



# The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

## Important Dates

Sept 14 - General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 @  
Patton Cafeteria  
Sept 14 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 8:30 @  
Kerwin's  
Sept 14 - Instructional and travel coaches meeting @  
Patton Cafeteria  
Sept 15 - Elk's Soccer Shootout  
Sept 16 - Start of the instructional season  
Sept 16-17 - Start of the traveling season  
Oct 19 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @  
Kerwin's  
Nov 16 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @  
Kerwin's

## Summer Membership Meeting

The Fall General Membership Meeting is being held on Thursday, **September 14 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.

## Instructional News

The instructional season will start on Saturday, September 16. Always remember that our SAGE pledge and Code of Conduct must always be followed, by both kids and parents alike! Great sportsmanship is something we pride ourselves on at PSC.

USA is again providing training for the instructional program. **ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD AT THE GREEN ACRES SOCCER COMPLEX.**

If you have not heard from your coach, please contact Joe Wojtowicz immediately.

## Travel News

The Travel Season starts this weekend, September 16 and 17. Training is held at the Witherspoon complex. We also have several teams playing in the Inter County Youth Soccer League (ICYSL). Good Luck to all the teams.

## PSC 2017 Fall Classic

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Piscataway Fall Classic was held this past weekend, September 9-10. It was an incredible event with 211 teams attending and the weather cooperated, being at a perfect temperature for comfort, playing, and people wanting food at our family friendly pricing. We have

received so many accolades from coaches and referees who attended saying how well it is run. Besides the crazy hardworking committee and some core volunteers, the success of the tournament was due to the volunteers from the parents of all Travel, ICYSL teams, and the Girls HS Soccer team. The parking, field marshal, concession, set-up and take down squads did a fantastic job so thank you to all! We had two ladies stay to 10:00 on Sunday night in the cold to help out. The garbage staff engaged by the committee did a fantastic job of keeping up with the incredible amount of garbage created. Thank you to the coaches and team coordinators for getting the parents into their slots. One of the referees said our tournament is their favorite to work at. Besides how well it is run, it is also due to the friendliness of everyone, and it goes a long way when someone from the club thanks them for the game. Thank you to the committee and crew who started working at the beginning of August building fields and repainting them regularly, fixing holes in the field, moving lights, etc., etc., etc. Enough can't be said about them. There is always room for tweaking, so if you have any ideas please bring them to the General Membership meeting or email our tournament and club president extraordinaire Mike Majorczak. Go to our Facebook page and see the pictures of staff, volunteers, and players with big smiles. See drone photos at

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1855106257837885.1073742037.100000155859597&type=1&l=3690bfa2fc>.

## Field Usage News

Witherspoon is still closed for the season. Space at Conackmack and Green Acres has been set aside for practices in addition to assigned time for the turf field. As always, please do not practice on game fields.

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

A Soccer Shoot Out event will be held on **Friday, September 15**, at the PHS Turf Field at 7:00. **Check in time starts at 6:15.** The event is open to all children up to U14 (ages 13 and under) as of January 1, 2017, 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.....

## 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 background 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 Fall 2017 season. The background checks are done yearly in the fall.

## Coaches Licenses

We require that parents have their F-License to coach (and to be an assistant coach) U6 - U10.

Head coaches in travel U11 and up must have at the minimum an E license. Links to coaching classes are on the mid-New Jersey website.

## Reffing Info

Interested in reffing or having your child referee traveling games? Go to [www.mnjysa.org](http://www.mnjysa.org) or [www.njrefs.com](http://www.njrefs.com) and look for referee course information for entry level grade 9 referee classes. This is the class for instructional referees and can be done by those less than 16. Level 8 referees, which allow a person to referee travel games, require the applicant to be a minimum age of 16 to take the Grade 8 reffing class. Please keep checking the websites above 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.

## 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](mailto:groussey@erols.com)

*The following was penned by Head Coach Mark Batulis*

### U8 Boys – Bayern Munich

The Bayern Munich Boys team played their 1st full season as a travel team and competed in EDP Festival games. The team played split squad games in 5v5 competition and merged into a nice team. They played four 20 minute, 5v5 games each Saturday morning for 8 weeks, playing competitively in each and every game. To end the season, the Bayern Munich boys' team competed in a 7v7 tournament down in Freehold. The goal of this tournament was to see how much they had developed and to get them ready for next season. In the "War at the Shore" Tournament, the team played four games. They played a tough game against the host team Freehold and pulled out a win. They then played a Point Pleasant Beach team and took the win. On Sunday, they played a Hillsborough team and with a win they would advance to the final game to compete for a Gold or Silver Trophy. After a hard fought battle the Bayern Munich team pulled up just a little bit short against previous foe Freehold. So, the boys played extremely hard all weekend and came home with 2nd place and a trophy. Coach Joe and Coach Mark were very proud of how the boys competed, developed and improved

over the season. We are extremely excited to see what these boys will do in the fall season and have plenty of games and challenges ahead. Great first season together, Bayern Munich!!!

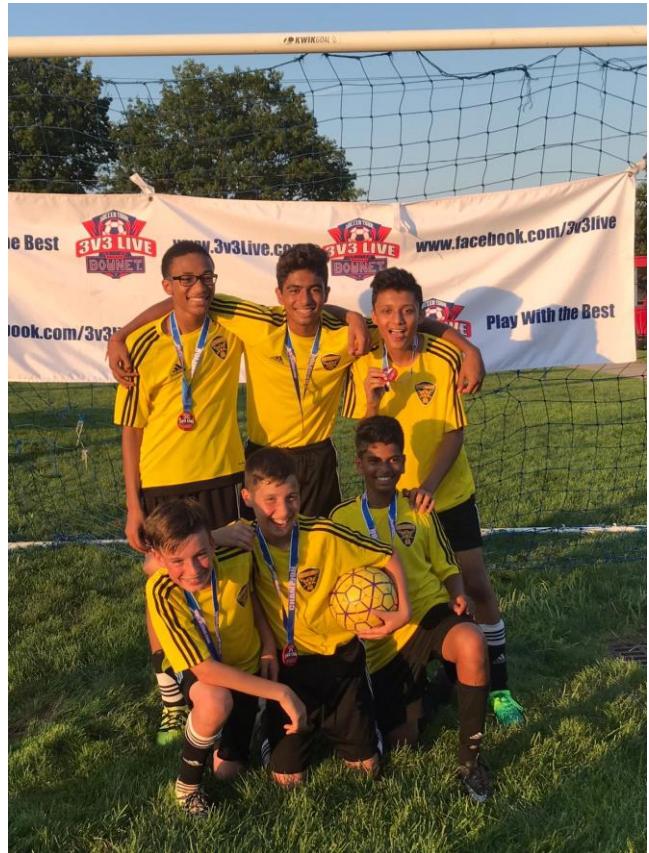
### **‘03 Boys Wolverhampton**

*The following was penned by Head Coach Keith Koenig.*

The PSC Wolves (U15 Boys) finished as CHAMPIONS again in the 3v3 Live Regional Tournament held in Edison, NJ on August 19, 2017. The Wolves participated in the U15 Boys Silver Division and defeated Kims Kidz 5 to 3 in the final game of the day for the championship. The competition was extremely challenging, with 3 teams within 3 points of the title. The Wolves kept digging deep all day to find ways to be competitive. This was evidenced in the defeat of East Windsor 6 to 5, where they scored 2 goals in the last minute of play and in the tie with Stronghold Rochdale, where they scored a late goal with 20 seconds left after falling behind by 2 goals.

The following players participated in the event (top - left to right in photo) Cristian Thornton, Armaan Muchhala, and Krish Patel (bottom - left to right in photo) Parker Blaney, Thomas Koenig, and Pranav Chanthan participated in the event.

Coaches Note: 3 v 3 soccer is a high-pressure game where a mistake means a goal. It is also a wonderful game because it increases the opportunity for players to be in 1 vs 1, 2 vs 1, and 3v2 attacking and defending situations, which helps with decision-making and with fewer players they can also be more creative on the ball.



### **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](http://www.PiscatawaySoccer.org)