at **Patton Cafeteria**, **so mark it on your calendar now!** Please come and provide input to your Board Members. **Each Instructional, Inter-county Youth Soccer League, and Travel team** is **responsible** for supplying at least one person. Immediately following the meeting will be the Board of Directors' meeting to be held at Kerwin's in Middlesex at 8:30. Interested members are welcome to attend.

## Message from the President

Managers and Coaches, a reminder, all fundraisers must be approved by me.

The forms are on the website.

Please try to email them to me a week before the event. Drop me an email to remind me in 2 days if I didn't reply, we all have our day jobs that get in the way of our volunteering:-).

I really appreciate all the work by the volunteer coaches/mangers and board members.

I hope you all (including our players and parents) had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, a great fall season (a few still have games) and a fantastic upcoming Holiday Season whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukah or Kwanza. Enjoy time with your families and recharge for the Winter Indoor Season (much thanks to Chuck Myers, Winter League Director and all his elves) and the Spring 2019 Season, Tryouts in April 2019 will be here before you know it!

Reminder, our Fall General Membership Meeting is 12/6/18, 700 pm at the Piscataway High School Patton Café. Hope to see you all then!

See you on the pitch,

Mike Majorczak, President PSC

## Board Policy Once Fund Raisers are Approved and Held

A final Copy of the approved form is to be filed with the PSC Secretary. The form is to be filed after the event is

completed and funds received by the PSC Treasurer. Return the form to the both the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Please note the following in accordance with the policy adopted by the PSC BOD on 3/7/12. The policy applies to funds to be received from Sponsors and to any funds collected by teams from parents for tournaments and/or training. Thus the rule applies to all Team Funds collected or raised by any means other than Registration fees

In the event a team coordinator/coach is found to be conducting fund raising, not reporting or falsifying funds, he/she shall be suspended from the club and all club events for the remainder of the season. Upon being removed from suspension, he/she will remain on probation for an additional season.

Fund Raiser Procedure:

Fill out Form with dates and details.

Scan and email to the Club President.

Club President will approve/deny and return by scan email to the Team/Club Secretary/Club Exec VP/Club Treasurer/Travel VPs.

Once the Fundraising event is completed, all funds are to be deposited immediately with the Club Treasurer. These funds will be kept separate from the club funds and are to be used for Soccer related team expenses only.

Keep track of your funds so you and the Treasurer can agree. The web has a sample spread sheet of Team Spending and one for Additional Training/Paid Coach

Mike Majorczak

President, Piscataway Soccer Club

### **Instructional News**

We want to thank all the coaches, parents, and players for a wonderful fall season. Our Spring Instructional Soccer Registration will open in mid-January. Please be on the lookout for the flyer to come with your child or check out the Piscatawaysoccer.org website for more information. Register early as some of the sessions and programs sell out quickly. The instructional program is for our Little Kickers (birth years of 2014 & 2015) and our U6 to U12 players (birth years from 2007 to 2013). We are hoping to get our instructional program for Spring started in mid/late March, depending on the weather. We look forward to seeing you on the soccer pitch this Spring. Enjoy the holidays!!!

Mark Batulis, Instructional VP

PS - If you were not available the 24<sup>th</sup> to pick up your medals, you may come to the Piscataway High School Patton Cafe on THURSDAY DECEMBER 6th. The Piscataway Soccer Club has the General Membership Meeting that night starting at 7pm. We will handout medals after the meeting, which should end by 8pm.

### **Travel News**

The travel system was a success with just about all games played. Thank you coaches and parents for putting Piscataway's best foot forward.

### **ICYSL News**

PSC now has **6** teams participating in the new recreational soccer option at Piscataway Soccer Club called the Inter County Youth Soccer League (ICYSL). It is a recreational league in which recreational teams from other towns get the opportunity to play against each other in a competitive atmosphere.

The current teams in ICYSL are:

U11B PSG and Benefica.

U13B Niupi FC and Ajax.

U15G Thorns

U17G Spirit.

All teams had a lot of fun and 5 teams qualified for the playoffs.

PSC would also like to congratulate the U13B Niupi FC, U15G Thorns, and U17G Spirit for winning individual trophies by finishing in 3rd place in their Divisional playoffs.

If players or parents have any questions about how to join a team in this league, please contact Keith Koenig at (732) 336-0836 or keithkoenig@gmail.com.
Yours in Service,

Keith Koenig, VP, PSC ICYSL Coordinator

## **Piscataway HS Soccer Successes**

Congratulations to the girls varsity team for going far into the counties and state championships. The boys team also had a good year with a winning record and qualifying for states. For the second year in a row, the boys JV team tied for first in the GMC's, while only having one loss during the season.

Besides having great team successes this season, the High School had several standout individuals who garnered county awards. Congratulations to all.

Boys Soccer 2018 All-GMC and All-Division

All GMC - Juwan Ash

All Red Division: Juwan Ash and Santiago Rojas

Girls Soccer 2018 All-GMC and All-Division

Girls All-GMC: Kaitlyn Zeeb

All-Red Division: Kaitlyn Zeeb, Michelle Williams,

Jordyn Allen, Dana Ogilvie

Coach of the Year - Jen Vroman

# Piscataway Soccer Club & Elks Soccer Shoot Out!!!

The Piscataway Elks Soccer Shoot Out was held on October 5. It was a well-attended event. The event was open to all children up to U14 (ages 13 & under), whether the child is currently in the Soccer Club or not. The Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee of the Elks intends to bring every Elk State Association on board & increase participation in soccer on every level. The Elks program includes a Local, District, State & Regional Shoot Out. The Elks work with local Soccer Associations & recreation Departments to increase Elk participation. The Soccer Shoot Out program consists of two different contests that test different level of skills at different ages. Winners at our local Shoot Out & some of our 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners advanced on to the Elks District level. This year we had the following Piscataway Soccer Club Members participate in the district shoot held on November 2nd:

U8Girls Riley Mills, Meagan Martineau & Annebelle Cahn (Meagan took 1<sup>st</sup>, Annebelle took 2<sup>nd</sup> & Riley took 6th in the District)

U8Boy Rishi Patel, Kavish Patel & Mahmoud Fouda (Rishi took 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kavish took 7<sup>th</sup> & Mahmoud took 8th in the District)

U10Girl Salma Baaziz, Samantha Paz & Somaiya Fouda (Samantha took  $2^{nd}$ , Salma took  $3^{rd}$ ,

Somaiya took 7th in the District)

U10Boys Aariz Mohammad & Patrick Novak (Patrick took 7th & Aariz took 8th in the District) U12Girl Hayley Opitz, Wei-Ni Chou & Lorraine Cintron (Wei-Ni took, Hailey took 5<sup>th</sup> &Lorraine took 6th in the District)

U12Boy Blake Naing, Maddox Davis & Ethan Davis (Maddox took 1<sup>st</sup>, Ethan took 3<sup>rd</sup> & Blake took 5th in the District)

U14Girls Victoria Opitz, Sophia Akwera & Sofia Szarawarski (Sofia took 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sophia took 5th & Victoria took 6th in the District)

U14Boy Hamza Baaziz, Skyler Maldonado & Anthony Freeman (Anthony took 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hamza took 6<sup>th</sup> & Skyler took 7th in the District)

Hopefully, we'll be able to send some of our Piscataway winners to the NJ State Shoot on January 12<sup>th</sup> in Manasquan.

Thanks again for the support of the Piscataway Elks & Piscataway Soccer Club

## Piscataway Winter 5v5 League

The Piscataway SC is getting ready to host the 2018 PSC Winter 5v5 League. This will be the 6th year for our league. Games are played indoors in one of the Piscataway HS gyms. Games will be played on every Sunday of January and February. These 5v5 games are fast paced and exciting. If you are interested in playing, talk to your coach, who can register your team. PSC teams get a HUGE discount off of the registration fee. See the PiscatawaySoccer.org web site to register your team.

Send all your questions to Chuck Myers at PSC.Soccer.Coach@gmail.com.

## New Jersey Youth Soccer Scholarships

NJ Youth Soccer is honored to offer various scholarships that are available to assist candidates with the cost of higher education. We encourage college bound seniors who have played in the NJ Youth Soccer system to submit an application for one or more of our three annual scholarships:

### Jeanine Willis Scholarship Brett Fenster Memorial Scholarship Allan B. Sinclair Memorial Scholarship

To be considered for a scholarship, an application must be completed and submitted to the NJYS Office by the December 18, 2018 deadline. In addition to the application and the student's high school transcript, an essay (no more than two typed pages) must be written and submitted by each applicant explaining why he or she should be selected to receive the scholarship. Students may apply for more than one of the scholarships listed, but may not be awarded more than one NJYS scholarship.

Scholarship winners will be recognized at the NJ Youth Soccer Annual Awards Dinner on February 1st in Edison, NJ. See our website (click here) for more details.

The Jeanine Willis Scholarship Fund was established by New Jersey Youth Soccer to honor the numerous contributions Jeanine Willis made to youth soccer in the state of New Jersey and beyond. Jeanine was New Jersey Youth Soccer's first Executive Director and also served as a member of the Board of NJYS for a number of years. Jeanine was devoted to enriching the overall soccer experience for all New Jersey Youth Soccer players.

In honor of Jeanine Willis, New Jersey Youth Soccer will award a \$1,000 scholarship to one male and one female high school senior, who plans to further their education by attending college or an accredited technical

school. When selecting the winner for the Jeanine Willis Scholarship the following key considerations will be evaluated:

Applicant participation with an affiliated NJYS Club.

Applicant participation in the NJYS State Cup Program for a minimum of two seasons.

The **Brett Fenster Memorial Scholarship** was established by New Jersey Youth Soccer to help one of our youth soccer players further their education. Brett played soccer from the age of five until he graduated from High School. He began participating in the Recreation Program in West Windsor and moved on to play travel and high school soccer. Brett's love for the sport flourished along with his interest in the arts and humanity. Brett passed away in 2010 at the age of 23, at which time the scholarship was enacted.

In honor of Brett Fenster, New Jersey Youth Soccer will award a \$1,000 scholarship to one high school senior, who plans to further their education by attending a 2 or 4-year college or an accredited technical school. When selecting the winner for the Brett Fenster Memorial Scholarship the following key considerations will be evaluated:

Applicant participation with an affiliated NJYS Club.

Applicant has overcome a meaningful hurdle in his or her journey towards higher education.

#### The Allan B. Sinclair Memorial

Scholarship was established by New Jersey Youth Soccer in April of 2012 to honor the many facets of Allan B. Sinclair's relationship with Youth Soccer. Al had an extensive career with New Jersey Youth Soccer, serving as President of New Jersey Youth Soccer for almost 25 years; and Executive Director from 2008-2012. Al's time and dedication to youth soccer was mostly done as a volunteer not only in the state, but also in the region. The funds for this scholarship were donated in his memory when he passed away in April of 2012.

In honor Allan B. Sinclair, New Jersey Youth Soccer will award a \$1,000 scholarship to one male and one female high school senior, who plans to further their education by attending college or an accredited technical school. When selecting the winner for the Allan B. Sinclair Memorial Scholarship the following key considerations will be evaluated:

Applicant participation with an affiliated NJYS Club Applicant has demonstrated great leadership and have volunteered his or her time to their communities.

## **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 online 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.

The information will be kept confidential with one board member only assigned to review the findings before the records are deleted. You will be forwarded a link by your respective Vice Presidents once all names are confirmed for the Spring 2015 season.

### **Coaches Licenses**

We require that parents have their F-License to coach (and to be an assistant coach) U6 - U10. We require a State F-License, which is a two day class. It is typically a 3 hour class on Friday night and then an 8 hour class on Saturday or Sunday. Head coaches in travel U11 and up must have at the minimum an E license. The E-license is a national class. As prerequisite, you must take the on-line National F-License class. That on-line F-License class is a fairly short class but very informative. This is not a substitute for the state F-license class. The National E-License class is typically 4 days, with a Friday evening 3 hour session and a Saturday or Sunday session for two weekends. There is a test given that must be passed.

Upon completion of each class, 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.

### **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 <a href="mailto:groussey@erols.com">groussey@erols.com</a>. As you can see by the following, there is great information to share.

### Web Site

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