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MALABAR SOCCER CLUB: HOME OF THE 2009 BREVARD COUNTY DC CUP CHAMPIONS!

You read that right! We have bragging rights! Not only did 1 team do an incredible job at the District Commissioner's Cup last season, but two did! That's right! The **U10 co-ed team played an undefeated season**, going for a chance to score big at the annual DC Cup Tournament in May. They traveled to Rockledge for a two day tournament where they won 3 out of 3 games. They showed that they were truly champions!



The girls U12 team had an interesting year last year. Fall season they were registered as a co-ed team because it looked like we did not have enough children to form an all girls team. At the last minute we did. But we played a long season against co-ed and all boys teams, losing the majority, but never losing heart. In the spring, we registered as an all girls team again. And Coach Tim was right, playing all those co-ed teams made us stronger. The girls U12 team stats before the DC Cup were 9 wins, 1 losses and 0 ties. Coach Tim thought they had a good chance. **The U12** played two weekends worth of games. 4 days total, winning 4, tying 1 and losing no games to take

1st place for U12 Recreational Girls in Brevard County!



Both teams faced some personal challenges in their scheduled games and in the playoffs. Both teams exhibited great sportsman (or woman) like conduct in every situation. We were all very pleased to see that the "good guys" finished first this time. Malabar Strikers, your coaches and parents could not be more proud! You are awesome!

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE SOCCER CLUB SUCCEED?



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Fields Coordinator, Uniforms Coordinator, Fund Raising Coordinator, Registrar Trainee, Coaches, and Team Parents.

The team parents are responsible for calling parents with

information from the coach, canceling practice due to weather, and coordinating snacks and drinks, and the end of the year party.

If you would like to learn more about the other positions available, please visit our website at **MalabarSoccer.com** or stop one

of the board members in person at the field.

MEET THE NEW BOARD

As you may or may not be aware, there was talk last season about merging with the Palm Bay Soccer Club. While the story was that everyone was for the merger, a lot of Recreational player parents had not been asked for their input. As the season was ending and the merger was rumored to be impending some club parents petitioned the Board of Directors for a Parent Meeting to address the subject. They copied the BYSL

(Brevard Youth Soccer League) and the FYSA (Florida Youth Soccer Association) in the hopes of a meeting being called, as direct contact with the board had so far been unsuccessful. Instead of calling a meeting with the parents the Board of Directors (minus the Director of Coaches) resigned. An emergency meeting was called, in which the current attending member-

ship elected some unwitting victims, I mean, new Board Members. We thought you would like to meet the folks who have spent their summer unraveling the mysteries left behind by the exiting board. If you were at the election, or involved in the letter that shook the club, and would like more information, please feel free to contact one of the Board Members introduced here.



MEET THE PRESIDENT



I asked **Darlene** why she volunteered for her

position. She laughed and pointed out that she did not volunteer for her current position. She initially was kind of coerced into running for Vice President of the Board of Directors when the majority of previous board resigned.

Most recently, she assumed the role of President when the person holding that position resigned. She is the president and owner of Merimax, Inc. . She runs, manages and works for herself in several internet businesses. You will often see her at practice with a small laptop, working away, while watching her children play soccer. Why did she volunteer for a position on the

board initially? Because she is very interested in the development of the club. She is very happy to help out. She used to coach, and then was Bucky's team parent. Why does she like being involved with the Malabar Soccer Club? Because of the family atmosphere. And what does she like to do most with her spare time? Spend time with her family.



MEET THE VICE PRESIDENT

Paul initially dodged the bullet of running for president, but recently had a change of heart when the board told them they really needed him. Paul works at Harris Corporation in a wide-ranging IT role, that includes some web site work. He is a big fan of Striker soccer, having seen his stepdaughter and her

teams accomplish amazing things the last few seasons. "Hopefully we can expand communication with the town and the parents via the web site, and give the coaches and teams the support they deserve for their hard work." Paul is an eight year resident of Malabar, and considers it Brevard's finest rural oasis.

His favorite activities are goat herding and taking care of the other four-legged residents at the Yolles farm."



MEET THE TREASURER



Debbie is the Malabar Soccer Club Treasurer. She is employed at Royal Palm Charter School as a gifted student teacher, which she loves. She volunteered

because 3 of her 4 children play soccer for Malabar and she wanted to help ensure the successful future of the club. Debbie is quoted as saying, "If no one volunteers, how are we supposed to maintain a successful club? I decided it was my turn, so here I am, learning all about club finances". Debbie has experience as the former treasurer of her homeowners association, and was the

Director of the Home School Soccer Club for several years. What does Debbie like to do best? Why, cheer on her kids loudly from the sidelines during soccer games, of course!

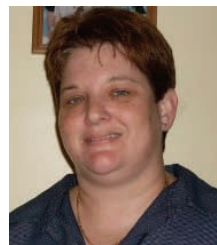


SECRETARY

Meet **Catherine** - Soccer Mom Extraordinaire. Not only is she the club secretary, and mother of twins (one fearless soccer player, the other a talented actor), but she is working on her Master's Degree while managing a full time job at Northrop Grumman as a Supplier Delivery Management and Program Integration person. You go Catherine! When asked why she volun-

teered to be a board member, she claims, "Holly made me." Yeah, right! Why? She really wanted to keep Malabar a "hometown club". She really loves the close knit family feel. "From the moment my daughter started playing, I was welcomed with open arms as a member of the family." Catherine never thought of herself as a soccer mom. and now "I cannot imagine my daughter

wanting to do anything else! I love cheering her and her teammates on during games and practice and solving the problems of the world with the other soccer moms!"



"I am a member of a team, and I rely on the team, I defer to it and sacrifice for it, because the team, not the individual, is the ultimate champion."

- Mia Hamm

DIRECTOR OF COACHES

Meet **Bucky**, he is the Malabar Soccer Club Director of Coaches and Coach of the U11 comp team. Bucky, a self-employed landscaper at St. John's Island, among his other duties there catering to the rich and famous. He volunteers his time coaching the kids because he believes very strongly that they are our

future. He wants to make a difference in just 1 child's life. Bucky can be quoted saying, "Grades are more important than anything. School comes first, then soccer". Bucky has been involved in coaching soccer for over 32 years; 12 at PBHS for cross country, soccer and track, FIT, volun-

teer coach for local area clubs such as Indialantic and Malabar, and as the DOC of our Malabar Soccer Club. We are so lucky to have Bucky as a part of our team! In his spare time Bucky raises chicken, cows, hogs and jack Russell terriers, and he like to hunt.



MEET THE REGISTRAR

Scott works mostly behind the scenes, but has been a tremendous blessing to the club. He is from a long line of residents of Malabar (multiple generations). In fact, he used to coach for the club. While he is now committed to coaching a competitive team somewhere else, he offered his experience and assistance in the hopes of keeping the club here in Malabar. There is a rule with the Florida Youth Soccer League (FYSA) that does not allow an-

other club within 15 miles of an existing club. This means that if the Malabar Club folded, there would be no opportunity to start another club later. Right now the existing clubs in the area are grandfathered in.

Scott rolled up his sleeves and dove in to advise and direct the new board through fall registration and many other activities. He has also offered to mentor a replace-

ment for the Spring. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING THE REGISTRAR PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT OR DARLENE VIA THE WEBSITE OR IN PERSON.** What makes him qualified? He has loads of Registrar and Board experience from ours and other clubs in the area.



MEET THE COACHES WHO TEACH MALABAR TO SCORE



C o a c h Mary is the U10 c o a c h this year. She is a Domestic Engineer, tasked with everything you know a Domestic Goddess is responsible for: cooking; cleaning; chauffeuring; volunteering at school; and coaching her sons soccer team! Mary first became involved in that role

in her life when Malabar Soccer Club was short on coaches, about 5 years ago. Prior to that, she used to coach track. Why does she coach for Malabar? For the kids, of course! She has been a passionate supporter of our club for many years. One could definitely say that without Mary, we might not have our local soccer club. She has helped out in almost every aspect of the club,

from ordering and placing signs for registration, to obtaining sponsorships, and recruiting coaches and board members. We are very lucky to have Mary as a strong supporter of the club. In her spare time, Mary likes to work in the yard or go to the beach. The next time you see her there, please give her a friendly wave of thanks.

“A champion is someone who does not settle for that day's practice, that day's competition, that day's performance. They are always striving to be better. They don't live in the past.”

- Briana Scurry

MEET THE COACHES WHO TEACH MALABAR TO SCORE



C o a c h Megan is the U6 C o a c h . She is employed at Space Coast Early Intervention Center (a preschool for special needs people) as a volunteer coordinator. She volunteers

to coach soccer “because I love babies (anyone under 10).“ If I have my facts straight, Megan was recruited several years ago, handed a book about coaching soccer, and has been doing it ever since. The reason she is involved with Malabar Soccer Club is because it is small and friendly. What does

Megan like to do in her spare time? Anything but referee her children.



MEET THE COACHES WHO TEACH MALABAR TO SCORE



Coach Mike is the U8 Coach this year. He is a systems engineer for EG&G (a subsidiary of URL) at Kennedy Space Center. He volunteered to coach soccer to spend time with his kids and because he likes the game. He was

heard to say that he “will follow their interests with them” anywhere they take them. He enjoys being involved with the Malabar club because of the focus on fun and player development. The club is also close to home and “we have our own identity.” In his spare time, Mike enjoys all outdoor activities that life in Brevard provides. Thanks for stepping up to coach for Malabar, Mike!



MEET THE COACHES WHO TEACH MALABAR TO SCORE



Coach Tim works for Bennett Construction. He frames houses for his day job. In the evenings he coaches his daughter’s soccer team. And sometimes other soccer teams, if we are short on coaches. When my daughter moved up to the U12 team, she was a little

intimidated by Tim. He is tall and commanding, and may be seen carrying a giant water cooler on his shoulder to every game (he wants to make sure the kids get enough water at the games) and a bag of soccer balls. When the kids don’t listen to Tim, he sometimes gets a little more commanding (ok, sometimes he yells out interesting things like, “Quit play-

ing with your hair and play soccer” - not an exact quote). He is only out-yelled by the enthusiastic parents of his team members (he has also suggested a game of parents versus kids - and I am sure it is because he know the kids will cream us). He’ll tell you he coaches for his daughter, but again, he sometimes coaches for other teams when we can’t find a volunteer to coach.

“Teamwork is no accident. It is the by-product of good leadership.”
- John Adair

MEET THE COACHES WHO TEACH MALABAR TO SCORE

What makes him qualified to coach? He played for the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Old Dominion University. He was Division 1 All American at Old Dominion. As Goalkeeper at UNCG they won 2 National Championships. He has been nominated for Hall of Fame at both colleges. He was

drafted to play for the Witchita Wings in Kansas and Tampa Bay Rowdies. Why does he support Malabar Soccer Club by coaching here? He likes the small community, and the heart of the team he coaches. Even with the year they played against co-ed teams all season and lost a lot, they never

lost heart. What does Tim like to do with his spare time? He likes to spend it with his family.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Paul and Holly . They volunteered to handle the position of **Communications Coordinator** for the club. Paul and Holly both work at



Harris Corporation. As many of you may know, Holly likes to talk to people in person and on the phone. She helps enlist volunteers to conduct registration; and publishes

the newsletter. Paul may be kind of quiet, but he is busy working on the web page and being the VP.



Meet Mike O'Brien — our new **Fields Coordinator**. Many of you may not know, but Mike created the soccer field we play on at Malabar

Community Park. He also operates his own landscaping and land clearing business. As fields coordinator, he is responsible for coordinating the maintenance of the field and the marking of the lines. If you would like to become a part of his team, please stop him at the field, or contact us at MalabarSoccer.com.



Kids make all kinds of new friends playing soccer in Malabar

SPONSORS NEEDED

We are looking for a few good sponsors. Would you like to help us out? They can provide shade for the players (see the Publix tent at the games), beverages or snacks for players, money for nets and uniforms, and even the end of season parties, trophies, team photos and other treasures. If you know someone who would like to donate time, money or equipment, please contact a board member via our web site MALABARSOCCKER.COM



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Malabar Soccer Club is to provide an educational, affordable and safe soccer program for youth players in the Malabar, Valkaria, Fellsmere, Grant, East Palm Bay, and Port Malabar communities. Teaching soccer skills and sportsmanship in a manner that will help mold the personal character of the youth of our communities as they grow into adults.

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