



The Goal Post

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Things never get dull in the WWPSA! Just when we wrap up our spring programs it's time for Travel Tryouts, fall registration and for the first time, summer camps! We are also continuing the summer pickup games that have become so popular, so we've got something for everyone interested in soccer. Read on to learn more about what's happening in the 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 between 3 and 14 years old, and there are still spots open. [Click here](#) for more details.

Travel Announces New Summer Development Program

WWPSA Travel will host a summer player development program for our players to help prepare them for the Fall 2006 season. This program will take place at Zaitz Field from August 7-11, 5:30 - 8 pm daily. The training will bring together our top trainers for technical, tactical and positional age-appropriate training. This program will be open to all WWPSA travel team players. [Click here](#) for more info.

Sunburst 2006 Soccer Tournament Summary

After a soggy start, our dedicated army of volunteers went above and beyond by rearranging schedules, sweeping water off of fields and coming up with creative solutions to salvage our gem of a tournament. In the end, the weather held on Sunday and nearly 200 teams participated and gave us rave reviews, just kind we have come to expect! Thanks to the entire Sunburst team!

Youth Fall Travel Soccer Registration Open

Registration for Travel Soccer is now open, so please make sure you sign up if you have received an offer to play. All children must be registered with the WWPSA in order to play Travel Soccer, so don't delay! [Click here](#) for more info.

WWP Breakaways Going To Italy

The WWP Breakaways U-17 Girls will be traveling to the Lake Como and Montecatini regions of Italy for 10 days in mid-July 2006. During their visit they will play a series of 4 friendly games, including one against the #1-ranked team in Italy! They will also have 2 training sessions with an Italian Pro-licensed coach from the Italian Soccer Federation. Despite a tragic accident and a recent rash of injuries taking out three of their players, they will soldier on and try to make this the experience of their young lives. Watch our website for updates on their trip!

Youth Fall Recreational Soccer Registration Open

Our new Youth Fall Recreational Soccer online registration system is successfully handling the volume of registrants and we now have 70% of all spots filled. Due to field restrictions, we will have to closely monitor the number of registrants as it climbs over the summer months from its current level of 1,200, so if you haven't yet signed up, we urge you to do so quickly while spots in our most popular program are still available. Please note that for 1st graders and above, a \$50 late fee now applies. [Click here](#) for more details or to sign up and be a part of it!

Summer Rec Pickup Program

The WWPSA is pleased to announce our 4th consecutive year of offering summer pickup games to children in grades K-8. Games will be held at Sarnoff fields on Washington Road every Thursday from June 22nd through August 24th. Kindergarteners and 1st graders will play from 7 - 8 pm, and 2nd through 8th graders will play from 7 - 8:30 pm. This program is offered free-of-charge to all WWPSA players. [Click here](#) for more info.

Facilities Plan Phase 1 is Complete!

On June 14th contractors completed laying the new sod at West Windsor Community Park Field # 1. The field will remain closed until September, when it will reopen as our "showcase" game-only field. The entire project involved the removal of the old sod and goals, regrading the field, laying new sod that is designed specifically for inground irrigated athletic fields and installing new portable goals.

Earlier this year, the WWPSA Board reviewed and approved a [Facilities Plan](#) and decreed implementing it as our association's highest priority. Other phases of the Plan include installing a training area, improving lighting, upgrading playing surfaces and developing a soccer complex at Duck Pond Park. Plans for additional projects are proceeding and you should expect more improvements starting this fall.

As this field grows in, please be sure to keep off and allow it to become the fantastic field we intend it to be.

Youth Sports Report Card Issues Grades That Should Scare Parents

The 2005 Youth Sports National Report card had some eye-opening observations that concern all of us parents. [Click here](#) to read an editorial article (reprinted with permission) and take the implied message to heart.

Special General Meeting Results

WWPSA held a Special General Meeting on May 30, 2006 to vote on proposed changes to the WWPSA Constitution and discuss various initiatives that are underway. The Constitution was updated due to the nearly unanimous vote, so thank you for your support! We've already seen positive changes in the short time since the meeting, so we hope that's only a glimpse of what's to come!

The 2006 FIFA World Cup is Here!

The largest tournament on Earth is now in the Quarterfinal stage, and we've seen some absolutely incredible soccer. Team USA was placed in what some have called the toughest draw in the tournament, and didn't make it out of the opening round, so here's hoping for a better showing in 2010! The games are broadcast on television on ESPN or ABC, and [ESPN360](#) for those with broadband Internet access.

Tune in and cheer on your favorite team! [Click here](#) to visit the FIFA World Cup official site.

WWPSA Fundraising Efforts Heating Up

We are moving forward with negotiations with a professional fundraising consulting organization 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 financial assistance to underprivileged children who wish to participate in our programs
- Expanding the number of permanently lit fields
- Other facilities improvements
- And much more.

Stay Tuned for New WWPSA Merchandise

As we've upgraded our website and brand, we're also working on improving the merchandise we offer to show your WWPSA pride! Our new Director of Merchandise is researching various options and helping the Board of Directors come up with a strategy for offering practical, affordable items that best reflect the association we aspire to be.

Stay tuned for more information on how you can get your hands on the cool new stuff!

Interested in Sponsoring a Fall Rec Team? Just Let Us Know!

We've already received numerous requests from parents and businesses interested in sponsoring a Fall Recreational Soccer team, so please [e-mail us](#) if you're interested. For only \$250 per team, we'll print your name on the back of a specific team's uniform, we'll list your name (and website, if applicable) on the [Sponsors page](#) of our website and you'll sleep better knowing you're helping our association offer the fantastic variety and depth of programs and activities that you and your kids enjoy!

Interested in sponsoring more than just a team? We are forming a Fundraising Committee to develop and nurture relationships within our community and beyond to raise the significant funds required to achieve the goals stated within our [Facilities Plan](#).

You can contribute funds to the WWPSA at any time by visiting our [Donations page](#) and specify the purpose of your donation. Every gift is greatly appreciated!

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:

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Public Relations Coordinator
- Fundraising
- Insurance Coordinator
- Sunburst Tournament Director

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!

President's Corner

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

- Thomas Edison

My title has changed, but not my role or level of dedication to this great organization. Thanks to all those who voted at our Special General Meeting on May 30, either in person or by proxy; I believe that the changes you approved will benefit everyone.

I would like to take a moment and personally thank all those who worked tirelessly to make the Sunburst Tournament a soggy, yet unqualified success. Your dedication is what makes or breaks our tournament, and year after year we receive glowing reviews from parents and coaches who rave about the sharp organization that we present, which is a direct reflection on our people.

Also, I would like to thank our Sunburst Tournament Director, Paul Hase, who recently indicated that this year would be his last as Tournament Director. His four years at the helm have shown his unparalleled dedication and competence and we've seen the tournament grow each year. While we will, no doubt, rely heavily on his experience during the transition to a new tournament director, we will all miss him and express our gratitude for his service.

In addition, I'd like to take a moment to thank all of our volunteers, particularly our coaches who dedicate so much of their personal and family time to help guide our kids and serve as role models for their continued development. Our intent over the summer months is to provide all of you with age-appropriate training to help you improve your coaching skills that we hope will translate directly into higher-skilled players who truly love to play soccer.

Regards,

Justin Stein

Chairman, WWPSA Board of Directors