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Message from the President

Dear WRA Parents,

It is with great pride and gratitude that I report that the WRA community raised over eleven thousand dollars on behalf of the family of slain Plymouth Township Police Officer and United States Marine Bradley Fox.

WRA Mom and Montco Assistant District Attorney Tonya Lupinacci coordinated the fundraising event during our intramural soccer games on October the 22nd. Speaking on behalf of our entire organization, I offer thanks to Tonya for coordinating our support of the Fox family. Officer Fox served our nation and he gave his life while serving the local community. It was very gratifying to see the WRA membership rally together in a show of appreciation for this young hero.

The following words of thanks are offered to everyone who helped out:

From Montgomery County Asst. DA Tonya Lupnacci:

Thank you so much for letting us host the donation drive today. It was unbelievable. I am still in shock about the total amount we raised...\$11,369.79!!!! I set a goal of \$1000 for this. The Fox family is going to be so appreciative of all our efforts. I am going to put a book together with all the special messages and deliver to the fox family and the money will be delivered on Monday. Please let the WRA membership know of the great result today. Officer Homan said it best to me tonight after I called him with the newshe said "Brad is smiling down so happy that so many people are coming together to take care of his family". Thanks again. Tonya

From Montgomery County DA Risa Vetri Ferman

I am writing to thank you for the incredible support demonstrated for the Fox Family by you and the membership of the Whitpain Recreation Association on Saturday September 22, 2012.

My Assistant District Attorney, Tonya Wack Lupinacci, shared with me stories of such incredible kindness and generosity that I needed to take a moment to share my thanks with you. I hope you will convey my appreciation to all the members of WRA. In difficult times like this it is heartwarming to see the way our community is rallying behind the family of our fallen hero. Officer Brad Fox died while protecting all of us; the very least we can do is make sure to care for his family. Your association has honored that noble obligation. I thank you.

Thank you WRA, for helping to demonstrate the true meaning of the word "community". We can never really thank the Fox family enough, but I am so glad we were able to do something to help.

Pat Foley
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Don't forget to register for fall WRA sports **to Play or Sponsor!**

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Whitpain Parks and Recreation

Now has a new website with online registration for programs like summer camp and other events/activities in the community. Check out and bookmark their website:

<http://www.whitpainrec.com>

Intramural (IM) Soccer Spotlight:

IM Soccer is in full swing, - around 1250 players are having a great time on the pitch. Make sure you let your coaches, the most important adults in our program, know how much you appreciate the time and effort they invest so that our kids can enjoy the game and develop as players.

Running an operation with so many great volunteers means that we occasionally have to replace the ones that have contributed mightily to our program. Such is the case for our Referee Coordinator/Head Ref **Marty Wolner** and Facilities Director **Stuart Jarvis**. We're losing over 30 years of combined experience between the two.

Needless to say we will sorely miss them both, but for now we have the benefit of their expertise, so it is a great time to learn the ropes before they each ride off into the sunset. Please consider stepping into a role with IM Soccer to take the lead in one of these positions. Email David Frank (davidwfrank@verizon.net) or any member of the Soccer Committee.

Please volunteer! We always need new people to keep things going. Watch your email for committee meeting announcements, then go to one. They are short and fun, especially the wrestling matches between commissioners vying for the best practice nights!

Basketball Spotlight:

Intramural Basketball tryout registration for Boys Grades 1 through 12 and Girls grades 1 through 8 are now Open. Evaluations for all age groups will begin in **November**. Please login and register via the website at <http://www.wrasports.org>

Instructional Basketball returns again after a strong response last year.

This league teaches the fundamentals of basketball; the correct way to pass, dribble, shoot, guard, etc. Small groups of 3 on 3 type scrimmages happen towards the mid-later weeks of the league play as skillsets are honed. This league is once again being run by Donn Johnston, former standout player at NC State under legendary coach Dean Smith. Let him show your kids the correct way! Parental assistance is welcome in running drills with Don's guidance. *For grades 1 & 2.

PLENTY OF BASKETBALL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES; [CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS.](#)

Registration Deadline for Intramural and Instructional League: November 19, 2012. Registrations received, paid, and accepted after the deadline will be considered late. A \$25 late fee will be charged per player.

- Boys and girls grades 1-12 (determined as of August 31)
- For children of Lower Gwynedd, Ambler, and Whitpain
- Coached by volunteers
- Over 1000 participants
- Both intramural and travel basketball available

Email Sport Chair Rich Prall if you need more information: rprall@healthadvocate.com *Please provide all contact information with your inquiry.



Travel Soccer Spotlight:

The Whitpain Travel Soccer Club had a strong showing this Labor Day with three teams winning their tournament division while five more teams took runner up in their divisions.

Champions:

- U09B Wizards
- U11B Wolverines
- U12B Wolves

Runner Ups:

- U09B Warlocks
- U13B Wave
- U11G Wave
- U11G Wildfire
- U13G Lightning

Congratulations to all the Whitpain teams who played in tournaments this summer and good luck with the 2012 season!

Finally, Travel Soccer Chair Jim Dandy has been appointed oversight for the Cook Trac on behalf of WRA. In this additional role, Jim will be responsible for making sure the new fields are ready for Soccer play in time for WRA to assume Maintenance from Walsh Construction. Pat DiNicola has taken on the role as Sponsorship-coordinator for the new fields.



The Boys U9 B Wizards won their Perlini Labor Day Tournament bracket with a record of 3 wins and 1 tie.



The Whitpain Wolverines U11 Boys Travel Team went 4-0 and won their bracket at the Perlini Labor Day Tournament.

Baseball Spotlight:

WRA Baseball once again hosted a Summer Smash tournament this summer.

This tournament featured 12 year old teams from throughout the Delaware Valley from July 19th through the 22nd at PECO Fields, off of North Wales Road.

\$1,500 was raised for MCAP (Montgomery Child Advocacy Project) from entry fees to this Tournament.

Tournament chair, Mark Kearney, received a letter of acknowledgement from MCAP and here is an excerpt:

Thank you so much for the generous donation of \$1,500.00 received on September 4, 2012 to the Montgomery Child Advocacy Project. We appreciate the parents and players of the Whitpain Baseball Summer Smash for their support of MCAP and all the children who are victims of abuse in their community. This donation will help MCAP continue its mission of helping abused children learn to heal and trust others as they navigate through the complex and intimidating legal process.

Congratulations to Mark and his coaches, as WRA Board Member Marshall Blee field expressed while thanking them; "Our mission is not only to teach kids about sports, but also about Sportmanship and being good citizens."

Player Profiles:

The Travel Soccer Club would like to congratulate the following players for achieving the next stage of their soccer careers in making their High School soccer teams. Good Luck with your season!

Name	School	Team
Talia Abrahams	WHS	JV
Christy Arango Kautz	WHS	JV
Rachel Ashdale	GA	JV
John Comonitski	WHS	Freshmen
Aidan Conway	WHS	Freshmen
Alex Escude	WHS	Freshmen
Madyson Foglia	WHS	JV
Rebecca Hawkins	PCA	Varsity
Gabriel Holder	LaSalle	Freshmen
Natalie Lozowski	PCA	Varsity
Sean O'Brien	PW	JV
Andrew Pileggi	WHS	Freshmen
Colin Reisert	WHS	Freshmen
Caty Santucci	WHS	JV
Gabriel Schafer	N Penn	JV
Alonso Trejo	N Penn	JV
Jeffrey Quesenberry	WHS	Freshmen
Dillon Horwitz	WHS	Freshmen
Josh Zales	WHS	Freshmen
Darien Williams	WHS	Freshmen
Alex Escude	WHS	Freshmen
Mike Naim		JV

Upcoming Events

- 9/8/2012 Intramural Soccer Play begins
- 9/8/2012 Co-Ed Fall Baseball registration ends and Play begins
- 9/14/2012 Indoor Field Hockey Registration
- 9/17/2012 Travel Basketball Tryout registrations
- 9/27/2012 Intramural and Clinic Basketball Registration begins
- 10/10/2012 Indoor Field Hockey Registration closes (or sooner based on registrations)
- 10/17/2012 Travel Basketball Team Rosters set
- 11/10/2012 Co-Ed Baseball Play ends
- 11/17/2012 Intramural Soccer Play ends and Basketball play begins
- 11/28/2012 Indoor Field Hockey Play begins

New Sport Chairs and WRA Board Changes:

During the September WRA Board Meeting;

1. The following new members were voted onto the Board for a term of 3 years:
 - Pat Guaglianone
 - Lisa Becker
2. The following members were re-elected for an additional term of 3 years on the Board:
 - Steve Labroli
 - Erik Carroza
 - John LaFata
 - Mark Marino
3. The following Executive Board members were re-elected for another year term:
 - President – Patrick Foley
 - VP Equipment – Stuart Jarvis
 - VP Operations – Michael Behr
 - VP Administration – Joe Smallberger
 - Secretary – Marshall Bleefeld
 - Treasurer – Steve Labroli
4. New Sport Chairs were approved as follows:
 - Rich Prall for Basketball
 - Pat Guaglianone for Field Hockey
 - Lisa Becker for Field Hockey (co-chair)

Congratulations and Thank You for Volunteering your Services with WRA!

You are receiving this email because you registered at Whitpain Recreation Association. TO UNSUBSCRIBE, login to your WRA account and check off the box to opt out of emails or simply delete your account. Our contact information is: info@wrasports.org Whitpain Recreation Association PO BOX 64 BLUE BELL PA 19422-0064
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Our Sports Offerings

Baseball

Spring Intramural for kids ages 5 to 12 years old as of April 30, 2012.
Spring Boys Travel teams for kids ages 13 to 19 years old.
Spring Tee Ball for 5 and 6 year old boys/girls.

Basketball

Instructional Basketball for experienced & new boys/girls in grades 1 to 3.
Intramural Basketball for Boys in Grade Levels 3 to 12 & for Girls in Grade Levels 3 to 8.
Travel Basketball For Boys age 9-13 years old & Girls ages 9-12 years old.

Field Hockey

Winter program: (3rd grade thru 11th grade)

Registration begins in September

Programs running late November thru early February.

Spring program: (1st grade thru 11th grade)

Registration begins in January

Programs running mid-March thru early June.

Soccer

Fall Intramural - Boys and girls ages 4 to 18

Travel - Boys and girls ages 9 to 17

Softball

For Boys & girls ages 7 through 12.

Criminal Background Screening Policy

Protection of our young athletes is an organizational priority. In accordance with that goal, we have recently conducted a review and update of our volunteer background check policies and procedures. Our Criminal Background Screening Policy is now posted to our website: <http://www.wrasports.org>

From this point forward, we will conduct an annual review of our background check process during the October WRA Board meeting.

Email OPT-OUT

Important OPT-OUT feature on your account:

Some families have discovered that you can opt-out of WRA emails by logging into to your WRA account and check-off the box to opt out of emails but **you should be AWARE that by doing so will prevent you from getting notifications of Sport Registration Openings, Deadlines and Team Assignments sent out by the Sports chairs and commissioners.**

Fundraiser Update: PO Fox Children's Fund

For those of you that may have missed the opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause, you can still make a contribution by sending your donation too:

Fox Children's Fund
C/O Continental Bank
661 W. Germantown Pike
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462



Volunteering

We exist solely because of the efforts of dozens of volunteers, including (but not limited to) board members, commissioners, coaches, equipment managers, referees and web managers.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Come out and help in any way you can. Contact one of the league chairs for help in matching your availability and interests with a role in WRA:

Baseball/Softball: Mike Basile, mbasile6@aol.com

Basketball: Rich Prall, rprall@healthadvocate.com
John Shieve (boy's age 15-18), johnshieve@broadaxetavern.com

Field Hockey: Pat Guaglianone, patguag@msn.com
Lisa Becker, lbecker58@hotmail.com

Intramural Soccer: Dave Frank davidwfrank@verizon.net

Travel Soccer: Jim Dandy (boys), jdandy99@comcast.net
Mike Bishop (girls), mike.bishop@medicapture.com



Visit us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/WRAsports>

How to Sponsor:

WRA is always looking for Sponsors for our teams. What a great way to get your organization or business's name out in the community by supporting our kids.

Your Business or Organizations name can be proudly displayed on our player's uniforms worn at all WRA games the team you sponsor participates in!

For the nominal price of \$175 per team, we can put your sponsorship to print. In return you will receive acknowledgement at the end of the season from WRA in the form of a certificate, plaque award and/or team photo proudly displaying your business or organization.

INSTRUCTIONS to get started

sponsoring today: Register online at www.wrasports.org

1. Click on the 'Register Now' Tab,
2. Click on the 'Login/register' button.
3. Once logged in, Click on 'Register' under Account Options, on the right.
4. Select yourself as the registrant,
5. Then click on 'Register Now' button under the Sport Sponsorship you want and complete the Checkout process.

Want to pay by check? Simply fill out the web form [by clicking HERE](#), print and mail the form with your payment to:

WRA Sports
PO Box 64
Blue Bell, PA 19422-0064

The Whitpain Recreation Association is a Non-Profit Organization of adult volunteers committed to firmly implanting the ideals of good sportsmanship, citizenship, community involvement, and spirited athletic participation in the boys and girls of our community.