



# NEWSLETTER

March 2006

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Club Website: [www.northwestoaks.org](http://www.northwestoaks.org) *New address*

**Board Meetings:** Fourth Monday of each month. Coddington Round Table Pizza, 7:00 PM. Anyone may attend to listen or speak to the board. The board welcomes all participation.

### NOYSC Sponsors

*We are looking for sponsors for the 2006/2007 season. If you are interested in learning how to become a NWO sponsor, contact Laura Settlemyer at [lsett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lsett@sbcglobal.net) or call the club phone.*

## President's Message

It's March, and our kids are fully in the swing of baseball, track, and swimming ...but soccer looms just around the corner. And this is going to be a great year for soccer! Once again it is the year of the World Cup, where we get to see the premier players from around the world playing not for their clubs but to try to bring the world championship to their home countries. Once the games begin in Germany in June, the cleats and shin guards in Santa Rosa will come out of the closet, and enthusiasm for soccer will be running high! We want to build on that enthusiasm, and so we have a great soccer season in the planning stages for Northwest Oaks!

I want to take a moment to share some of what we have in store for you in 2006. First, training. Northwest Oaks will again be running weeklong soccer camps in the summer for both Recreational and Division 3 players. This was a big hit with our Class 3 teams last year...they got a lot out of the camp and had lots of fun with "those guys with the funny accents." We hope that more of our recreational players (and teams) can attend the camp this year. It is an ideal way to have fun and learn great skills. It can also be a great way to build team spirit. Northwest Oaks will also sponsor more training courses for coaches this year, and will be handing out a parent manual for the first time. You might call that a little training for the parents, too!

We are implementing new guidelines for the formation of recreational teams this year, with the aim of creating more evenly matched teams. This should enhance the level of competition for everyone in the club. We are also committed to the continued training and improvement of our team of dedicated referees. The referees are on the field to ensure first the safety of your children, and second that a fair game is played. We try to supply them with as much training and experience as we can. With this and your full support they can successfully accomplish their jobs. We would also like to enroll more referees, so if you are at all interested in giving it a try, please give us a call. No prior experience is needed...just a willingness to learn.

Finally I want to say thanks to our board president of the past two years. Paul Lomeli stepped down after serving for two years as club president, though he remains on the board as coaching coordinator and Division 3 coordinator. Much of the success of our program over the past two years is attributable to Paul's hard work, and I want to express my gratitude to him for his efforts.

*--Rich Gunderson*

***Be sure to visit our new website at [www.northwestoaks.org](http://www.northwestoaks.org) !!!***

## Requirements for 2006 Registration

**NEW FOR 2006:** Player passes will be required for all recreational players U14 and above this year. So we will require a 1" full face photo at registration for all U14, U16, and U19 players. We will have a digital camera available at registration to take pictures of those who cannot bring a 1" photo. So for U14 and older you must bring either the player or a 1" photo of the player in order to complete the registration process.

### ***BIRTH CERTIFICATE:***

- All new players
- All players who did not play at NWO in either 2004 or 2005

### ***1" FULL FACE PHOTO:***

All U14, U16 & U19 players

## New team formation guidelines-

We've had some really awesome recreational soccer teams in recent years at Northwest Oaks. Too good, actually. The real problem is that we've had some teams that were just too good for their competition. This has resulted in some very lopsided games and season standings. While this is a lot of fun for the winning team, it can be downright disheartening for the teams on the losing end. And after all, we all need to learn to win and lose graciously. So, based in part on input from club parents, we're adopting some new guidelines for the formation of our recreational teams this year to try to address this issue. We have decided to follow the lead of the other SRYSL clubs and form teams as evenly as possible based on skill level alone. This means that in U10 and older age groups, we will no longer be considering requests to play with friends, carpool mates, etc. It does not mean that kids won't be assigned to teams with their friends...it just means that they cannot request to play together. We hope that this results in an overall better balance in the skill level of our Division 4 teams and greater parity within our club's teams. We appreciate your support as we implement this change in 2006, and welcome your observations and feedback after we see how this season works out.

## **\*\*2006 REGISTRATION DATES\*\***

**Sat, April 1- Schaefer School 9am – 3pm**  
**Sat, April 8- San Miguel School 9am – 3pm**  
**Wed, April 19- Schaefer School 6pm – 8pm**  
**Tues, May 16 - Schaefer School 6pm – 8pm**  
*(Late registration-Div. 4 only)*

## **Other Important Dates**

### **2006 Picture Day**

Sunday, September 10 at Riebli School  
(extra parking will be available on the outside basketball courts)

### **Division 3 Tryouts**

Week of April 24

### **Field Prep Volunteer Days**

Division 3 May 13, 20  
Division 4 July 22, 29

### **Coaches Contact Players**

Division 3 First week of May  
Division 4 Last week of July

### **Practices Begin**

Division 3 end of school year-June  
Division 4 August 1

### **Fall Season Begins**

Last week of August

### **Tournaments**

Rose City (Div 3) September 2-3  
City Cup (Div 4) October 7-8

## Northwest Oaks Soccer Families:

There is going to be an assortment of interesting items available for purchase at registration this year. These items are intended to raise money for the soccer club. The Soccer Board considered raising the registration fee but instead decided to offer voluntary fundraising items. We have picked things that we hoped would be useful to our soccer families. Some of the items have a larger fundraising potential than others. One that I would like everyone to consider purchasing is the booklet of "Gift Checks". There are many two for one coupons that will easily allow you to make back the \$10.00 we are charging for these books. This is a 50% fundraiser and will help Northwest Oaks provide soccer training to our players. Our goal is to provide a trainer to any team or coach that would like one. It all depends on how much money the club can raise fundraising. So please support Northwest Oaks and your soccer players and purchase a fundraising item!

*Laura Settlemyer  
Fundraising*

## Gold Silver Bronze

Do you have a business or know someone who does? Maybe your soccer player's Grandparents, or an Aunt or Uncle? Consider becoming a Northwest Oaks Sponsor!

There are three levels available, in keeping with the spirit of the Olympics:  
Gold \$500.00, Silver \$250.00, and Bronze \$100.00 we have Sponsorship applications! We are process of updating our website so these applications can be downloaded for your convenience.



## 2006 Board Information

President	Rich Gunderson
Vice President	Raedene Simson
Secretary	Raedene Simson
Treasurer	Brigette Rocca
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SRYSL Representative	Rich Gunderson

Division III Coordinator	Paul Lomeli
Coaching Coordinator	Paul Lomeli
Referee Coordinator	Richard Vives
Equipment Coordinator	Steve Bare
Field Coordinator	Mark Hayes
Communication Coord.	Marnie Goldschlag
Merchandise Coord.	Steve Bare
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Rose City Rep.	Nicki McKeever
City Cup Rep	Kathy Herron
Picture Coord.	Kristie Bare
Volunteer Coord.	Monique Walker
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	Marnie Goldschlag

AGC positions:  
U19/16/14 Coordinator  
U12G Coordinator  
U12B Coordinator  
U10G Coordinator  
U10B Coordinator  
U8G Coordinator  
U8B Coordinator  
U6 Coordinator

Jackie Olson  
Mike Hernandez  
Kristie Bare  
Merrilee Neely  
Tim Sikes  
Trish Hall  
Leah Doyle  
Tina Anaya

*Interested in becoming a board member? Only have time to volunteer occasionally? Ask any board member how you can get involved!*

**NW OAKS WANTS YOU!**  
**TRY OUT FOR A DIVISION III**  
**TEAM (B Soccer)**

NW Oaks Youth Soccer invites all players in the Under 10 through U19 age groups to try-out for Division III Soccer. Our district is now allowing us to form age pure teams so we need more players to try-out and more qualified coaches to be involved.

**What is Division III Soccer?**

Traditionally we refer to Division III as developmental soccer. This is an opportunity for recreational players to move to a higher competitive level without making the commitment required of Santa Rosa United Soccer. We practice and play from mid June to mid November. Some teams stay together and compete in State level tournaments after November. Normally Division III team plays up to 30 games (12 regular season games and 3-5 local or Bay Area tournaments) and may travel from Marin County up to Arcada. This represents both tournament play and league play. Each team has highly qualified coaching staff and participates in specialized training including team camps. For more information on the various soccer levels offered in Santa Rosa go to <http://www.srysl.org/ForEveryone.htm>

**How do I try-out for Division III soccer?**

At the regular registration sign-ups for NW Oaks soccer there will be coaches there to answer any questions. At this time, you will sign up for try-outs; receive a letter from the coach explaining when try-outs will be and other vital information.

**Tell me more about try-outs?**

Try-outs occur in late April through the middle of May. Try-outs last for three days and are run by the coach of the particular team. The coach has a group of impartial volunteers that help try-outs and evaluate players. The NW Oaks Soccer Board has a committee of qualified, experienced volunteers who observe try-outs.

**How do I know if I made the team?**

Each coach sends a letter or calls the players to let them know if they made the team. If you do not make the team you are automatically placed on a recreational team.

**How much does it cost?**

Division III teams cost between \$275- \$375 per player for a season. This pays for uniforms, tournaments and training.

**Who can try out?**

Anyone who lives in Santa Rosa and registers as a player in NW Oaks. You must be registered with our club before you try-out.

**Tell me more about training?**

Each coach goes through a series of coaching courses. In addition we plan on teaming up with qualified trainers here in Santa Rosa that provides us training days for our teams. In addition we have teamed up with Challenger British Soccer to provide us team training camps.

**Are you interested?**

Look for the newsletter and signs in NW Oaks for Soccer sign ups in April. For more information please contact our Division III Coordinator, Paul Lomeli with any questions. He can be reached at 479-6174 or by email at: [fivelomelis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fivelomelis@sbcglobal.net).



## NW OAKS DIV III (B TEAM) UPDATE

Tryouts for Division III Soccer will be held between April 22 and April 30. More details will be available at registration and/or posted on our website.

### **NW OAKS NEEDS DIVISION III COACHES**

We need qualified coaches for our Division III program this year. Currently we have accepted applications for U10G, U13G, U16G and U14B, U16B. A detailed list of coaches will be available at registration and/or posted on our website.

We are looking for coaches for U12G, U14G and U10B, U12B. To qualify as a coach you should have appropriate coaching experience, a CYSA "E" license or equivalent and a USSF referee grade 8 license.

If you are interested in coaching please contact our division III coordinator, Paul Lomeli at 479-6174 or by email at: [fivelomelis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fivelomelis@sbcglobal.net).

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## New Northwest Oaks Soccer Website

We have recently developed a new streamlined website for Northwest Oaks soccer. Come by and have a look at [www.northwestoaks.org](http://www.northwestoaks.org). Besides having a new look and making liberal use of our club colors (teal and purple), it's got our year's calendar, club contact information, important coaching information, referee information, links to other great soccer sites, and that all-important link for field conditions (**RAINOUTS**). Bookmark your soccer clubs website and visit it often!

## Coaching Course Update

NW Oaks will be hosting two coaching courses this season in the month of July. These courses will be directed at our new or less experienced coaches.

### "Pre-F" Orientation Course – July, exact details TBD

**Objective:** Introduction to youth soccer and the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA) coaching school

**Length:** Three hours (two hours classroom, 1 hour field)

**Prerequisites:** Minimum age 13 and an open mind with a willingness to have FUN!

**Cost:** FREE (includes CYSA orientation manual)

This course will be taught by CYSA District teaching staff with State and National "D" licensed coaches.

### "F" Course – July, exact details TBD

**Objective:** Prelude to the "E" course

**Length:** Nine hours (three hours classroom, six hours field)

**Prerequisites:** Minimum age 14 and an open mind with a willingness to LEARN!

**Cost:** \$25 (includes book and, "F" certificate and badge)  
NW Oaks will reimburse any coach for one coaching course per season

This course will be taught by CYSA State teaching staff with "A", "B" and "C" United States Soccer Federation licensed coaches.

For more info please check out CYSA-North's website at: [www.cysanorth.org](http://www.cysanorth.org) and click on the coaching tab or email NW Oaks coaching coordinator at: [fivelomelis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fivelomelis@sbcglobal.net).

**The rules of soccer are very simple, basically it is this: if it moves, kick it. If it doesn't move, kick it until it does. ~Phil Woosnam, 1974**

**A sport where the players actually enjoy getting hit in the head by a ball. ~Soccer advertisement, published for the MetroStars Major League Soccer team, 1997**

## **Challenger British Soccer Camp**

British Soccer Camps provide players with the opportunity to receive high-level soccer coaching from a team of international experts. Each British Soccer Camp provides players of all ages and abilities the appropriate program and level of curriculum.

Each day includes individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, small-sided games, coached scrimmages, and a daily tournament. Equally important, the Challenger coaching staff provides your child with lessons in self-discipline, good sportsmanship and respect for others and for the game.

With each week-long camp, your child will get a Challenger soccer ball, camp shirt and camp award. Plus, a camp certificate, daily individual skill development, coached scrimmages, daily World Cup Tournament, daily Camp break activities, and a graduation party.

\*\*Sign up online for your individual player camp early at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com) and receive a free soccer jersey\*\*

We are looking for host families. Would you like to make this experience even more special for your family by hosting one of the professional British coaches during your week of camp? We will need to host the coaches during the week they are here. For more info email NW Oaks camp coordinator at: [fivelomelis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fivelomelis@sbcglobal.net).



## **Camp Dates**

### **Division 4 Individual Player Camps (Aug 14-18)**

**First Kicks (ages 3 to 4):** 9:00am - 10:00am  
\$57.00 per player

**Mini Soccer (ages 4 to 6):** 10:10am - 12:10pm  
\$77.00 per player

**Half Day Morning (ages 6 to 16):** 9:00am - 12:00pm  
\$94.00 per player

**Half Day Evening (ages 6 to 16):** 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
\$94.00 per player

### **Division 3 Team Camps (July 10- 14)**

Cost: \$1,050 per team

For the Div 3 team camps there will be two sessions: 9am–Noon and 5pm– 8pm. We will balance the teams between the two sessions.

#### **All camps will be held at :**

Tom Schoplin Field  
4400 Old Redwood Hwy  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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## **Shoe Bank**

Do you have outdoor or indoor soccer shoes which are still in good condition? Please donate them!

They may be dropped off at: T&B Sports, 1250 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Do you need soccer shoes and can't afford to buy a new pair?

Our shoe bank is operated by the Father of Soccer in Santa Rosa, Joe Belluzzo. The shoe bank is open by appointment only.

Call (707) 539-2428 for further information