

The Goal Post

October 1, 2008

Fall '08 Rec Soccer Underway

WWPSA is proud to welcome all players, coaches, referees, parents and volunteers to another terrific season of Fall Rec soccer! Our most popular program has kicked off another season and is in full swing. We've introduced several changes, from the concept of an Opening Day to create more balanced teams and ease the burden placed on our League Managers and other volunteers, to utilizing a more organized referee assignment system, to supporting the option for parents to reuse their child's uniform from the previous year, we've had a lot to handle!

We certainly hope that you and your children are enjoying the season and, as always, we welcome your feedback on how we're doing and your suggestions for how to improve things going forward to give you the greatest value for your recreational dollar.

Thanks for your support!

2008 Goal Fest 3v3 Registration is Open

Back by popular demand, we've opened registration for the 2008 Goal Fest 3v3 Rec Soccer Tournament. Are you new to Goal Fest? Well, we've put together an entire area of our website to help you better understand what it is and how you can sign up. [Click here](#) to view the Goal Fest 3v3 Home Page, where you can access the Frequently Asked Questions, review the Rules and Regulations, learn how to become a sponsor and register a team to play. We're also looking into whether our Big Brothers and Big Sisters can help "coach" teams who otherwise don't have a parent able to serve in that capacity so your kids will be able to participate.



Last year's tournament was an absolute blast, and we're excited to see how we can enjoy it even more. We might even have a celebrity surprise courtesy of our friends at PUMA, so stay tuned! Hurry! Registration closes at 11:59 pm on October 12, so don't wait!

Fall Rec Mid-Week Group Training

WWPSA's free Group Training for all registered Recreational players in Kindergarten and older is run by professional trainers from ProActive Sport. While attendance is optional, we encourage your children to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance their soccer skills. Naturally, this is weather-dependent, so watch www.wwpsa.org for possible cancellations due to weather or field conditions.

The schedule for Group Training is as follows:

- Mondays through 11/3 at Plainsboro Com. Park
- Wednesdays through 11/5 at Zaitz Park in WW

Sessions occur as follows:

- 4:30 – 5:20 pm: K – 1st
- 5:30 – 6:20 pm: 2nd – 4th
- 6:30 – 7:20 pm: 5th – 12th

WWP Wildcats Little Scholars Golf Outing

WWPSA is pleased to support our friends at WWP Wildcats Football. Please [click here](#) for details about the Little Scholars Golf Outing.

West Windsor & Plainsboro Community Day

October 4th has been designated as West Windsor & Plainsboro Community Day at the new soccer stadium on the Princeton campus. Princeton will play Dartmouth; the women play at 1:00 pm and the men at 4:00 pm. The official dedication of Roberts Stadium and Myslik Field will take place during halftime of the men's game. Attendance at these games and all other Princeton home games this season is **free**.

WWPSA has been invited to participate in the activities on October 4th. In addition to inviting our members to attend the games, Princeton is seeking eight ball girls for the women's game as well as either rally lines (players ages 8-12) for both games or younger players (ages 6-7) to march out on to the field with players from both teams for the National Anthem. Participating players should wear WWPSA white uniforms (Dartmouth play in green!). All other WWPSA visitors are also encouraged to wear white jerseys for the event. If you and your team are interested in participating, please [e-mail](#) our Executive Director.

[Click here](#) for a complete schedule of Princeton's home games.

WWPSA Introduces G.O.A.L.S.

In its continuing efforts to address the high incidence of the devastating non-contact ACL injury to our female players, WWPSA is sponsoring a **free** program for our coaches and parents. This practical program will be delivered by Todd Brown, Co-Founder of the G.O.A.L.S. Training Series. G.O.A.L.S. ("Girls Opting Against Ligament Surgery") is intended to introduce a series of techniques to our volunteer parent coaches, professional trainers and parents to help significantly reduce the potential for future injury.

These techniques, once understood and mastered, can easily be introduced into practice and training environments for female players and their teams. The techniques are age-specific and the course will be provided accordingly.

[Click here](#) to view the program schedule and learn more about this priceless program.

'08 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our 2008 Scholarship Winners!

- Jenny Liang
- Kira Mangone
- Matthew Per
- Caitlin Wilson

Challenge Heading back to North Carolina

The U15G Challenge will be traveling to North Carolina for a second time in 2008. In December they will be participating in the CASL Showcase Tournament in Raleigh, currently ranked as a top 10 tournament in the country by GotSoccer and is held in conjunction with the final four of the NCAA Div. 1 Women's College Cup.

During their first visit to NC in July, the WWP Challenge advanced to the finals of The Score Showcase at Greensboro. Wish them luck!

Patriots Summer

Congrats to the U17 Patriots on a very successful summer, winning 3 of 6 tournaments: Seaside Classic, Jersey Shore Champions Cup (Gold Division) and Sunburst. They compiled a record of 14-4-3, outscoring opponents from RI, CT, NY, PA and NJ by 57-20. Guest players from the U18 Titans, U17 Vipers, U16 Galaxy and U15 Wolves participated. The Patriots are ranked 9th in New Jersey according to GotSoccer.

U.S. Women's National Team Wins Gold!



WWPSA would like to congratulate the U.S. Women's Olympic Team who narrowly defeated a strong Brazilian team to win their third gold medal in the last four Olympic games. It took 98 minutes for the U.S. to score the only goal of the game. Excellent goalkeeping and defense and a strong finish helped the team to victory. The U.S. team included Captain Christie Pearce Rampone and Shannon Boxx who recently participated in WWPSA's Camp of Champions in July before departing to Beijing, China to win gold. Way to go, ladies!



Christie Pearce Rampone

Shannon Boxx

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:

- Upgrade the lighting at Conover FS # 2 to replace the portable lights with permanent light towers, due to be completed in October
- Launch construction of new facilities at Duck Pond Park, including three top-quality full-sized game fields; first phase is due to be completed in October
- Repair and restore Zaitz Park fields, including a drainage and irrigation system to improve our use of the facility
- Install a permanent fence at WWCP to protect our top fields
- Work with Plainsboro to install irrigation at PCP FS # 1 and SS # 2
- Work with West Windsor to regrade and install irrigation at Conover FS # 3 and FS # 4.

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 NJ State Cup Update

NJ State Cup play kicked off on Saturday, September 27, with several WWPSA Travel teams participating in their chance to be crowned Champions of New Jersey. State Cup participation is available for any team U-11 and older, and is a single-elimination tournament played throughout the fall season.

WWPSA Teams advancing through the first round are:

- U-11B Terminators, who defeated the Belleville Renegades on Sep. 27 at Conover Park, 5-1; Round 2 is scheduled against Cohansey Crossfire on Saturday, Oct. 4
- U-14G XTreme are scheduled to play in Round 1 on Saturday, Oct. 4

State Cup continues each Saturday, so come out and cheer them on!

WWPSA Travel Teams Update

Here's the latest on some news from some of our WWPSA Travel teams in fall play:

- U-10B Anacondas finish 1-1 in rain-shortened South Brunswick Invitational
- U-11B Terminators finished 2nd in the Premier Division at the East Brunswick Labor Day Invitational
- U-11B Terminators finished 2-0 in South Brunswick Invitational

Congratulations to our players and their coaches!

WWPSA Banner Contest

WWPSA announced the [Website Banner Contest](#) last year 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!

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

New Feature: Fox Soccer Channel News added to website.

Welcome to our new Coordinators!

We welcome Jacqueline Fernandes and Carolyn Demouth as WWPSA's new Volunteer Coordinator and Merchandise Coordinator, respectively. Also, we welcome Armando Gochuico and Liviu Chiriac as our TDA Girls and Boys Coordinators, respectively. In addition, thanks to Mary Painter for taking over Photo Day & Awards Coordinator for Cindy Alvarez. We welcome and thank them for their help in these much-needed areas!

Useful Resources

[Online Registration](#)
[Field Maps](#)
[Educational Seminars](#)
[Parents' Resources](#)

Photo Day is Here!

[Click here](#) to view the schedule for Photo Day, on Saturday, October 4, 2008, at the Millstone River School in Plainsboro. You can also preview the order forms to pick out the package that works best for you, if you like. [Click here](#) to view the volunteer schedule. WWPSA merchandise will be available for purchase, so be sure to bring cash or your checkbook! Lots of great deals will be there to help you support WWPSA and look great on the sidelines!

WWPSA Volunteers Needed!

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 more in less time if we could just find a few more helping hands. Our Club depends on 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. We need help with the following:

- **Goal Post Coordinator**
- **Community Events 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 examples of women leaders in our Club, so won't you please consider stepping forward?



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 anchor the goals firmly in the ground.

The next time you see children playing on a goal or hanging from the net, please be proactive and make sure to get them down for their own safety.

[Click here](#) to read more about soccer goal safety.

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

October 4: Photo Day, Millstone River School
October 6: WWPSA Board meeting, 8 pm, WW Library
October 26: Goal Fest 3v3 Tournament, Sarnoff

Contact Information

Use the links below for the fastest response:

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 Pre-K: prek@wwpsa.org
 Training: training@wwpsa.org
 Facilities: facilities@wwpsa.org
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WWPSA Board

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

Rec – John Slater

Travel – Pedro Portilla
 Adult – David Boate

Community – vacant

Development – Paul St. Amour

Fundraising – vacant

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

Coordinators

Sunburst – Jacqueline Stein /
 Diane Kooker
 Photo Day – Cindy Alvarez /
 Mary Painter

Volunteers – Jacqueline Fernandes

Merchandise – Carolyn Demouth

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 Insurance – Hemant Sarma
 Sponsors – Maryann Lewis

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](mailto:info@wwpssa.org) and we'll give you more information about what's expected and how you can help. Thanks for stepping up!

Chairman's Corner

The beginning of the fall season always brings new challenges, new opportunities, and, best of all, new friends. Turnover is a reality in any volunteer organization, and we are no exception. In many ways, change in leadership is positive, bringing new ideas, new ways of approaching issues and a fresh perspective on how we can improve our programs. This year, we are fortunate to welcome several new members to our Club who have filled in areas where we have great need. Their input has helped us all and convinced me that we are in great shape heading into the middle of our fall season.

Our new Travel Development Academy for our youngest would-be Travel players has kicked off on a very positive note, and we continue to refine it, as necessary, based on feedback we've received. We are preparing for our 2nd Annual Goal Fest 3v3 Rec Soccer Tournament, which I am very much looking forward to organizing. We also launched our Opening Day concept for Fall Rec in an attempt to better balance the teams and ease the administration for our League Managers, Coaches and other volunteers. This concept, while confusing to many and controversial to some, has received extremely positive comments on our intentions and results. While no system is perfect, it is our intent that we will always continue to strive to improve our programs and how we deliver them to you and your families. That is why your continued feedback – and suggestions for improvement – is critical to ensure that we bring you the very best opportunities for your families in the area of soccer recreation and competition.

It is with this philosophy that I reach out to you to remind you that WWPSA elections will occur on Monday, December 15, 2008, at which time we will choose the 2009 Board of Directors to guide the programs, activities and events of our Club. I urge you to consider volunteering for a position on the Board or for a Coordinator position so that you can bring your fresh ideas for our collective benefit.

Thanks very much for your help in continuing to make this a great Club.

Regards,

Justin D. Stein
 Chairman, WWPSA Board of Directors