

The Goal Post

July 1, 2008

Fall '08 Rec Soccer Registration is OPEN

WWPSA is proud to announce the opening of registration for our largest and most popular program, Fall Rec Soccer. Registration is open to any player who will be in Kindergarten through High School starting in fall 2008. For our players not yet attending Kindergarten, our highly-successful Pre-K program is also now accepting new registrations for those 3 – 5 year-olds with the desire to have fun each Saturday afternoon while learning valuable soccer skills.

For any player who wishes to reuse their uniform purchased either in fall '07 or spring '08, there is now a separate program that applies a \$20 discount to your registration. Once you choose to participate in Fall Recreational soccer, all you need to do to apply the discount is to also choose "Rec Uniform Discount". **Please do not choose this program if you need another uniform.**

During registration you will be prompted to choose a volunteer activity; **each parent is expected to volunteer at least 2 hours to WWPSA during the year.** An organization the size of WWPSA requires help from every available volunteer, so we've made it easier for you to choose the role that best suits your available time and skills by adding more specific volunteer options. We appreciate all of your help to deliver the programs your children enjoy so much. For those applying for Coach, Assistant Coach or League Manager positions, please ensure you use your **full legal name** when submitting a KidSafe application; this reduces the unnecessary fees the Club incurs from our background check service. Thanks for your help!

John Slater is the new Director of Rec Soccer and is transitioning into the role from his leadership as Dir. of Spring Rec Soccer; welcome, John! You can reach John at rec@wwpsa.org.

2008-09 Travel Soccer Registration is Open

All players who received offers to play Travel soccer with WWPSA teams can now login to our secure online registration system to register. **Click here** to access the system. Please register as soon as possible so that we can organize our records in advance of the Player and Coach Rostering process that begins later this summer.

2008 Summer Camp Schedule

- [Summer Rec Camp](#), July 14-18 or August 11-15, conducted by our Rec Training partners at ProActive Sport
- [Camp of Champions](#), July 7-11, presented by NJ Wildcats

[Click here](#) to learn more about our Summer Camp programs.

NJ Wildcats Host Soccer Skills Program for WWPSA Girls



Free to WWPSA girls players in Rec and Travel, the Soccer Skills Program is meant to bring greater value and instruction to our female players. Soccer Skills have occurred on Monday afternoons at Conover Park from April 28 and will continue through June 23rd. NJ Wildcats players have conducted sessions and practiced afterwards so that program participants can observe the Wildcats in action!

We wish to thank the Wildcats for their example!

Sunburst 2008 Summary

The 14th Annual Sunburst Soccer Tournament was held on May 31 – June 1, 2008 as WWPSA welcomed 218 teams from CT, NY, NJ, PA and DE for a great weekend of soccer. Sunburst has become one of our area's major events and is a significant fundraising opportunity to WWPSA.

This year's tournament brought an improved tournament feel as PUMA brought their popular Misting Tent and PUMA Tunnel, as well as free customization services to anyone who purchased tournament merchandise. In addition, Fountain Drinks handed out free drinks to all participants, a welcome service during hot competition!

In addition, Zach Thornton, a GK on the [NY Red Bulls](#), came by Sunday afternoon to hand out trophies, sign autographs and take pictures with the kids. With Zach is Angela Konstantaras, WWPSA's PUMA account representative and WWPSA Chairman Justin Stein.



Tournament merchandise was a big hit this year as we nearly sold out all shirts and balls at the end of Day 1, with all product completely sold out by the end of the tournament.

As often occurs during Sunburst, we were interrupted by some severe weather on Saturday that caused us to cancel games for some, but our Tournament Directors, HQ staff and Field Marshals worked to keep everyone in contact as best we could and resume the tournament as soon as the weather passed.

We'd like to send out special thank-you wishes to our Tournament Directors, Jacqueline Stein and Diane Kooker; our dedicated HQ Volunteers Ron Russell, Bill Alesio and Holly Shemitz; Tournament Facilities Coordinator Howard Rabin; Executive Director Robin Dean; the members of Collegiate Landscaping, who were crucial in going above and beyond their assigned role of keeping the field areas clean; as well as the dozens of parent volunteer Field Marshals, Merchandise salespeople and HQ volunteers who all contributed to the tournament's success. Without you, Sunburst wouldn't be possible, so thank you all for your efforts!

NY Red Bulls Visit WWPSA Travel Coaches

Several NY Red Bulls players joined the 2007-08 and incoming 2008-09 Travel Coaches on June 11 for the End-of-Season Travel Coaches Meeting at The Bog Restaurant at Cranbury Golf Club. The players accompanied Zizo Sherif, the trainer for the U15B Galaxy, who wanted to help our coaches meet the players and learn more about how they train.

2008 Scholarship Applications Wanted

We are now accepting applications for a chance to receive one of four annual WWPSA Scholarships of \$500 - \$1,000 to a graduating senior and alumni of WWPSA activities. [Click here](#) to read how you can apply today.

Thanks for Donating Your Old Equipment During Sunburst

Rachel Heyse, a member of our U-13 Terriers, collected over 5 boxes of used soccer equipment during Sunburst that she plans to send to needy children in Nicaragua. Thanks SO much for your help!

U.S. Women's National Team Players are Coming!



Christie Pearce Rampone

Shannon Boxx

WWPSA is excited to announce that U.S. National Team Captain Christie Pearce Rampone and Olympic Gold Medalist Shannon Boxx will participate in the WWPSA / New Jersey Wildcats Camp of Champions in West Windsor, July 7-11, 2008. Christie and Shannon will be in camp on July 7th and 8th only a few weeks before they travel to Beijing, China for the 2008 Olympic Games. In addition to soccer skills training, the camp will include individual Speed and Agility testing and an ACL injury prevention DVD from the G.O.A.L.S. (Girls Opting Against Ligament Surgery) Training Series.

The camp will be led by Socrates Nicolaidis, Head Coach of the New Jersey Wildcats, the youngest Australian player ever to play in a National League game at the age of 16 and former Australian National Youth Team player.

Christie is a native New Jerseyan, coming from Point Pleasant and attended Monmouth University. [Click here](#) for her U.S. National Team bio.

Shannon hails from Redondo Beach, California, and attended Notre Dame. [Click here](#) for her U.S. National Team bio.

[Click here](#) to view a short video describing the camp.

To register, download the [Camp Information and Registration](#) form from the WWPSA website.

What's Next for Facilities?

We're working hard to ensure that our players have the best facilities available to meet the needs of each program. Here's the latest update:

- Complete the break-down of fields for the summer
- Work with Plainsboro to install irrigation at PCP
- Upgrade the lighting at Conover FS # 1 to replace the portable lights with permanent light towers
- Begin construction of new facilities at Duck Pond Park, including three top-quality full-sized game fields
- Repair and restore Zaitz Park fields, including a drainage system, irrigation and permanent lighting to improve our use of the facility.
- Install a permanent fence at WWCP to protect our top fields
- Installation of synthetic turf practice fields
- Permanent restrooms, concessions and a dining pavilion at Zaitz Park, similar to that at West Windsor Community Park.

You can reach Howard Rabin, our Director of Facilities, via facilities@wwpsa.org or Robin Dean at execdirector@wwpsa.org to discuss any facilities needs.

Travel Development Academy Showcase Evenings

WWPSA Travel hosted two Showcase evenings for its Travel Development Academy for U7, U8 and U9 players. The prospective boys TDA participants met on June 9 with Stoyan Pumpalov, while the girls met with Nick Harrison on June 13th. The showcases were intended to provide players and their families a sample experience of what the Academy is about as well as an opportunity to meet the trainers. Showcases were free to all participants and had strong participation. Interested in learning more about the WWPSA TDA? [Click here](#) to read more.

WWPSA Travel Teams Update

Here's the latest on WWPSA Travel teams in end-of-season tournament play:

- U18G Breakaways – won the Premier flight of the Columbia Tournament in Columbia, Maryland
- U16B Titans won the MAPS tournament
- U15B Galaxy won the Championship at the Virginian
- U15G Wild went undefeated in the Cup Bracket at the Virginian
- U15G Jersey Girls won the Hopewell tournament
- U11G Firecrackers were a finalist at the Burlington tournament

In addition, the U16B Patriots (NJYS State Cup), U15G Wild (US Club NJ Cup) and U15B Galaxy (NJYS State Cup) advanced to the semi-finals of their respective NJ State Tournaments.

Congratulations to our players and their coaches!



U15 Jersey Girls



U11G Firecrackers

Website Tips

Please pay via credit card instead of check whenever possible. Our volunteers spend much less time processing registrations paid online than when paid by check, so thanks for helping cut down on the workload!

New Feature: You can now add your child's nickname during registration.

New Feature: We now accept American Express cards in addition to Visa and Mastercard.

New Feature: Travel soccer registrants can now choose their team during registration.

New Feature: Fox Soccer Channel News added to website.

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WWPSA Volunteers Needed!

We've called for volunteers in this forum many times, but we've now identified critical vacancies in several areas. One of our largest ongoing challenges is relying too much on too few of our volunteers for too much of the work, when we could accomplish the same tasks in less time if we could just find a few more helping hands. Our Club depends on its volunteers to achieve the success we've all enjoyed over the past few years, and we need your help or risk losing our momentum. Please e-mail volunteer@wwpsa.org with the position that interests you. [Click here](#) for more detailed descriptions of all volunteer positions, the expected time required and more.

- **Volunteer Coordinator**
- **Goal Post Coordinator**
- **Community Events Coordinator**
- **Referee Coordinator**
- **Fundraising Coordinator**

Calling All Women Volunteers

We'd like to reach out to the countless women in our Club who are underrepresented in numerous volunteer positions to step forward and help out. We on the Board are concerned that our daughters are lacking visible examples of women leaders in our Club, so won't you please consider stepping forward to be that example?



WWPSA Banner Contest

We need your pictures! WWPSA announced the [Website Banner Contest](#) last fall to update the photo banner that appears at the top of all WWPSA pages and while we have received some terrific pictures, **we need more close-up shots** of players to give us a true representative sample from which to choose. Each program's section of our website can have its own banner, so Rec, Travel, Adult, Referees, etc., can each have a banner that represents each unique program, but we need the pictures to do this!

How can you help? [E-mail us](#) your photos of close-up action on the field. You can either send us links to your online photo albums or attach the photos, but snap away and send us your best pics!

Don't Move the Goals!

Falling goals that weren't properly anchored are the # 1 cause of preventable injuries in soccer. If you want to move a goal for casual use, **please don't!!!** You may not realize that large goals are **extremely heavy** and can cause serious injury or death if the goal isn't properly anchored and falls on a player. Before you think that you can simply replace anchors by hand, please be aware that our Facilities personnel use sledgehammers to keep the anchors firmly in the ground.

The next time you see children playing on a goal or hanging from the net, please be proactive and instruct them to get down for their own safety. [Click here](#) to read more about soccer goal safety.

Big Brothers / Big Sisters Needed

For the Fall 2008 soccer season, WWPSA will continue its successful Big Brother / Big Sister program. Program participants are typically high school-age students with a soccer background.

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A Tribute to the Breakaways

It all began at Zaitz Field in September, 2000, when the U11 Premier Girls team was formed and the players chose the name 'The Breakaways'. No one who was present at its genesis would have predicted the incredible journey that was to follow. This is what makes such things so thrilling!

The girls began that season competing in Flight 4 of the Mid-NJ league with no particular expectations. The enduring strengths that were evident even at this age were their intelligence, coachability and group cohesion. They didn't like losing much, either! This group certainly enjoyed being with each other and were completely selfless. Quite simply, they always put the team first! And so did the parents!

The team continued to work hard and always placed an emphasis on having fun. This was the player-coach contract. We all understood that without fun it would never work. As a by-product they moved successfully through the divisions in the Mid-NJ league and during the U14 season, amazingly reached the Semifinal of the NJ National Championship series with a dramatic PK win over a MAPS team from Manalapan. Inspired by this achievement, they moved up to a higher standard of play by entering the JAGS league.

Increasingly the team began to believe in themselves. Coupled with a unique chemistry and a growing physical and mental toughness, the team continued to progress, losing only two of their nineteen league games in the next two seasons. At the end of the U16 season, they traveled to Italy for an incredible 10-day tour of Como, Milan, Florence and Tuscany, and during this time played against three professional teams, including the Italian champions, Fiamma Monza. This was a wonderful experience both on and off the field with memories to last a lifetime!

At U17 the team was accepted into the MAPS division and were now playing the top ten teams in New Jersey. This was the greatest test yet and inspired them to work incredibly hard. Some players aspired to playing in college, while others did not, but that didn't change how hard they worked! The team reached five tournament finals out of the seven they entered, winning three and being co-champions in another. At U18 they continued their success as finalists at the March Madness in Baltimore, Quarterfinalists in the NJ National Championships and winning the Premier Flight at the prestigious Columbian tournament last month.

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This program provides participants an opportunity to volunteer and give back to the soccer association that they enjoyed while enriching the experience for our younger players. Each player will be paired up with a team and asked to spend one to two hours a week on Saturday mornings while teams practice and play games. If you are interested to participate, please [click here](#) to register.

Each participant will be asked to attend a 90-minute training session to prepare for the season and will be provided with a training jersey. Upon successful completion of the program, WWPSA will provide each participant with a Certificate of Appreciation. Please contact Paul St. Amour with any questions you may have at training@wwpsa.org.

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The WWP Breakaways finished the U18 season as one of the top ten teams in New Jersey under all three ranking sites. They reached seven championship games in their last ten tournaments! In addition, ten of the players were from West Windsor! Eleven of the players will definitely go on to play in college next year! (See below.)

This is a fantastic achievement by a wonderful and inspiring group of young ladies who were always a credit to the club, their parents and coaches. If asked about their experiences, I would imagine the girls would talk more about the friendships, the funny stories and the enjoyable memories than the trophies. These young women were mature beyond their years and knew what it was all about!! Well done girls and good luck in college!! We will miss you!

Pat McCarry

Breakaways Tournament Summary:

2003	NJYS National Championships	Semi Finalists
2004	Sunburst	Champions
2005	Sunburst	Champions
2006	Sunburst	Champions
2006	The Virginian Cup Flight	Finalists
2007	YMS Epic Elite Flight	Champions
2007	Matchfit Showcase	Champions
2007	JAGS White	Champions
2007	The Virginian Cup Flight	Finalists
2007	SAC Showcase MD	Co-Champions
2008	March Madness Elite Flight	Finalists
2008	Columbian Premier Flight	Champions
2008	NJYS National Championships	Quarter Finalists

Breakaways Players' College Soccer Plans:

Lily Pepper	Trinity College
Caitlin Wilson	Manhattanville College
Genna Opatut	Emerson College
Kira Mangone	Salisbury University
Devyn Berrie	Lake Erie College
Hannah Deming	Washington & Lee University
Ali DiOrio	Arcadia University
Jessica Leathem	Arcadia University
Gabrielle Haden	Philadelphia University
Angela Lenzo	Ursinus College
Catherine Galton	Philadelphia University

Thanks to Fall Rec Team Sponsors!

We want to thank all of our Fall Rec Team Sponsors for their continued support of WWPSA's largest program. Please support our sponsors whenever you can and let them know that you saw their listing with WWPSA!

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Upcoming Events

July 14: WWPSA Board meeting, 8 pm, WW Library

Contact Information

Use the links below for the fastest response:

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Travel: travel@wwpsa.org

Adult: adultsoccer@wwpsa.org

Sunburst: sunburst@wwpsa.org

Training: training@wwpsa.org

Registration: registrar@wwpsa.org

Webmaster: webmaster@wwpsa.org

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WWPSA Board

Chairman – Justin Stein
 Secretary – Mary Painter
 Finance – Pat Trombetta
 Facilities – Howard Rabin

Rec – vacant

Travel – Pedro Portilla
 Adult – David Boate

Equipment – vacant

Merchandise – Ramit Luthra

Community – vacant

Development – Paul St. Amour

Fundraising – vacant

Webmaster – Brent Nielsen

At-large – Ken Matthews,
 Scotty Borsack
 and Gabriel
 Ramirez

Coordinators

Sunburst – Jacqueline Stein /
 Diane Kooker

Pictures – Cindy Alvarez

Volunteers – vacant

KidSafe – Lisa Schmid

Registrar – Brent Nielsen

Insurance – Hemant Sarma

Sponsors – Maryann Lewis

Referees – vacant

You can clearly see the vacant positions that need a reliable volunteer to help fill our numerous needs. Interested in helping? Please [e-mail us](#) and we'll give you more information about what's expected and how you can help. Thanks for stepping up!

Chairman's Corner

Serving as the Chairman of our community's largest not-for-profit recreational sports organization has its share of perks and drawbacks. The perks are many: I get to work with some fantastic dedicated volunteers who love soccer, love their kids and treat the entire Club as their own extended family by looking out for the interests of everyone in it; I get to meet people such as Zach Thornton, a GK on the NY Red Bulls, as well as several other members of the team when they come down to visit; and I get to help steer the Club's vision in the direction that the Board feels is where we feel it should go. Unfortunately, the drawbacks are plentiful as well: I attend several meetings a month to try to stay informed as to the issues affecting various aspects of our organization, which takes away from my personal time with my family; I help with numerous aspects of the organization, from online registration to the website to The Goal Post to Sunburst, which all require attention at various times throughout the year; and I am inclined to hear some of the negative things that people have to say whenever an issue is raised about access to facilities, perceived injustices or other issues. What I try to do most of all is to focus on the more positive aspects of the position, rather than on the negatives, and remember that the kids are the reason all of us volunteers do what we do.

This month, I am calling out to the thousands of potential volunteers from among our parents who have the available time and ability to help us achieve our numerous goals. By offering the breadth and depth of activities and programs, we stretch thin our existing pool of volunteers who come back year after year to help make our programs as successful as they have been. We need more assistance from those volunteers who have not yet stepped forward to offer their services to serve in areas where we have needs. The greatest testimony I can give to those who currently serve is that, no matter what needs to get done, they make sure that it gets done, even if that means giving more than they signed on for. If we only had more volunteers in specific positions, many others' lives would be considerably easier, and the sad part is that many of these positions require no more than a few hours each year.

As we head into fall program registration, please volunteer to help in positions of need to make things better for everyone, and then follow through when called upon to help. Thanks very much for your help in continuing to make this a great Club.

Regards,

Justin D. Stein
 Chairman, WWPSA Board of Directors