

## Hobart recognized as Soccer Volunteer of the Year

Tricia Hobart key in success of Naples Soccer Club

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*Corning, NY. November 16, 2009.* New York State West Youth Soccer Association named Tricia Hobart of Naples, NY, the state's Volunteer of the Year. In 1999 Hobart began coaching in the Naples Youth Summer Soccer program. Over the next 10 years she has been fundamental in forming the Naples Soccer Club and fostering both recreational and travel teams.

Hobart encourages children to play soccer in a variety of ways. Hobart is credited with creating a player development-based soccer program in Naples and in encouraging recreational play at ever younger ages. She has formed positive, cooperative relationships with neighboring clubs (Wayland-Cohocton) and created joint ventures with municipality and high school programs. She has managed a summer recreation league in Naples, while coaching multiple teams – year round!

Her ethics on and off the field are exemplary. Her team's exhibit the highest forms of sportsmanship. This sportsmanship has been positively commented on in game reports from referees and post-game emails from opposing coaches! She has worked with players with disabilities and been able to create a positive play experience for them on the field.

Tricia's fortitude is amazing. She and her three daughters often give up family time to work for the good of the soccer community in the Naples area. Tricia Hobart is a major force promoting and sustaining soccer in the greater Naples area.

New York State West Youth Soccer Association is the largest non-profit organization organizing both recreational and competitive (travel) soccer in western New York. NYSWYSA has over 70,000 registered players and adult volunteers. NYSWYSA is a member of US Youth Soccer Association and the US Soccer Federation.