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BUILDING THE WORLD CUP CULTURE IN HYS

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR - NICK ARZANI



Every winter we offer the fun and excitement of the World Cup through our Winter World Cup program, which gives players the opportunity to be mixed and placed on teams identified by countries for games only (see article below in this issue). The WWC program serves to build on our club camaraderie as players learn to expand their circle of friendships with other players--boys and girls--in their age group and outside of their current team.

This year is especially exciting since the 2022 World Cup runs November 20-December 18, rather than over the summer. Our WWC players will be even more inspired to compete for the WWC trophy, transferring what they watch on TV to the playing field.

In order to make the most of the World Cup fever that will soon be upon us, the club is also initiating other ideas to build the World Cup culture in Herndon. We are offering a World Cup training camp over our Thanksgiving break inspired by the style of play of various prominent national teams (see article in this issue). Teams have already begun trading World Cup player cards or stickers-- a fun way to follow along with World Cup games and get to know the players and teams. Lastly, we have come up with the idea to make a draft pool contest for our players to be able to select teams of their choosing and compete against their teammates (see below).

The World Cup is a tremendous opportunity for players to learn geography, and learn from the best players in the world. They say the game is the best teacher, and nothing is better than playing the game. But there is much that can be learned by watching some of the very best coaches and players in the world demonstrate their knowledge and passion to bring joy and pride to the countries they represent.

Our HYS FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Draft Pool Contest will be a fun and engaging way for the players to interact

with both the World Cup, and their teammates. For information on how to play, please see below.

HYS DRAFT POOL CONTEST **FIFA WORLD CUP QATAR 2022**

WHAT WE ARE DOING

We are creating a tournament pool for players to choose World Cup teams, and compete against their peers to see whose selected national teams will go the furthest.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

We are always striving to create a positive soccer-centric atmosphere, and this draft pool is an initiative with the intention to:

- Incentivize players to watch high-level matches and keep track of the event
- Create a fun way for players to interact and build team chemistry
- Utilize the World Cup as a platform and means of discussion about and around soccer topics amongst players
- Enhance our club's soccer culture and inspire more soccerphiles

DRAFT POOL SET-UP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Coaches will write down numbers 1 thru 32 on crumpled pieces of paper and place inside a brown paper bag at practice.
2. Players will get to pick a piece of paper out of the bag one-at-a-time. All players on the team should have an equal amount of numbers, which will represent draft picks.
3. Each number represents a draft pick. The player that draws the number 1 gets to pick his/her team first. And then number 2 gets to pick his/her team second. And so on.
4. After all teams are picked, coaches will provide the bracket sheet to the team/players by making a copy of the Master [HYS World Cup Qatar 2022 Draft Pool Table](#), and then writing in the name of the players next to their selected national team(s).

DRAFT POOL COMPETITION RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

1. Players will keep track and mark the points of their selected national team(s) on the shared World Cup Qatar 2022 Draft Pool Table.
2. Each group stage win is worth 3 points, a draw is worth one point, and a loss is worth zero points. A round of 16 win and quarterfinal win is worth 3 points. A semifinal win is worth 4 points. And a win in the finals is worth 6 points.
3. Players will tally together all of the cumulative points of all their selected national teams, and the player with the most points at the end of the tournament is the winner.
4. Coaches will verify the winner of each team. The winner of each team will earn a prize a Adidas Qatar 2022 Soccer ball or a T-shirt.

We would like for families to keep track of the World Cup game schedule and follow along with their kids as much as possible. You can find the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 match schedule [here](#). We would also like for parents to help kids to view the game with an analytical eye. So beyond just following the games and having fun competing with teammates, we want the players to learn to be critical thinkers and students of the game.

Some of the things to look at when watching the games:

- Formations and systems of play
- Tactical movements of players that play the same position as them
- Passing patterns in build-up play
- Movements and coordination of groups/units during transition
- Decision making of players on the ball and immediately before/after passing or losing the ball
- Body language and non-verbal communication of players in different situations
- Organization during set pieces

There will be so many interesting match ups during this World Cup. Be sure to track our social media where we will be highlighting the important games!

GIRLS DIRECTOR - JANE DAWBER



With the Fall season winding down, we will be giving the teams a couple of breaks during the winter. Whilst each team's schedule may be slightly different due to tournaments and showcases, teams should expect a pause in training over Thanksgiving and Winter Break. After the break, teams will continue to train outdoors on a similar schedule to the Fall Season. The goal of the off season is to recover and be ready for the Spring.

What options do you have this winter?

Team Training - Teams will continue to train outdoors twice a week during the off season. Sessions may be shortened due to temperatures.

Winter World Cup games on the weekend - Herndon's Winter World Cup is a great way to continue to play the game with games every weekend in a competitive and fun environment. It is highly encouraged that players participate.

Master a skill - Is there a skill you would like to master? Use this off time to evaluate and watch your recorded games on Veo. Find a skill you would like to improve and make that your focus in the off season. If players aren't sure, they can ask their coaches what to focus on improving on their own in the winter.

Build up your core muscles - Work on improving your physical capacities.

Cross training in other Sports - Many of our players participate in basketball during the winter. Basketball has similar team tactics and movement as soccer, with dribbling, passing and shooting being some of the main fundamentals.

Recover - Some players come out of the season with injuries, pain, stiffness and body tension. Stretching the body, roll out muscles and maintain a routine to help the body recover. Take care of injuries and begin training when you feel that your body is healthy and recovered again.

Mental break - Catch up on sleep, let the stress of the game go, with no worries about results and weekend games, catch up with friends and family, enjoy your vacations and time off. Parents too :)

WORLD CUP TRAINING CAMP @ BREADY PARK November 21-25, 2022

**Registration is Now Open! \$20
Discount if Registering by November
11!**

The 2022 World Cup in Qatar is just around the corner and we are all looking forward to watching our favorite players and national teams! Inspired by the World Cup, we are offering a 4-day mini camp with each training day focused on a different World Cup National team and their style of play.

Players can stay fit over the fall break/Thanksgiving week and continue to develop their physical, technical and tactical soccer skills focusing on specific individual and small-group training during an intense and fun week. Players will be organized into skill-specific training groups for most sessions. They will rotate through the stations working each day on specific topics related to some of the qualities of the World Cup national teams' identified style of play. Players will also train on speed, agility, quickness

REGISTER NOW

WORLD CUP TRAINING CAMP REGISTRATION DETAILS

Program Director: Coach Andres Miloc
Contact: afmiloc@gmail.com

- 2014-2010 Travel Players
- 4 Days - Week of November 21-25
- M/T/W/F - No Session on Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving)
- 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- Bready Park
- \$100** Receive a \$20 Discount if registering by November 11!

(SAQ) and coordination to encourage the development of these physical qualities or SAQ.

MONDAY - Uruguay "La Celeste" - Defense

Twice a world champion, Uruguay has managed to stand out between two giants (Argentina and Brazil). Uruguay's courage and resilience has made it a legend in the world of football, being known for its strong defensive system and highly combative players, making Uruguay defenders very hard to beat. Players will train this day on individual and team defensive game principles through 1v1, 2v1, 2v2, 3v2, 3v3 games, while also training on SAQ.



TUESDAY – Spain "La Furia Roja" - Midfield

In the 2010 World Cup, Spain changed the world view of football, by playing some of the most beautiful styles ever seen, "Tiki Taka" football, influenced by Coach Pepe Guardiola's FC Barcelona, had a huge impact on football at all levels around the world. This style of play gave Spain its first world title. Players will train this day in Passing and movement/support – Basic possession exercises to stimulate team play through activities such as Rondos, 3v3+3, 4v4+neutrals-- where the attack is created through combination pass sequences. Players will also train on SAQ.



WEDNESDAY – Germany "Die Mannschaft" - Attack

"In Germany we don't believe in superstars. We are taught from a very young age to play as a team, not to shine alone. That's why you won't see many German players winning a Ballon d'Or, but that's also why you can see 4 stars on our T shirt," Thomas Muller, Bayern Munich and German National Team player. Quick and effective attacks and counter-attacks have been a successful mark of the German style of play. Players will train this day in transition games to quickly attack and counterattack in 1v1, 2v1, 2v2, 3v2, 3v3 games, while also training on SAQ.



THURSDAY – THANKSGIVING - No Training

FRIDAY – ARGENTINA "La Albiceleste" = Game Application

Two-time world cup champions, Argentina's passion for the game is found nowhere else in the world. Their supporters demand the best from his National Team. For Argentina, having the best player in the world, Messi, and playing attractive football is not enough. Argentine football throughout its history requires not only winning, but playing with creativity in the attack and ferocious mindset on defense to win every ball played until the last minute of the match. This day the players will be split into teams to play freely for most of the practice and apply what they have learned during the week. Players will also train on SAQ.



**REGISTER NOW FOR THE WINTER WORLD CUP
Games Begin December 11!**

Deadline to Register is November 25

Herndon's Winter World Cup is our most popular program, and an original concept only offered in Herndon! It is a competitive, yet very fun tournament held over the winter with games only. It is a great opportunity for players across travel teams and clubs to deepen or build friendships and camaraderie through the love of soccer. The emphasis of the program is enjoyment and development through competition--not through coaching.

- Individual players from various Herndon travel teams, as well as from other travel clubs, are mixed and placed on WWC teams named by country.
- Each team represents their national team by wearing a replica jersey for their uniform. Countries represented in the past have included USA, Argentina, Germany, Brazil, Spain, Colombia, England and Croatia
- Parent volunteers have been chosen by the WWC professional staff to facilitate communication and manage game day substitutions--no formal coaching allowed.
- Parent volunteers are instructed to allow the players to experiment and problem solve, without the pressure to perform. The nature of the game itself and the World Cup environment should serve as motivation for the player to compete.
- Players should expect equal playing time and experience playing a variety of positions.
- Teams will be assembled by WWC staff to maximize competition. However, some players from the same club team may be placed together on a WWC team to ensure enjoyment or for car pool accommodations.



WINTER 2022-2023 WINTER WORLD CUP INFORMATION

SUNDAY GAME DATES: December 11, 18; January 8, 22 and 29; February 5, 12 and 19; Make up date - February 26

LOCATION: Bready Park

FORMAT: 7v7 format for all age groups

- Similar to the FIFA World Cup, the first round of games in the Winter World Cup are the "group stage" to set up seeding for the second stage based on points.
- Unlike the FIFA World Cup, teams are not eliminated in a "knock-out stage" but rather continue in seeded matchups until the final day of championship or consolation games.

COST: \$120 that includes a WWC national team replica jersey.

- Payment can be made online with credit card during registration.
- During registration, you also have the option to pay by check or cash (click the icon).
 - If paying by check, check should be made out to HERNDON YOUTH SOCCER and mailed to: PO Box 464, Herndon, VA 20172. Please include the PLAYER NAME in the memo and label it WWC.
 - If paying by cash, please contact Martin Sanchez to deliver payment: If paying by cash, please contact Martin Sanchez to deliver payment: hyswwc@gmail.com

WINTER 2023 AGE GROUPS: Open to travel players and recreational All-Star players

- U8/U9/U10/U11 COED - 7v7
- U12/U13 COED - 7v7
- U14/U15/U16 COED - 7v7

COMMUNICATION AFTER REGISTERING: Rosters and schedule will be shared the week before the first game.

CONTACT: Program Director Martin Sanchez, hyswwc@gmail.com

REGISTER NOW

VDA - HERNDON ELITE PLAYER PATHWAY

Herndon hosted the VDA Pre-ECNL training at Bready Park on October 29. The VDA Pre-ECNL teams are the 2011 (U12) and 2012 (U11) top boys and girls teams from VDA-partner clubs Herndon (VDA-North), PWSI (VD-East) and VSA (VDA-West). These high-level training sessions are held regularly for the clubs to work together with VDA staff in

developing the readiness for the ECNL National League level that begins at U13. It is the foundation of the pathway for elite player selection to VDA, but Herndon travel players have the opportunity for elite player selection at U13-U19 through VDA ID sessions or potential Development Player opportunities facilitated through their coach and Technical Director Nick Arzani.

VDA is currently centralized in Manassas and Haymarket since it was initially formed via PWSI and VSA in 2017. Herndon joined VDA as a partner last spring, forming VDA North to be part of the process of supporting the competitive development of our most talented players to compete at the ECNL level. While the majority of our players on Black, Red and White teams continue to compete and develop on our Herndon travel teams in their respective leagues, the partnership adds another layer of opportunity for our players to aspire to at the next level. Our club has also enjoyed having several VDA players (including former Herndon players) guest play on our ECNL RL teams this season when there have been player injuries or roster availability issues. In addition, since Herndon is a pathway to VDA, we can potentially attract more players into our club as a way for them to develop along this pathway while growing our club.



With this partnership, Nick Arzani and Michelle Alioto (Director of Administration/Communications) are both head coaches of VDA ECNL teams (2006 Boys and 2007 Girls, respectively), and Herndon coach Elvin Arbaiza is an assistant coach with the 2006 Boys. Working in roles for both clubs is not unique and serves to the benefit of bringing these high-level experiences back to Herndon while providing the elite pathway of VDA for Herndon players. VDA Executive Director Quan Pham is also the PWSI Executive Director, and VDA Technical Director Matt Lacey is also the VSA Executive Director, Director of Soccer and 2011 Boys ECNL-RL Head Coach. Many VDA coaches also coach or are have coached in the partner clubs.

Our collaboration with VDA is still new and will continue to grow over time. Many talented players who developed in Herndon are now wearing the VDA uniform this season, and that is something to celebrate and take pride in as a club for these players who are committed and talented enough to play at this level. VDA is a top ECNL club in our area and has unparalleled success in placing VDA players into college soccer programs. Herndon is excited to be a partner in this process of offering a pathway for our most elite players to continue to their development and aspire towards their highest goals.

We interviewed two outstanding players that played for and developed their talent in Herndon for many years before moving on to VDA this season. We wanted to share their experiences -- please read!

VDA - HERNDON PLAYER INTERVIEWS

Cara Pham and Lucho Fuentes



Name: Cara Pham
VDA Team: VDA ECNL 07 Girls
Coach: Michelle Alioto
Previous team in Herndon: Herndon 2007 Girls Alianza Black
Previous Coach: Michelle Alioto
Position: Midfield



Name: Lucho Fuentes

Q: Explain the difference of playing at VDA (in ECNL) from your experience in the previous league in Herndon.

A: The difference between ECNL and the other leagues I've played in is the level of competitiveness. Everyone on the team is very competitive at being the best, but it helps each other grow. It's a much higher speed of play and everyone is fully committed to the team. The focus level is also much higher every time we get on the field in games or training because we play to win and get better.

Q: What do you enjoy about playing for VDA?

A: Overall I enjoy the whole environment. My teammates are kind and fun to be around, but also push each other to get better. The coaches are very good at being assertive and push us with constructive criticism to be better players and a better team, but also encourage us. I also like the competitiveness each game day when we are trying to fight for a good standing in our conference.

Q: How has your experience in Herndon helped you prepare for or make the transition to play ECNL?

A: In Herndon, there were a lot of talented players I played with, and we helped each other grow and get better even though we weren't at the highest level. A lot of us went on and moved to different ECNL teams, and I believe it was because of our competitiveness to win, and Coach Michelle that really helped all of us become the best versions of ourselves by pushing and encouraging us.

Q:: What do you miss about playing for Herndon?

A: I miss the team bonding and getting togethers--i.e. we went to Fields of Fear one year, and every winter we had a Christmas party with a Secret Santa exchange.

Q: What was your favorite memory or experience with Herndon?

A: My favorite memory with Herndon

VDA Team: VDA ECNL 06 Boys

Coach: Nick Arzani

Previous team in Herndon: Herndon

2006 Boys Estudiantes Black

Previous Coach: Nick Arzani

Position: Midfield

Q: Explain the difference of playing at VDA (in ECNL) from your experience in previous league in Herndon.

A: There is a noticeable difference in the speed of play, the focus in practice and games, the commitment to the team and the commitment to the sport itself. The level is overall higher--more physical, more technical, etc. All that being said, I wouldn't say Herndon strays far off!

Q: What do you enjoy about playing for VDA?

A: I love the culture of the club, the mutual respect between everyone, competing with one another in every aspect is amazing.

Q: How has your experience in Herndon helped you prepare for or make the transition to play ECNL?

A: The intensity of play helped a lot so that it wasn't such a big jump. Demanding coaches in Herndon helped shape me as a player and made it easier for me to adapt at this level.

Q:: What do you miss about playing for Herndon?

A: My teammates for sure, and the relationships between the teams and coaches. And I certainly miss some rivalry games!

Q: What was your favorite memory or experience with Herndon?

A: Winning tournaments and games. Competing with everyone, fun times within the club. As well as persevering through the rougher times.

Q: Discuss your goals and how playing with VDA in ECNL is helping you to develop those goals:

A: First off, my goals are to play at a higher level: D1 college soccer or professionally. The VDA

was going to the finals for the State Cup two years in a row and also qualifying for regionals one year.

Q: Discuss your goals and how playing with VDA in ECNL is helping you to develop those goals:

A: My goal playing ECNL is to just be the best player I can be, and play D1 college soccer. Now playing for VDA will help me get more experience playing with better players and teams.

Q: How do you balance your soccer commitment, academics, family and high school social life?

A: Soccer definitely makes your life more busy. You have to make sure you do well in school and finish your homework and study everyday after school, then go to practice and do the best you can or train on your own sometimes when you don't have practice. I try to go to school social events about once a week depending if I have games on the weekends, and also have family gatherings some weekends.

Q: Do you have siblings who play soccer?

A: I have two siblings that also play soccer. My sister is 22, and now plays D1 soccer for JMU and is the captain of her team. My brother now plays club soccer at GMU.

Q: Which country are you supporting in the World Cup?

A: Brazil

coaches are helping me to understand different aspects of the game and preparing me for all the challenges I'm going to face once I jump into that higher level. I'm definitely under the right guidance to reach my goals.

Q: How do you balance your soccer commitment, academics, family and high school social life?

A: You have to always enjoy yourself, I think it affects the way you express yourself on the field. At the end of the day, you've got to understand your priorities. As long as you can do your job at your best in school and on the field, you can have those times to relax. My parents make sure I have everything I need and are very supportive. As well as my friends-- I try my best to surround myself with people who also care to better themselves.

Q: Do you have siblings who play soccer? Names/club/levels/age:

A: Younger sister, Adri, plays for Herndon.

Q: Which country are you supporting in the World Cup?

A: USA. But obviously I look up to a lot of the players from Argentina-- who doesn't wanna see Messi win?

Q: Do you have anything you would like to share that I haven't asked you?

A: Both clubs are amazing and I hope to represent them well.

COACH'S Q & A Featuring Federico Santiago

This season begins the second year our club has offered Club Nights for travel players, giving players the opportunity of an additional day of training in an environment meant to bring the various travel teams and families together for greater club camaraderie and club identity. We have a talented staff of coaches, and it's important to offer our players across teams the chance to train with other staff coaches to aid in both their development and expand their ties to the club outside of their team.

in the club since 2015. Coach Federico also helps the club as the Social Media Coordinator, reliably posting content to promote Herndon Youth Soccer on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter and connect our Herndon families!

Coach Name: Federico Santiago

Current Team(s): 2010 Boys FC Black Pre-ECNL and 2011 Boys United Blsck Pre-ECNL

Years Coaching Experience: 7 years

Years Coaching in Herndon: 7 years

Coaching License, Education: Currently enrolled in USSF C License, US National Youth License, NSCAA National Diploma, Grassroots Diplomas in 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11

Playing Experience: Travel soccer and HS Soccer (District Championship)

Where were you born? Argentina

Favorite place to visit/travel to: Argentina - Best food, friends and family

If not from this area, when did you move here? 2001

Pro Team you follow: Racing Club (Argentina)

Favorite Player(s): Diego Armando Maradona

Hobbies you enjoy besides soccer: Coin collector

You have no games to coach on a weekend. What do you do instead? Cook on the grill or go hiking.

Favorite World Cup and Why: 1994. I got together with all my friends to watch Argentina's games.

Country supporting in 2022 World Cup: Argentina

Who do you think will win the 2022 World Cup? Argentina

A Soccer Moment that stands out as a Player that helped shape you: Lots of them, luckily soccer left me with lots of friends.

Biggest Lesson from playing soccer that you learned and helps shape you as a coach: Losing a final as a kid and thinking that we will never have another chance. Then coming back the following year, making it to the finals again and winning it. Always, get up and keep fighting.

Why do you coach? Because I do it with passion, love and respect for the game. I strongly believe that if you want something to grow, to change, to improve, then you must get involved.

Explain what connects you to our club/Herndon community: In Herndon I found an excellent vibe with coaches, people with profound understanding of the game, that I also can share a barbecue or a night out as well. Also, my son plays in HYS and it feels really good to see him grow, develop and make friends surrounded by good people.

Favorite Club event?: Game Day environment and the annual game Coaches vs Players.

How do you define success as a coach? I would define success as a coach, not only because of the development of the player but also to help him/her a better



person.

Any favorite moments of "success" coaching you would like to share? To me, every league/tournament we won and the ones we lost, as each one made us a little better than before--that's my success.

FIELD SAFETY UPDATE

Non-Emergency Police Phone Numbers to Report Incidents

We met with the Town of Herndon Police Chief at Bready Park to discuss safety at our soccer fields. (Not to be confused with Fairfax County which covers our other fields). In order to move this issue forward with long-term solutions, we need to do our part in the short term to call the non-emergency police number every time there is an issue. The point is to build data so there are records of incidences, which will help push this as a concern in order to bring change. Right now there isn't documentation and the police chief needs to have data that supports what we are saying to warrant making significant changes at Bready Park.

BREADY PARK ISSUES PROTOCOL

- NON EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR HERNDON POLICE (Bready Park): **703-435-6846**
- We should not engage community members for safety concerns. **Call the police from the beginning to do this .**
 - If retaliation is a concern, meet with the police off the field/out of sight before they come to the field or talk to them from your phone.
- **File a police report every time there is theft or other concerning incident .** While reporting your ball or bag stolen will most likely not get it back, it's the documentation that is important to show a pattern of problems needed to frame this as a big issue.
 - Parents can call the non-emergency number from the field or once at home tell the dispatcher they would like to file a report over the phone. The police chief said she will let the staff know this is acceptable to call in reports for HYS (normally they would have to come to the field)
 - The dispatcher will take the parents number and have a police officer call back to file the report over the phone. Only police officers can file a report—not the dispatcher.
- Only the parent that the theft/incident happened to can file the report. Just email me as an FYI that a report was filed, so I can keep track as well.

HUTCHISON AND ARROWBROOK (AND OUR OTHER COUNTY FIELDS) PROTOCOL

Our club has been consistently in touch with the county about situations at Hutchison and Arrowbrook. While we continue to advocate for our safety to the Park Authority, the same process as above for the Town of Herndon (Bready Park) should apply for Fairfax County right away to 1) clear the field and 2) report theft/incidents. Fairfax County is already set up to file reports over the phone.

- NON EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE (Hutchison/Arrowbrook/HHS): **703-691-2131**

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Highlighting Chrissy and Mark Turgeon



We continue to highlight the special volunteers who go above and beyond to serve our club and community, and offer more insight on the person(s) behind the role through a Q&A.

In this issue, we feature a dynamic wife and husband duo--Chrissy and Mark Turgeon! While each volunteer as a Team Manager for different teams, both have helped the club in various roles including as a registrar, Age Group Commissioner for our recreational league and as a coach in the recreational league.

Name: Chrissy and Mark Turgeon

Player(s) in Club and Team(s): Samuel, 2011 Boys United Black; Aaron, 2008 Boys

If no longer playing, year finished: Jaimi, Girls Rec - aged out

Years Volunteered: About 9 years. Mark started coaching when Aaron was U7, then Jaimi at U12, and then both Sam and Jaimi when Sam started U6.

Roles Volunteered: Mark: I've coached all three kids in the rec league and continue to be the Age Group Commissioner for the u16 and u19 girls age groups. I am currently the manager and treasurer of Ajax Black and also coach in the Winter World Cup.

Chrissy: I am the team manager for United Black and assist the club in player and team registrations ahead of the travel season.

Background/experience that helps you contribute in your role: Mark: I've played soccer since I was 6 years old and I was captain of my high school team. I took a 5-week trip to Europe to play soccer.

Chrissy: I'm just a mom who has some free time and likes seeing kids active and having fun .

Besides fulfilling an immediate need for the various volunteer roles, why else did you volunteer and continue volunteering? Chrissy: I will never forget sitting in that first u9 travel meeting when our team's parents made me volunteer for team manager. Oye! But I had so many great managers that helped me and I enjoy helping other new managers coming in.

Mark: I've always thought of the soccer field as my second home and have a lot of great memories on the field. I wants to help kids have the same experience.

What do you enjoy most about your volunteer role? Mark and Chrissy: Helping people. Helping the other managers, the coaches and the parents. We try to help with what we know, and what we don't know, we try to find out. And Mark likes to give back to the sport that provided him so much joy when he was a kid.

What do you like about being part of Herndon Youth Soccer? Mark and Chrissy: Being introduced to pupusa and atole :) We love how we are such a diverse group of players and we share things like that and we work together for the players. And because we are a smaller club it's fun to play the big clubs and give them some great competition.

What is your favorite Herndon club event or program? Mark and Chrissy: We think a great moment for us was the trip to Spain with Ajax. We weren't black team or red team, we were Ajax and working together to give the boys a great once-in-a-lifetime experience. You become really close to people you would jump off cliffs with! And Mark will never forget watching Aaron talking to Nick Arzani and Hernan Losada at the field.

What is your favorite Herndon club event or program? Mark and Chrissy: We love the Winter World Cup. The boys love playing the different positions and it's fun watching them just play. And we love the collection of jerseys we've acquired!

VOLUNTEERS ANSWERED THE CALL

In October, we sent a club-wide email asking for volunteers with a specific skill set to help remove old goals from the grounds at Clearview ES, since they pose potential safety issues during recess. It was heart warming to receive many responses from our members who offered to assist! THANK YOU to the members that answered the call volunteering their time and labor on a Sunday morning: **Paul Quick, Michael Ball, Liam Ball and Keith Driscoll**. They worked very hard to remove the goals from years of overgrown brush, break the goals down, and haul them away to the recycling center.

We appreciate their service to our club and community!



A GREAT WAY TO STAY CONNECTED AND SUPPORT
HERNDON YOUTH SOCCER IS TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
AND FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM AND TWITTER!



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