



The Goal Post

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This is an exciting time to be associated with the WWPSA! We have programs underway in each of our major departments: Recreational, Travel and Adult soccer, as well as Travel Tactical & Positional (T&P) Training, Referee courses and, of course, preparations for the Sunburst 2006 Soccer Tournament. Read on to learn more about what's happening in the WWPSA.

WWPSA players selected for 2006 NJ Olympic Development Program

Erin Simon, a member of our U-14 Girls WWP Strikers and Victoria Matthews, a member of our U-13 Girls WWP Wild were selected to the final State Pool / Team for the 2006 US Youth Soccer / NJYS Olympic Development Program. Their abilities and dedication were recognized via this prestigious honor, and we at the WWPSA are so proud of them! Way to go, ladies!

2006 WWPSA Scholarship Winners Announced

The Board of Directors would like to congratulate the 2006 WWPSA Scholarship winners! Each of our winners has shown dedication to soccer and to WWPSA over many years. This year's winners are:

Johanna Cohen, Lauren Lentine, Kelly McLaughlin and Kristina Shemming.

Each girl was awarded a \$500 scholarship towards her continuing studies. Please join us in congratulating each of our winners and wishing each of them luck as they head off to college and the world beyond.

WWPSA in NJYS National Championship and State Cup

WWPSA has 4 teams participating in the NJYS National Championship and State Cup tournament for U-15 and older teams:

- U-18 Girls WWP Riptide
- U-17 Boys WWP Mutiny
- U-16 Girls WWP Breakaways
- U-15 Boys WWP Titans

Good luck to all! [Click here](#) to follow their progress on our website.

Youth Spring Recreational Soccer – Sold Out

Our Spring Rec program has grown over the past few years and its ever-increasing popularity was evident when we reached our prescribed limit of 400 children in a record 3 ½ weeks! Congratulations to all of the volunteers who are making this program one of our proudest. Thanks for your help!

WWPSA Youth Recreational Summer Program: Sun, Fun & Soccer

We are pleased to announce our Summer 2006 Recreational Training Program - Sun, Fun & Soccer - that will take place July 17-21 and August 14-18, 2006. This program is open to all WWPSA registered players. See our website for more details.

Facilities Repairs Underway

We have initiated repairs at West Windsor Community Park Field # 1 by scheduling construction during the next few weeks, so please be extra careful when attending events at WWCP. This project includes:

- Removing existing turf
- Minor regrading
- Plant new sod
- Replace existing fixed goals with movable goals.

We intend to bring WWCP Field # 1 online by the fall as a game-only field to ensure that our players have a top-quality field on which they can showcase their skills. Stay tuned for more exciting facilities initiatives!

Sunburst 2006 Soccer Tournament

We are busily preparing for our premier tournament and are sorting through the applications and making ready for what has

become a terrific annual event. Please come out on June 3 & 4 to cheer on the kids! [Click here](#) for more information.

Notice of Special General Meeting of the WWPSA on May 30, from 7:30 - 9:30 pm

The WWPSA will hold a Special General Meeting on May 30, 2006, from 7:30 - 9:30 pm at the West Windsor Municipal Building off of Clarksville Road. The purpose of this meeting will be to:

- Vote on proposed changes to the WWPSA Constitution; and
- Discuss various initiatives that are underway.

[Click here](#) to download and fill out a proxy form from our website.

Travel Soccer Tryouts Announced

The WWPSA boys and girls travel teams will be holding tryouts in May 2006. Our Premier and Club level teams are looking for dedicated athletes who are interested in developing as complete soccer players.

Our Travel teams offer the opportunity to receive advanced professional training and to proudly represent WWPSA at local, state and regional competitions.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

WWPSA website relaunched with Demosphere, Inc.

After an exhaustive search process, the WWPSA executed a two-year agreement with Demosphere International, Inc. in early March, 2006 to provide WWPSA with website hosting, registration management, tournament management, team management and other services, including developing a new WWPSA logo to be used on uniforms, stationary and merchandise. Check it out and e-mail us your feedback!

Youth Fall Recreational Soccer Registration Open Soon

To help smooth the compilation of registrations and assignments to teams, we will open our Youth Fall Recreational Soccer online registration system on Saturday, May 6 so you'll be able to sign up early to ensure that your children will be able to participate in our most popular program of the year. Last year, we counted over 1,700 children, ages 3 through 17 who participated in this wonderful program. Sign up and be a part of it!

WWPSA Fundraising Efforts Heating Up

As there are SO many proposed projects we'd like to pursue, the Board of Directors quickly realizes that our current funds will only take us so far. We therefore decided to seek the assistance of professional fundraising consultants to help us identify our needs, make a case for support and create a strategy for identifying donors to achieve our fundraising goals.

Here are some of the projects we are considering:

- Development of Duck Pond Park
- Launching a pilot summer soccer camp to underprivileged children in our area
- Funding an endowment to provide scholarships to underprivileged children who wish to participate in our programs
- Expanding the number of permanently lit fields
- Other facilities improvements
- And much more.

Volunteers Needed

With all of the work going on, you can only begin to imagine the help we need to run an association of this size. Every hour you can spare will help us achieve our short-, medium- and long-term goals, so please step forward and let us know how you'd like to help.

We currently are searching for volunteers in the following areas:

- Public Relations
- Merchandising
- Fundraising

Please e-mail volunteer@wwpsa.org or sign up at <https://ssl.demosphere.com/WWPSA/Vol> if you are interested; we'd really love to hear from you!

WWP Breakaways Going To Italy

The WWP Breakaways U-16 Girls will be traveling to the Lake Como and Montecatini regions of Italy in July 2006 for 10 days. During their visit they will play a series of 4 friendly games and have 2 training sessions with an Italian Pro licensed coach from the Italian Soccer Federation. This will be a great experience!!

Travel T&P Training – Only the Best

Where else in New Jersey could you find current and former national team-quality players to coach our kids? That's right – the WWPSA! For a mere pittance, our kids have the opportunity to be trained by coaches who have performed at some of the highest levels of soccer in the world, and earn priceless experience and insight into how to truly improve their skills.

WWPSA Travel presents Goalkeeper Training with Karina LeBlanc

WWPSA Travel is pleased to announce an excellent opportunity for advanced Goalkeepers in our program to attend three training sessions conducted by Karina LeBlanc, Canadian National Team Goalkeeper. Karina is ranked among the best Goalkeepers in the world. In 2005, she was selected as a Franchise player for the New Jersey Wildcats (ranked 8th in the world) and in 2003 she led Canada to a 4th place finish in the 2003 Women's World Cup.

She has also developed and implemented goalkeeping clinics in the USA and Canada that focus on technical and personal development. Karina has previously trained in West Windsor-Plainsboro and she is widely admired as one of the best trainers in her field. Welcome back!

President's Corner

"What a long, strange trip it's been." – Grateful Dead.

It's been an exhilarating first 6 months (has it really been that long already?!) as President of the WWPSA, and I'm extremely proud to say that the feedback I've received from parents across all programs has been supportive of the direction in which we're going.

We've rolled out a new website, with improved communication options and ability to continually provide you with fresh content; we've launched a new logo and are planning to offer more useful and varied merchandise; we've begun executing our Facilities and Fundraising Plans; we've expanded our programs to include more children in our Spring Rec program; we're offering a summer camp for the first time; we've negotiated for better service and rates for our training for our Youth Rec program, now provided by ProActive Sport; we've just rolled out a new toll-free phone number as another option for you to contact us to get the information you need; we held a General Meeting for existing and prospective Travel Parents during which they could ask questions and learn more; and we're scheduling a Special General Meeting to update our Constitution to better meet the needs of our various programs and constituents, as well as provide you with an opportunity to learn more about what we're doing.

While the work has been, at times, overwhelming, I'm proud to be associated with the WWPSA and particularly the other volunteers who make it all work so well. I think we're on the right track, together, and I hope that you'll be as excited with our plans for the next year as I am. Thanks for the opportunity to contribute to such a great organization!

Regards,

Justin Stein

President, WWPSA