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WEST CONTRA COSTA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

NEWSLETTER

www.wccysl.com

July 2008

HEADLINE NEWS!!!!!!

2008 has been a milestone year for the WCCYSL. Not only have we upgraded our website but we have a Clubhouse! This has been needed by the league for years. The clubhouse is located at **5161 Sobrante Ave, El Sobrante**. The clubhouse will become the central location for members to drop off and pick up league forms and paperwork. We now have space available for league business, training sessions, Board meetings and team functions. The space will be available to any member or team for league related activities. More on reservations later – watch the website...

Pinole Recreation Department and Challenger Sports British Soccer are pleased to announce a **SECOND** week of soccer camp!!! August 11-15 2008.

Online registration is available now, visit <https://registration.challengersports.com/FindACamp/FindACamp.asp>. Or call the Pinole Recreation Department at 510-741-2999 to register.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Please visit our new and improved website and while you're there, sign up for the online newsletter. Get up-to-date news and information sent to your email. Does your team have a website? Would you like to have your team's website linked from the wccysl.com website? Do you have photos of your kids playing soccer that you'd like on the website? Contact Kimberly Jennery at webmaster@wccysl.com and increase your presence on our site!

LEAGUE CALENDAR

Visit www.wccysl.com for details



- Aug 3rd – San Jose Earthquakes Game, 12pm, Oakland Coliseum vs. LA Galaxy
Tickets available – see Upcoming Events
- Aug 7th - Board Meeting, 7pm
- Sept 7th – Opening Day, Pinole Valley High School
- Sept 11th – Board Meeting, 7pm
- Sept 14th – Picture Day, Pinole Valley Park

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Mike Lambirth, Director of Events

OPENING DAY: Our 30th Year Anniversary Opening Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 7th; 11 – 2pm, Pinole Valley High School Football Field. The parade starts at 1pm, please have your player on the field by 12pm. Get there at 11am to eat and socialize.

BANNER CONTEST: We are holding a banner contest again this year! The judging will begin at 11:30am. All eligible banners need to be on the field at that time, no stakes. One entry per team and only homemade banners are eligible.

PICTURE DAY: Picture day is scheduled for Sunday, September 14th at Pinole Valley Park Baseball Fields.

EARTHQUAKES GAME: Sunday, August 3rd. Earthquakes vs. L.A. Galaxy – yes David Beckham!! Contact Mike Lambirth.
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT MIKE LAMBIRTH AT (510) 303-7230

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ken Cole, President

Welcome to WCCYSL 2008!

As President of West Contra Costa Youth Soccer League for 2008, I wanted to officially welcome all our new and returning players and their parents to the league for Fall 2008.

The Board has made some changes this year and more will be coming as we progress through 2008. One of our primary goals for the year is to improve the tools and methods of communication with league membership concerning registration, scheduling and league events.

Most of you should have received phone calls from our automated calling service alerting you to league registration and tryout dates. The system is called Calling Post and will automatically call and play a recorded message from the league. If you have an answering machine, the system will leave a recorded message. If you're a registered player and haven't received one of these calls, talk to your coach and make sure your correct phone number is listed on the team paperwork. Your coach can give you contact info for your age group Coordinator who can get your phone updated in the system if necessary.

Many of you will notice a new look and feel to our website - www.wccysl.com

This is the primary way for us to communicate with our membership and we're endeavoring to bring a new professional look and feel to the site with improved maintenance so we can keep information comprehensive and up to date.

Another planned improvement for 2008 is an enhancement to our league hotline which will allow us to provide an interactive menu of league information available by phone 24 hours a day. Watch for this improvement during the summer.

We're working on other programs concerning fields, teams and training we hope to have in place for fall. Watch the website and mail for more on these issues later.

We're excited about having Resa Kopp as our new Director of Publicity. You're reading this thanks to Resa's efforts and determination.

Finally, it is always a challenge trying to get information out to over 1,000 families about everything that's going on with the league. I continually marvel at how interested people are in what happens on the field and how little most know about what it takes to make it happen. WCCYSL Board of Director meetings are always open to the general membership unless a disciplinary issue is under discussion. The Board meets the second Thursday of each month 7:00-9:00pm at the Clubhouse, located at 5161 Sobrante Ave, El Sobrante. I invite all interested members to come by and see how your league functions and meet the folks who work so hard on behalf of your community.

FALL TEAM INFORMATION

Kimberly Jennery, Brenda Thurston, Kelly Gallino, Jeanette Cole

Welcome new and returning families:

Our job is to take your information at registration, recruit coaches for the teams, form the teams, and then coordinate anything the coaches need from the league during the season. Here's what's happening with your teams now and in the near future. By mid-July the teams will be formed, and passed along to our registrar so she can get all the paperwork together, and the team binders. As a reminder, while we sometimes are able to accommodate special requests for "buddies" based on transportation issues, our policies and procedures require we use a "blind draw" to form our teams for U12 and below. U14 and above teams are kept together because of their out-of-league play, and the small number of teams in each age group. We are quite sure that your kids will benefit from whichever coach and team they end up with, and will get to know more kids in the league over the years this way. At the end of July the coaches will get their team binders. Within the first week or two of August you should be getting a call from your coach letting you know when and where practices will be. If you haven't heard from your coach by August 15, please contact us. Our information can be found at www.wccysl.com - perhaps there was an error in your phone number, and we can make sure your coach gets it. During August the game schedules will be created by Larry Jones, our Director of Scheduling. Our first games are usually early September and are held every Saturday until mid-November. Our Opening Day Celebration is currently scheduled for Sunday, September 7 and Picture Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 14th. Also some things to remember; don't get your players ears pierced over the summer, all jewelry needs to be removed for games; no dogs or smoking is allowed on the fields; and always clean up after yourselves after practice and games.

Happy soccer everyone!

From the Registrar:

Anyone with missing documentation (photos or birth docs) will be relegated to the waitlist and called as a last resort. Coordinators will be calling to find coaches, should we need them at the last minute. If the coaches find players drop out after they have started calling and practicing, waitlist players will be called to register and fill teams

COMPETITIVE PROGRAM COACHES

Keith Scott and Chris Rogers



2008 GIRLS PROGRAM COACHES

U10 Karina Rangel and Angela Chavez - **Dynamites**
U12 Gold Steve Kopp/ Mannie Sanchez - **High Voltage**
U12 Silver Joe Miner Asst Mike Lambirth - **Wildcats**
U14 Gold Mike Pozos - **StingRayz**
U14 Silver Ephrem Naizghi - **Scorpions**
U16 Gold Chris Rogers Asst Adrianna Diaz - **Galaxy**
U19 Gold Dave Faeth - **Phoenix**

2008 BOYS PROGRAM COACHES

U10 Keith Scott - **Chelsea**
U10 Brandon Martinez - **Gremio**
U12 Kyle Weeks - **Milan**
U12 Ron Harcourt - **Quakes**
U13 Martin Vega - **Barcelona**
U14 Dave Fasold - **Barca Burn**
U14 Efrain Burgos - **Chivas (Alliance 95)**
U15 Dennis Shimoko - **Dragons**
U17 Ramon Paniagua - **Pachuca**

LEAGUE NEWS - Our coaches ROCK!

Congratulations to the following coaches who recently completed a grueling weekend of training to earn their "E" License.

Karina Rangel
Angela Chavez
Brandon Martinez
Joe Miner

Steve Kopp
Mannie Sanchez
Mike Pozos
Robert Medina

Congratulations also go to **Michael Lambirth** for earning his State and Regional Goal Keeper License

REFEREE CORNER

Aidon Jennery, Director of Referees

Congratulations New Referees! WCCYSL is glad to welcome the following newly qualified referees:

Dean Becker, Suzanne Becker, Deanne Dinio, Scarlett Garcia, Vincent Ianniello, Amanda Kopp, Lucia Lecce, Rene Pastora, Anthony Rangel, Rick Rangel, Alanah Sanchez, Mannie Sanchez, Samuel Umazor, Andrew Walters, Victor Walters, Nick Bhachu, Carlos Villavicencio, Michael Villavicencio

All of them recently attended the referee class and passed the USSF Referee test. After some practical training you'll be seeing them on the fields in the fall! The league usually conducts one referee class a year in the spring, but if you are interested in becoming a referee now we can arrange for you to take the class at a neighboring league. If you would like more information on becoming a referee either now or when we next conduct a class, please email me. And remember, we pay our referees for their hard work on the field!

Congratulations again to our new referees.

Cheers,
Aidon Jennery.
WCCYSL Director of Referees.
Email: aidon@jennery.com

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Additional Information available at www.wccysl.com

As Fall Registration is behind us and the season begins, let's look ahead to future registrations and how we can make registration easier on everyone. Please keep these guidelines in mind when registering:

Spring 2009 Registration: All new players (players are new if they did not play in Fall 2008) **must provide a copy** of their birth certificate that the league can keep **and** a current photo of the player with their face between the size of a dime and a quarter, no hats or sunglasses. Returning players from Fall 2008 do not need a copy of the birth certificate or a new photo.

Fall 2009 Registration: All new players (players are new if they did not play in Fall 2008 or Spring 2009) **must provide a copy** of their birth certificate that the league can keep **and** a current photo of the player with their face between the size of a dime and a quarter, no hats or sunglasses. Returning players from Fall 2008 **or** Spring 2009 do not need a copy of their birth certificate. **All** players registering for Fall 2009 must bring a current photo with the players face between the size of a dime and a quarter, no hats or sunglasses. Competitive players need 2 pictures.

Uniforms: All U12 and above recreational players will need to purchase the league uniform unless they currently have one. U10 and below uniforms can be purchased at Blue Sky Sports.

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER YOUR PLAYER WITHOUT THE REQUIRED ITEMS.

RAIN OUT PROCEDURES

WCCYSL Hotline 869-5288

The weather is hot, and we're all watching for fire danger right now, but come fall we'll be watching the skies for rain! WCCYSL rainout procedures are as follows: Games play unless canceled by the league. Games will usually play with light sprinkling, and are canceled when the fields are too wet, and cannot be kept safe from damage. Referees can cancel a match in play if they feel it is appropriate. If our Director of Fields or league President determine that all games are to be canceled, it will be put on our league hotline (510) 869-5288, and our website, www.wccysl.com. Don't assume that your game is cancelled if it's raining. Call the hotline or show up at the field ready to play. Save this newsletter for this and other valuable information for the fall!

CHALLENGER TRAINERS

Host Families Needed!



Adopt a Trainer from England!

This fall we will have two Challenger Soccer trainers from England working with all of our U10 and U12 recreational teams at practices. They will also be holding weekly training games for the U14 players. These are young, professional player/trainers from England who spend 8 weeks here training our kids.

The trainers may be young men or women and will stay with WCCYSL families while they are here. We already have one family in Pinole Valley that has volunteered to take in one trainer for the 8 weeks. We need one or maybe two other families who can take someone for 4 weeks each.

Challenger asks that a league volunteer provide a room, laundry facilities and meals while the trainer is staying with them. The trainers have their own transportation. In the past, volunteer families have formed close bonds with the trainers staying at their homes and they have become lifelong friends. A fringe benefit was having a professional trainer living with them and the players in their family.

This is a chance to show our hospitality to a person from another country and let them experience California and the Bay Area in a way no tourist ever could. Volunteers can be any WCCYSL family. They need not be from the age groups trained or live in Pinole Valley though that would be easier on travel since the trainers will share a car.

If you are interested in becoming a young person's fondest memory of America, contact the league President at: president@wccysl.com

HELP WANTED

Open Position

WCCYSL is looking for a Director of Field Marshals

WCCYSL Field Marshals are adults who attend games to be the eyes and ears of the Board. Field Marshals observe the environment at the games and help keep everyone's behavior positive and encouraging for the kids. When the Field Marshals are out there and visible, everything goes much smoother for everyone involved. Director of Field Marshals coordinates with the Director of Volunteers to recruit volunteers and with the Director of Scheduling to assign volunteer Field Marshals to be present at league games. Contact Ken Cole at president@wccysl.com should you be interested.

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WCCYSL Board

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Director: Competitive Boys Coordinator - **OPEN**

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Asst. Registrar - **OPEN**

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