

The Goal Post

May 1, 2009

Spring 2009 Underway

WWPSA is proud to welcome all players, coaches, referees, parents and volunteers back for to another terrific season of soccer!

Our fastest-growing program, Spring Rec, has kicked off and is in full swing. We've learned from last year's successes and introduced several improvements including the addition of a Big Brother/ Big Sister program and a streamlined uniform distribution. We've had a lot to handle!

Forty (40) Travel teams are competing in WWPSA green and white from U09 to U19. The Travel Development Academy, serving players between U07 and U10 has formed 14 teams who will compete with each other in 5v5 weekend games, as well as participate in several mini-tournament Festival Days with nearby Clubs beginning here in WWP on May 2nd. Travel's ever-popular Tactical & Positional Training Program has also made a strong start by offering training in specific skills, led by some of our most experienced paid trainers.

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.

Thanks for your support!

WWPSA Banner Contest

Well, this is it! WWPSA announced the [Website Banner Contest](#) in 2007 to update the photo banners 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. We will submit all photos that show enough detail of WWPSA players that **we receive as of May 15, 2009**, for consideration. Each program's section of our website will have its own banner, so Rec, Travel, Adult, 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 delay!

Coaching Courses

F License

WWPSA is hosting a soccer coach F license certification course on June 5 and 6. The F license is required for all travel team coaches and is strongly recommended for recreational team coaches. The session will provide you with the tools and confidence to be a more effective coach and to better equip you to teach youth soccer. [Click here](#) for details.

E License

If you are interested in pursuing the E license, two sessions are available locally. In April, Lawrence Hamnett has a session and in August, Hillsboro has a session. Due to the proximity of these sessions, WWPSA will not be hosting an E license class of our own. [Click here](#) for details.

Planning Ahead for Summer?

WWPSA is offering a number of Summer Soccer Programs in 2009 for both Recreational and Travel players. WWPSA also supports camps offered by quality training organizations even though these camps may be organized outside of our Association. To help you with your summer planning, [click here](#) to learn more about what WWPSA has to offer.

U-11 Terminators Finalists at PDA Spring Kickoff

The WWPSA Terminators reached the finals in the challenging PDA Spring Kickoff Tournament held on April 4-5, 2009. The Terminators faced strong competition in the preliminary matches on Saturday and came away with a 1-0 victory over Ocean Surf and a 1-1 draw with Marlboro in dramatic fashion,



scoring the equalizer with 25 seconds remaining. A 5-2 victory over Garfield Chiquitines on Sunday morning earned the Terminators a spot in the finals against one of their arch rivals in MAPS, Linden Thunder, and quickly fell behind 2-0 after the first 8 minutes. The team battled back in a very physical match and scored prior to half-time to draw closer at 2-1. Despite an aggressive attack in the second half, both teams were held without further scores and the Terminators fell short. Overall, it was a very strong performance and we wish them luck with the rest of their spring season.

Challenge Finalists in Maryland



The WWP Challenge were defeated 3-2 by Yankee United (CT) in the finals of the Premier Flight of the Baltimore March Madness Tournament earlier this spring. Yankee United took advantage of a slow start by the Challenge, scoring early. However, the Challenge found their game in the second half and tried to rally but fell just short. The Challenge had advanced to the finals by winning their bracket with a record of 2-1-0.

Articles in the News

4/15/09: MSNBC: [Pushed to the Point of Injury](#)

4/16/09: MSNBC: [Sports Injuries Put Girls in a League of their Own](#)

4/13/09: Sports Illustrated: [The Kids Aren't Alright](#)

First Touch Online

We have added a link on our Home Page to [First Touch Online](#), a soccer fanatic's favorite place on the Internet. We met representatives from First Touch while at a PUMA event in NYC and we agreed that our mutual passion for soccer made sense to work together. Check it out and let us know what you think!

Spring Rec Mid-Week Group Training

Spring Rec participants can also enjoy professional training sessions delivered by our Rec training partner, ProActive Sports, on Wednesday evenings at Zaitz Park. Here is the schedule:

K-1st: 4:30-5:20 PM; or
2nd-3rd: 5:30-6.20 PM; or
4th-8th: 6.30-7.20 PM

WWPSA Players Earn Awards

WWPSA players had a great high school season in 2008. As a result, multiple players were recognized with the following honors ([click here](#) for more images):



Boys

- Coaches All-New Jersey Prep Third Team
 - Nayir Choudhury (WWP Titans & Senior Lawrenceville HS)
- Coaches All-Colonial Valley Conference First Team
 - Ryan Brand (WWP Titans & Senior WWPHS South)
 - Scott Kelly (WWP Titans & Senior WWPHS North)
 - Alex Prieto (WWP Patriots & Junior WWPHS South)
 - Eric Rosenbaum (WWP Titans & Senior WWPHS North)
- Coaches All-Colonial Valley Conference Second Team
 - Nicholas Hughes (WWP Titans & Senior Princeton HS)
 - Kevin Nowak (WWP Galaxy & Sophomore WWPHS North)
 - Mike Tartaro (WWP Titans & Senior WWPHS North)
- Coaches All-Colonial Valley Conference Third Team
 - Stefan Bebenov (WWP Terror & Senior WWPHS North)
 - David Borsack (WWP Titans & Senior WWPHS South)
 - Tom Savage (WWP Patriots & Junior WWPHS South)
 - Eric Scala (WWP Patriots & Junior WWPHS North)
 - Drew Siversten (WWP Patriots & Junior WWPHS South)
- Coaches All-Colonial Valley Conference Honorable Mention
 - Mike Jacques (WWP Titans & Senior WWPHS North)
 - Ryan McCabe (WWP Titans & Senior WWPHS South)

Girls

- New Jersey Girls Soccer Coaches Association All-State Soccer Award
 - Sarah Borajkiewicz (WWP Challenge & Freshman Lawrence HS)
- Coaches All-Colonial Valley Conference Third Team
 - Heather Deamond (WWP Challenge & Freshman WWPHS South)
- Coaches All-Colonial Valley Conference Honorable Mention
 - Michelle Morris (WWP Wild & Sophomore WWPHS South)
 - Jackie Kercheval (WWP Fusion & Junior WWPHS North)
 - Jennifer Ibanez (WWP Challenge & Freshman WWPHS North)
 - Jane Calder (WWP Challenge & Freshman WWPHS South)

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:

- Repaired Zaitz Park fields, including installing a drainage system to improve our use of the facility; we've already seen very strong results based on the work done
- Upgraded the lighting at Conover FS # 2 to replace the portable lights with permanent light towers, providing full light coverage on this field
- Launched construction of new facilities at Duck Pond Park, including three top-quality full-sized game fields; grass is growing and looking good
- West Windsor Township to install a permanent fence at WWCP to protect our top fields
- Working with Plainsboro Township to install irrigation at PCP FS # 1 and SS # 2
- Planning with West Windsor Township 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.

The College Athletic Recruiting Process

Once again, WWPSA was pleased to host Tom Kovic, former 19-year gymnastics coach at The University of Pennsylvania for an interactive seminar on how to prepare for the college recruiting process. Tom led the Quakers to 10 Conference Team Championships, while being honored as the ECAC and NCAA



Coach of the Year. He is the director of Victory Collegiate Consulting where he delivers group seminars and works with individual families in developing and executing their plans for the college search. For more information, please visit WWPSA's [Recruiting Corner](#).

2009 Scholarship Program

Each year the West Windsor Plainsboro Soccer Association awards scholarships to graduating seniors who have made an outstanding contribution to the Association, to soccer and to our community. [Click here](#) for more information and to learn how to apply.

TDA Update

The Travel Development Academy (TDA) has attracted almost 100 players for the Spring 2009 season enabling the formation of 8 Boys teams and 6 Girls teams. Players enjoy two training sessions a week and then play 5v5 games at the weekend. Several times each season, TDA teams participate in Festival Days with other nearby Clubs including Princeton, Montgomery, Bridgewater and Yardley-Makefield. These events are 5v5 mini-tournaments and give a taste of the future Travel soccer experience. WWPSA will host its next Festival Day on Saturday 2nd May.

Pride Advance in NJ State Cup

The WWPSA U12G Pride advanced to the semifinals of the US Club NJ State Cup with a solid win over the Jersey Knights Dagers. The Pride jumped out to a quick start at the Knights' home field and never looked back. The Pride will be playing their semifinal game at Mercer Community Park on Saturday, May 16th. Congratulations!

Website Tips

When registering for Travel Tryouts, **do not volunteer for any positions.** Travel Tryouts is designed only to facilitate the check-in process when players show up to the tryouts; Travel Soccer is the program that, after your child receives an offer to play Travel soccer, where you should indicate your intent to volunteer for various positions **other than Team Manager or Assistant Coach.**

New Feature: We now show the current local weather at the bottom of our Home Page.

New Feature: You can now use a new plug-in to see where people are accessing our website from around the world. Cool stuff!

Welcome to our new Board Members!

We welcome Patti Stanley, Glenn Gargan, Michael Donnelly and Jerry McSpirtt to the 2009 WWPSA Board of Directors. It's always valuable to bring fresh ideas to the Board, so we're pleased to welcome to our new Directors!

Useful Resources

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

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:

- **Sponsorship Coordinator**
- **Goal Post Coordinator**
- **Goal Fest 3v3 Tournament Director**
- **Community Events 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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Useful Links

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Upcoming Events

May 11: WWPSA Board meeting, 8 pm, WW Library
May 30-31: Sunburst Travel Soccer Tournament, MCP / Conover

Contact Information

Use the links below for the fastest response:

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Training: training@wwpsa.org

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Technology: webmaster@wwpsa.org

Sunburst: sunburst@wwpsa.org

Goal Fest: GoalFest@wwpsa.org

KidSafe: kidsafe@wwpsa.org

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Refs: refs@wwpsa.org

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WWPSA Board

Chairman – Justin Stein
 Secretary – Mary Painter
 Finance – Patti Stanley **New!**
 Facilities – Howard Rabin
Rec – John Slater
 Travel – Glenn Gargan **New!**
 Adult – Michael Donnelly **New!**
Community – Vacant
 Development – Paul St. Amour
Fundraising – Vacant
 Technology – Brent Nielsen
 At-large – Scotty Borsack,
 Gabriel Ramirez
 and Jerry McSpirtt
New!

Coordinators

Sunburst – Jacqueline Stein /
 Diane Kooker
 Photo Day – Mary Painter
**Volunteers – Jacqueline
 Fernandes**
**Merchandise – Carolyn
 Demouth**
 KidSafe – Lisa Schmid
 Insurance – Hemant Sarma
 Sponsors – **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. There are hundreds of little ways you can participate, so please don't be intimidated from coming forward and joining us. Thanks for stepping up!

Chairman's Corner

I can't wait for spring! First, we have the exhilaration of finally getting to be outside after a winter of indoor soccer in gyms; second, there is the warmer weather; and third, there's the promise of new beginnings.

This spring, we continue our highly-regarded Travel Development Academy that we launched in the fall for our younger players to provide them with additional training and small-sided games to improve their ball skills as they prepare to make the transition to Travel soccer. We heard the feedback from our participants and their parents in the fall and have made appropriate adjustments to make the process and experience better for everyone, and we've heard very positive initial comments regarding the changes.

We also return to our fastest-growing program, Spring Rec, which brings youth players of all ages together for loosely-organized soccer that is played just for fun: no structured teams and no score keeping; just play. Whoever shows up plays, and after a period of skill-building led by professional trainers, parent volunteer coaches supervise games with balanced teams chosen right before play begins. It's beautiful to watch! In addition, a segment of Spring Rec that warrants special mention is our Pre-K program that continues to receive rave reviews and hundreds of smiles each week. Led by professional trainers who are skilled at working with our youngest players, 3-5 year-old players are led through "games" that result in hundreds of touches on the ball, all designed for fun and activity. If you haven't had the chance to see them in action, please do so, for the fastest way to bring a smile to any parent's face is to watch these little players in their uniforms hustle around the field!

While many around the country – and in our own community – are challenged by the state of our economy, we have been working hard to keep costs in line and scrutinize our investments to make sure we are spending the Club's funds wisely. As such, we have kept registration fees the same for both the fall and spring seasons, and will do our best to continue that effort as best we can.

My last thought is to recognize that 2009 is the 30th anniversary of WWPSA; can you believe it?! The Board is discussing ways we can properly celebrate this incredible achievement, so stay tuned throughout the year for announcements.

Thanks to all of you for your help in making this a great Club.

Regards,

Justin D. Stein
 Chairman, WWPSA Board of Directors

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