



# WAA News

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May/June 2009

## **ONLINE REGISTRATIONS At [waawoodbury.org](http://waawoodbury.org)**

### **WAA SUMMER Offerings**

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**Golf, Football Camp,**  
**Volleyball Camp** (grades 3-10)  
**Summer Rec Soccer** (ages 5-10)  
**Soccer Camp** (ages 5-16)

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**Basketball** (grades 1-12)—November start

Coming Soon for Fall play:  
**Wrestling**

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## ***From The President***

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Stop for a moment; take in a great big nose full of fresh spring air. Isn't that great, the smells of flowers blooming, fresh cut grass, and all of the other wonderful things that we can smell when we take the children to the fields for their Spring Sport adventures. I love this time of year when the smells and sounds of Spring Sports are in full swing. Please take time to enjoy this time of year and help to make your child's spring sport experience a positive and fun experience.

The WAA online registration system is now just over a year old, most people are well in tune to the system and doing just fine with the processes. However, I would like to point out a few things that can make your online registration experience a better one.

When you have a spare moment log on to the registration system and review you household information. When you are logged in, you can see a drop down menu on the left hand side of the screen. Browse through the items and check them out. This is where you can add a new family member, update phone numbers date of births or just about anything else that needs to be updated.

Taking a few moments when you are not hurried, could save you a lot of hassle later on when you are rushed to get one of your children signed up. The registration is not hard to use, but will be easier if you take time to familiarize yourself with it now. While you are at it, write down your Login and password information so you can find it when you need it.

# *From The President*

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## **WE DO TRY HARD.**

The Woodbury Athletic Association does try to promote good sportsmanship, fun and companionship for the children that register to play our sports. We train our coaches that the motto "Kids first winning second" is not just a saying but should be a way of life for them. We provide opportunities for the coaches to learn new and advanced skills as far as coaching and dealing with children goes, we discuss heavily at coaches training, skills that will help coaches deal with and respond to the needs of the children. We spend a fair amount of time during the Coaches training on methods of communication that have been successful between Coaches and parents. We check out our coaches before they are chosen as a coach so that we pretty much know that we are choosing good people to be our coaches.

So why, why do we get situations where winning is everything? There has been a boatload of study, tons of documentation and reams of newspaper articles reflecting on the bad stuff. Over this past winter I participated in two round table discussion groups on the subject of youth sports, "Parent behavior" always comes up, one was broad cast live on Suburban cable TV in the north metro and really opened up some eyes as to how positive youth sports really are.

The other was with a reporter ended in a four part front page series in the Pioneer press. That series was published on March 22,23,24, and 25. That article was supposed to be about the decline in High School Activity enrollments and ended up being a place where a few problems were posted and the belief was that adults are ruining sports for kids. I say that, that is just not true. The Woodbury Athletic Association along with many other Associations in this metro area provide much needed organized sports programs for kids to grow into and have a fun, rewarding season. The WAA has over 11,000 registrations for sport

activities in a year and by far, the vast majority of those experiences are good. Most parents are involved for the good of the kids and most parents look out for and report on any wrong doing. Do we ever have issues, yes, but we deal with them, and try our very best to never let them repeat. We have a solid grievance policy where anyone with an issue can follow through with the process to get that issue resolved. When we do have issues, they generally can be resolved through communication and education; people sometimes just don't understand the rules or practices of a given sport.

One of the biggest problems that I see from this office is that parents very often go to far in defending their child, yes that is the parents job, but when your child falls an skins their knee, help them up comfort them and then send them back out to play, some parents see that as a time to spread their wings over the child, rush them away to shelter never to return to the sport where they skin their knee. Sometimes, just maybe, parents need to realize that kids do skin their knees and that that is just part of life; a properly placed Band Aid can be real comforting. It is not always someone's fault.

Please spend your time helping your children understand that sports are supposed to be fun, realizing that having fun can lead to winning, which is not wrong, winning is fun. Losing can be fun also if the we don't dwell on the negatives. I once coached a B level traveling baseball team that lost all 22 league games, it was work but my assistant coach and a couple of dads worked hard with me to help the kids enjoy the wins we did get in weekend tournaments. The following year, 12 of 13 came back to play. This stuff is not rocket science, use common sense and let's get the message out, this is supposed to be FUN!

**Remember WAA...It's about the Kids!!!**

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# **BASKETBALL**

## **THANKS:**

Thanks to everyone for a great season. Spring basketball is going on now. Please check our website at [www.waawoodbury.org/basketball](http://www.waawoodbury.org/basketball) for any AAU basketball and clinics. Also, please remember your feedback is needed. Please fill out the surveys on the website.

## **SIGN UPS FOR NEXT YEAR:**

Please note there will be on-line registrations again this year. You will be able to sign up on-line beginning the first week of June, 2009. Computers will be available at the WAA building and you can go to the WAA Building to sign up on-line there if you need to. Remember, late fees will be charged after July 1, 2009.

## **VOLUNTEER OPENINGS:**

As we move into the new season, we have several volunteer positions opening.

Girl's Director  
 Boy's In-House Coordinator  
 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade Coordinator  
 Boy's Tournament Director  
 Boy's Concession's Manager  
 Boy's Travel Grade Coordinators  
 at 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Boy's Tryout Evaluator  
 Coaching Director

If you are looking to help the Basketball Board with anything please let one of the Directors know. We will find something for you to do. Please contact Steve Pittman for the boys and Jim Basten for the girls.

Respectfully,  
 Steve Pittman  
 WAA Boy's Basketball Director

## **2008 WAA Board Members**

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# SOCCER

## NEW! Summer Rec Program!

For many years we have been hearing parents ask about soccer programs for the middle of summer, between the spring and fall seasons. Well we've heard you, and this year are happy to announce the creation of our first ever Summer Recreational league. Format will be similar to our Spring program, with ages from 5-10 years of age, running 6 weeks from July 6 to August 4. Yes, both Rec and Rec-Plus will again be offered. Please refer to the informational flyer posted on our website at [www.woodburysoccer.com](http://www.woodburysoccer.com) under the Recreational header, Summer Recreation Program listing. Registration is currently open, ending May 31.

## Fall Registrations

Registration will be opening soon for both fall Recreational and Competitive leagues via the WAA's online registration system. You can access this system via our website at [www.woodburysoccer.com](http://www.woodburysoccer.com) under the Registration section. If you have any questions on either league, please view each section of our website respectively for further information. If you have any further questions, please contact Colleen Hase – Recreational Director at [chase@woodburysoccer.com](mailto:chase@woodburysoccer.com), or Amy Hunter – Competitive Director [ahunter@woodburysoccer.com](mailto:ahunter@woodburysoccer.com).

## Spring 2009 Tryouts

Try-outs will be the week of Sunday, August 2 through Saturday, August 9 at the Valley Crossing and Colby Lake Fields, with Sunday, August 10 as a rain alternate. Once again this year, every age group will try-out during this week. This includes the U9/U10 age groups as well. **THERE WILL BE NO TRYOUTS IN SEPTEMBER.**

Details about specific days, times, format, and the necessary paperwork will be forthcoming. Please watch our website for further information.

## WSC Summer Camp Offerings!

### WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS!

WSC Summer Soccer camps are your child's opportunity to have a fun, week-long experience developing the foundations of the game of soccer. Key to our philosophy is teaching a progressive age appropriate and age specific curriculum designed to motivate players. All players participating in the WSC camp program receive the same consistent yet innovative approach with a great emphasis on learning through enjoyment.

For 2009, we are offering three weeks of camp, all held at the Bielenberg Sports Complex. Each week consists of a Mini-Camp for players ages 6-10 and a Youth Camp for ages 10-16. Here are the weeks the camps will be offered:

- **June 8-12**
- **June 15-19**
- **July 13-17**

Additionally, this year we are also offering a Tryout Prep Camp to prepare everyone for their respective tryouts (either competitive, school, or both).

Peter Rivard, the new WSC Director of Coaching, will serve as the Camp Director, overseeing the camp, curriculum, and staff. In addition to being a former Head College Coach, he has vast experience in developing programs for players that are positive, challenging, and fun! The coaching staff will include current WSC coaches/trainers as well as guest coaches. Guest coaches will be current and past collegiate soccer players and coaches. All of our coaches are not only players with the ability to demonstrate skills, but are also teachers of the game.

For more information, please contact Peter at [doc@woodburysoccer.com](mailto:doc@woodburysoccer.com) or give him a call at 651-214-2421. Additional information can also be found on our website under the Camps & Clinics section.

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# GOLF

WAA Golf offers seven golf leagues at five local area courses. Registrations are now being taken until the league is filled or the first day of play. To get the latest info and check out our new web-site at <http://www.waawoodbury.org/page/show/77217-golf>

# WRESTLING

The wrestling program held their seventh annual awards banquet on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Over fifty wrestlers and families attended the event where they enjoyed recognition and pizza. All wrestlers were introduced and received an award for completing the season which stretches from November to early March. The wrestlers enjoyed words of recognition and encouragement from the coaching staff. Thanks to all of the folks that helped to setup and manage this event.

Our Freestyle/Greco Roman program is off and running. The program has fifteen wrestlers practicing two nights a week and competing in tournaments on the weekends. This program runs from March until May. The head coach for our Freestyle/Greco program are Sonny Yohn and Joel Hill .

Additional information about the WAA Wrestling program can be found at [www.waawrestling.com](http://www.waawrestling.com).

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**Bielenberg Sports Center**  
 Located in the Observation Deck (Upper Level)

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 Saturdays 10-12Noon

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 Saturdays 10-Noon

WSF has been the fundraising arm of the community of Woodbury since 1993.  
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- Mark your calendar for **future ONLINE registrations:**
- TRAVELING BASEBALL** - September
  - WRESTLING** - October
  - SOCCER** July - Summer Competitive
  - September - Winter Recreational
  - October - Winter Competitive
  - U6-U8 - January
  - Fall Recreational—May
  - DEVELOPMENTAL BASEBALL** - January
  - SOFTBALL** - January, March/Travel Tryouts
  - GOLF** - January
  - TRACK** - January
  - VOLLEYBALL**— May and June
  - BASKETBALL**— Early June
  - FOOTBALL**— May and June

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# VOLLEYBALL

## SUMMER CAMP:

This summer the WAA Volleyball program along with the Woodbury High School Volleyball program will host a summer camp. The camp will run from Monday, August 3 through Thursday, August 6 at Lake Junior High.

There will be three sessions available depending on the girl's grade in the fall of 2008. Girls going into grades 3-5 in the fall should register for Session 1. Session 1 will run from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Girls in grades 6, 7 and 8 in fall 2008 should register for Session 2. Session 2 will run from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost for Sessions 1 and 2 is \$75.00 per session. Girls who will be in grades 9 and 10 should register for Session 3. Session 3 will run from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost for session 3 is \$85.00.

The camp director this year will again be Dan Brown from M1 Volleyball. Dan has coached for M1 for the last 11 years, being one of their lead coaches and camp directors. Dan will be assisted by Woodbury High School Varsity players and other M1 coaches. If you are interested in a great camp that will stress basic skills, this is the camp for you. If you have any questions regarding the camp please e-mail Pam Sullivan at [volleyball-dir@waawoodbury.org](mailto:volleyball-dir@waawoodbury.org) or 651-738-7601.

## FALL REC VOLLEYBALL:

This fall WAA will again run a fall rec volleyball league for girls in grades 3 through 6. Teams will be formed with grades 3 and 4 together and grades 5 and 6 together. The girls will practice one night per week and play matches on Saturday mornings. This league will start practice the second week of September and will be done the beginning of November. There will be 6 weekends of matches. Volunteer coaches are needed for this league. There will be coaches training provided. Look for sign-ups starting the beginning of June.

Fall 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Clinic: Again this year, we will offer a clinic for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in working on improving their game. The camp will run Monday evenings starting in September until October. This camp will teach all skills of the game. There will be focus on serving, passing, setting and the other skills needed to be an all around volleyball player. The Camp instructor will be announced at a later date. Sign-ups for the fall clinic will begin in early June.

If you have any questions regarding the fall programming, please contact Pam Sullivan at [volleyball-dir@waawoodbury.org](mailto:volleyball-dir@waawoodbury.org).

## WINTER JO VOLLEYBALL:

The winter competitive season is now over and the players and coaches did a great job. This year WAA had 9 teams playing at 5 age groups that competed in the Northern Lights Power League, M1 tournaments and NCR President's Day Tournament. Each and every team represented Woodbury in a positive manner. JO Parents please watch your e-mail of a survey meant to help the Volleyball Board look at ways to improve the program. If you have any comments or questions regarding the JO (or traveling program) please e-mail Pam Sullivan at [volleyball-dir@waawoodbury.org](mailto:volleyball-dir@waawoodbury.org).

## Throwback's Offers Live Entertainment

**Music starts at 9:30 with cover Charge.**

Fri	May 1	Dueling Pianos
Sat	May 2	GB Leighton
Fri	May 8	Brat Pack Radio
Sat	May 9	Kurt Jorgensen
Fri	May 15	Uncle Chuck
Sat	May 16	Good For Gary
Fri	May 22	Tim Sigler
Sat	May 23	Shameless Desire
Sun	May 24	Memorial Day Event
Sat	May 30	DJ Music /Special

**Support WAA Pull-Tabs at  
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# FOOTBALL

Woodbury Athletic Association Football will once again offer **SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS**.

Under the Direction of Woodbury High School Coach Beau La Bore, the WAA Football Camps will be offered as follows.

Camp #1	JUNE 15 to 19	Noon to 2:00PM
Camp #2	July 6 to 10	Noon to 2:00PM

Cost: \$65 each  
Both camps will be held at the Woodbury High School Football Stadium.

*Register at [waawoodbury.org](http://waawoodbury.org)*

## WOODBURY YOUTH DEVELOPMENTAL FOOTBALL

### FLAG FOOTBALL

Flag Football will once again be offered for Grades 1 and 2. for Grades 3 and 4 and a League for Grades 5 and 6.

Registration for the WAA Football Program begin online May 1. Be sure to register early in May!

### TACKLE FOOTBALL

There are Tackle Football Leagues for Grades 3 and 4 and a League for Grades 5 and 6.

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