



# THE GOAL POST

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## WORLD CUP FEVER CAME EARLY TO THE YMCA THIS SPRING!!!

### Full Time

I can safely say that we had one of the more successful seasons in recent memories. No sporting league runs without its hiccups however these were minimal and the feedback I received was mostly positive. I saw all the kids having fun, the coaches doing a great job, and the parents and supporters being kept on the edge of their seat with some closely fought out contests.

Again we had a strong registration period and with great interest in our youngest Pre-K division we were able to field 6 teams. One of the hardest parts of my job is to form teams which are all evenly matched. Often children want to be with friends or particular coaches and this makes the job even more difficult. However I feel like we had the best mix this season in a number

of divisions. The cricket games were often only decided by a difference of one goal if scores weren't tied. Goals were at a premium in the grasshopper division with strong defense resulting in some nerve racking finishes. Across the board, I saw all teams working hard until the final whistle despite the score line.

There are so many people to thank that make my job easier. These people make the league so successful and so enjoyable. Thanks to all the volunteer coaches who all do a great job and whilst the job can be very rewarding, at times it can also be challenging. Thank you to the parents who make the job easy for the coaches. Those parents who always have their players to practices and games on time make things so much easier. Finally the players deserve the most congratulations for the teamwork, sportsmanship

and happy faces they showed each and every week playing the game.

Having fun is of utmost importance and sometimes people forget that. One of the main goals of this program is to ensure that fun is the recipe to success. We hope that you enjoyed the season and we look forward to seeing you all in the seasons to come. I wish everyone a safe and fun summer and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or feedback regarding the program. I look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Regards,

Paul

Paul Culff

Sports Coordinator



### Sign up for the Fall season TODAY!!!

Early bird registration for the fall 2010 season begins today at the awards ceremony. Anyone who registers

today is more likely to receive their team/coach preference. Cost is \$67 and the season begins Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be ongoing at the front desk of the YMCA from Thursday July 1st until Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Any registrations after August 31<sup>st</sup> will be placed on a waitlist and can not be guaranteed placement on a team.**

### **COACHES WANTED: Discounts Apply!**

100% registration discount will apply for the children of any returning coaches. 50% will be applied to the children of any new coaches for the Fall 2010 season. Full payment will be required at time of registration for new coaches however refunds will be applied once the season begins and coaching needs are determined. Coaching is a great way to bond with your child and it is such a rewarding experience. I know many existing coaches feel lucky to be given the opportunity so don't miss out.

### **Can you be a good Soccer Referee?**

I want to thank those referees who helped me out this season and gave the children to

opportunity to learn and develop their knowledge of the game. Refereeing is a tough job even at this level so thanks for your repeated efforts. Any past or present travel/experienced soccer players looking to earn some extra cash during upcoming seasons as a referee should contact Paul on 631-421-4242 (ext.145) or at [paulc@ymcali.org](mailto:paulc@ymcali.org)

### **“World of Sports” Camp 2010**

We are happy to offer a new 2 week “World of Sports Camp” program which would be perfect for any budding young soccer player or sports athlete. This two week camp session from August 9<sup>th</sup> – August 20<sup>th</sup> will be a multi sports camp with a focus on Soccer and Basketball. The focus will be on skill development and children will be put through numerous drills and fitness exercises. This will be a great way to refine those skills for the fall season and beyond. Spots are still available in our all our day camp programs so be sure to stop in to the YMCA or visit our website at [www.ymcali.org](http://www.ymcali.org)

### **Donate a “Football” for Haiti**

With the help of our Senior Coach Ark Latt, the YMCA would like to help bring some fun into the lives of our friends in Haiti. They have experienced a tough time over the past 6 months and nothing brings more joy than the world game itself. So if you have a spare soccer ball lying around at home, be it new or used, please drop it off to the YMCA. We will be accepting donations of soccer balls from now until July 15<sup>th</sup> after which time we will have the soccer balls delivered to numerous communities in and around the regions devastated by the earthquake earlier in the year. Your involvement is much appreciated.

### **Important Dates**

These are some important dates to mark down in your calendar. Please bear in mind that these are only preliminary dates and are subject to change:

- **Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Fall Registration **CLOSES!!!**
- **Saturday Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Round 1
- **Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Awards Ceremony (TBC)



We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

## Huntington YMCA Spring Soccer 2010 Pee Wee Division

Now that we have the formalities out of the way, I give you the Pee Wee Division for Spring 2010.

### **Pee Wee Division**

#### **BLUE ANGELS!!!!**

Coach: Bill Davis/John Mackay

Roses are red and the *Angels* are short, but it's easy to see, soccer is their sport.

In the heat of the game, kicking the ball out of range, came the unmistakable **James**. Running down the field, looking smiley, out of the dust, we saw our friend, **Riley**.

Oh, **Danny** boy with his feet kickin', the other team often ran like a chicken.

Running down the field duckin' and weavin', was our good man, **Steven**.

The little guy who made other players look like a snail, was the one and only **Gabriel**.

With curls in her hair, making all the golies fidget, out the grass came the great, **Bridget**.

With strong feet that left the little boys whalin' was none other than our little, **Kailyn**.

The boy who kicks with great muscle flex, how could we forget **Alex**? Action **Jackson** known for passin, was quick on his feet and always laughin'.

**Matthew** with speed so true, it was to the goal that he flew.

We are proud of our players, one and all, may the *Blue Angels* never fall!!!

### **Pee Wee Division**

#### **RED FIREBALLS!!!**

Coach: Kevin Husselbeck

What a great spring campaign – this red pee-wee red team decided early-on to go by the name

*FIREBALLS*, and what a good name that was as this band of 11 was on fire right from the start. From the first practice on, this team was a tight unit who both played and laughed well together and their teaming became apparent as they showed each Saturday morning. Through such games as the chain game, flibbity-flu and relay races these players not only learned the important techniques of passing with the inside of their feet, stopping the ball, dribbling into space, and shooting often and early - but they laughed and had fun all the while.

There were a number of great moments captured in the 9 weeks we were a team, including such highlights as:

Numerous goals coming from a broad set of players including **Nicolai, Kieran, Sammy Mac, Ashley, and Hayden** Dazzling midfield creativeness by the likes of **Ally, Gabriel, and Ian**

Strong defensive playing that kept numerous clean sheets by **Joseph, Thomas and Colin**.

This red-hot group of *Fireballs* was a wonderful blend of attackers and defenders, and as a team they had fun week-in and week-out – showing how Saturday mornings spent with friends, fruit and soccer can often be a great way to end a week.

Congratulations to all of the players on the *Fireballs* team! The whole team showed great passion and attitude for the game and we hope you had a lot of fun and learned a few things along the way. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer and we hope to see everyone again in the fall.

**Pee Wee Division**  
GREEN MACHINE!!!!

Coach: Vince Sama

*Green Machine* showed vigorous tenacity on the soccer pitch against their opponents, as well as against themselves during the season. A spirited group to say the least, we witnessed the fastest goal of the year by **Frankie Ambrose**, kicking it in the net right as the starting whistle sounded. **Eli Karpman** showed expert ball handling up the soccer pitch, many times assisting goals scored by **Nicholas LaCapra** and **Alec Collins**. The goal stopping prowess of **Christopher Sama** recorded his fair share of shut outs during the season. **John Coyle's** lightning speed keep opposing defenses reeling, while defensive specialists **Luke and Alison LaGrone** helped keep the goalies from getting inundated with shots. **Kaitlan Cutrone** and **Livia Prestandrea** had a great 1-2 punch, assisting one another numerous times during the season. And **Liam Ritcey** was the spark plug that kept the well oiled *green machine* humming throughout the spring. The parents were the unsung heroes, always supporting the kids at each and every game.

I want to thank the players of *The Green Machine* as well as the parents for the consistent support thought the spring season.

**Pee Wee Division**  
ORANGE CRUSH!!!!

Coach: Mick Luckow

Team *Orange Crush* had a fantastic spring 2010 season! I had the privilege of coaching a wonderful bunch kids and working with a terrific group of parents. Let's start with our defense. **Ali Malone, Adam Kafkarkou,** and **Kathryn Montefusco** supplied strong play in goal. **Jack Gitto** and **Joseph Tortora** provided solid defensive play in clearing the ball away from our goal. On the offensive side **Ryan Catron, Chris Kafkarkou** and **Nick Totura** displayed their speed with mad dashes to the opponent's goal. **Shane Luckow, Julia Flynn,** and **Caroline Evangelist** showed they could handle extra responsibility with their impressive midfield play. Thanks,  
Mick Luckow  
Proud Coach of PeeWee Team *Orange Crush*

**Pee Wee Division**  
YELLOW DUCKS!!!!

Coach: Kevin Coleman/Keith Van Eycken

With a mix of older returning players and some who were playing for the first time the season started bright for the "*Ducks*". We braved some cold and windy practices at the beginning, while learning how to control that seemingly uncontrollable soccer ball. We worked on "keeping it close" while we laughed through activities like Red Light/Green Light. Our ball control exercises not helped our control, but gave us an opportunity to tell Knock Knock jokes. And what practice would not have been complete without a game of line tag. But, by the end of the season we played hard in our games, were a cohesive team and had a lot of fun. Coach Keith and I had a great time teaching you and learning from you, and we hope someday we get the chance to coach you again. We wish **Conor, Devon, McKenzie, Quinn, Colin, Meg, Charlie, Gwen, Lance and Jake** congratulations on a great soccer season. 1, 2, 3, Let's Go *Ducks!* – Quack, Quack, Quack!

**Pee Wee Division**  
**PURPLE DRAGONS!!!!**

Coach: Rosemary  
Miller/Annie Kaler

The Spring 2010 soccer season began with cold weather and lots of young faces who were new to organized soccer. As the season progressed, the weather became warm and the 11 players of the *Purple Dragons* were evolving into true soccer players. All were eager to play whether it be offense, defense even goalie. Once they got a taste of goal scoring, there was no stopping them. By the end of the season, the transformation was incredible. We saw the ball being stopped before it went out of bounds, changing direction of the ball, terrific dribbling and strong kicks.

The *Purple Dragons* were a fun team to coach. The players came to practices excited to practice drills and play games such as Police and Speedy Cars, and Sharks and Speedy Boats. We had lots of laughs along the

way. During the season, we saw **Emersen Evans'** quick hands as goaltender saving many goals. **Erin Purcell**, a returnee from the fall 2009 season, has made tremendous improvements since last season; kicking the ball stronger, dribbling and finding her niche as goaltender. **Zoya Fawad** used her powerful kick to move the ball up field. **Liam Fitzpatrick** and **Thomas Kaler** were like bolts of lightning. They would use their speed to move quickly to the ball. **Emma Hannigan** made sure she was involved in all the plays, passing the ball to her teammates. **Kallen Fenster** demonstrated a strong foot while kicking goal kicks and making superb throw ins. **Matthew Armstrong**, a newcomer to the game of soccer, caught on quickly and was a hungry goal scorer; he had 3 for the season. No matter whether it was saving goals or scoring goals, **Marc Malafronte** never gave less than 100% in

games and in practices. You'll always find **Gavin Kata** and **Gabriella Miller** back on defense stopping the other team from scoring or on offense kicking the ball in the net. These players who comprised the *Purple Dragons* had a fantastic season. We are proud of them and look forward to seeing them on the soccer field again. Have a great summer *Purple Dragons!* Many thanks to Paul Culff, refs and parents in helping us make this a successful and enjoyable season.

## Huntington YMCA Spring Soccer 2010 Grasshopper Division

Now that we have the formalities out of the way, I give you the Grasshopper Division for Spring 2010.

### Grasshopper Division

BLUE WHALES!!!!

Coach: Scott

Greenwood/Brian

Bianchi & Denise Bak

Wow, what an exciting season! The *Blue Whales* had a lot of enthusiasm and really showed it on the field. They have enjoyed playing soccer, picking grass, goofing around and just being kids. Although, five & six-year olds are sometimes more interested in water breaks, snacks, school field trips or that "Q" & "U" got married at school, the *Blue Whales* managed to learn a lot about teamwork, camaraderie, offense, defense, and the fundamentals of soccer. Everyone enjoyed playing many positions, with goalie being a favorite amongst them. Our outstanding roster included: **Marina Bak** who displayed excellent dribbling skills and ball control proving to be one of our key offensive threats. **Michael Bianchi** one of our rookies showed great improvement with his play each and every game. By the end of the season he was really putting a foot on the ball and gaining confidence in

his abilities. **Sophia Zerilli** another one of our rookie players had a huge foot for the *Blue Whales* and showed us that she was one of our powerhouse kickers.

**Luke Squillante** was one of our offensive threats with his outstanding ball control and ability to turn the ball around and move it in the offensive

direction. **Vito Spatafora** was a fierce competitor on the field and off the field, he had the majority of our halftime-break stories. **Blake Goehring**

was one of our throw-in experts always sending the ball down the line and advancing the play forward, she also provided us with good ball movement on the field. **Brendan**

**Greenwood** showed outstanding effort throughout the season offensively and defensively and proved to be a huge contributor to the *Blue Whales*. **Ava**

**White** was very versatile in her play and surprised us with some of her kicks and defensive stops throughout the season.

**Matthew Lange** was a fantastic player and showed us his skills whether he was playing offense or defense for the *Blue Whales*. We want to thank the parents of the *Blue Whales* for being there, rooting our

team on and supporting us throughout the season! We had so much fun working with your children, watching them grow and truly enjoyed the experience! Have a great summer and we look forward to the fall for another great season! On 3... 1,2,3... **BLUE WHALES!!!!!!!!!!**

### Grasshopper Division

GREEN SLIME!!!

Coach: Erik Rappel

Well it's that time again, time for enjoying all of the memories of this past season while getting ready for summer fun and the world cup. The first day of practice when we were deciding what would be of our name, I knew I was in for a fun season as the name chosen was '*Green Slime*'. We had a great time both on the field and off including siblings. It is so hard to single each player out and say they did this or that when the reality is everyone played every position and gave 110% EVERYTIME they were on the field. I'm so proud of each player and their efforts to better themselves and make this season as successful as it was. I would also like to thank the parents who were as committed

as their children and to Vinny Smyth for his help on the sidelines. A special thanks to my assistant coach Kolby Rappel. And of course thank you all *Green Slime* for willingness to just have fun.

Your 2010 Spring season *Green Slime*: **Henry Barteski, Reed Cooper, Gianna Forte, Liam Lennon, Andrew Noueihed, Jack O'Brian, Sophia Peduto, Kailey Rappel, Jackson Schmidt, Vincent Smyth, Nikhil Trepeta and James Tucker**

### **Grasshopper Division**

ORANGE TIGERS!!!!!!

Coach: Aaron & Sasha Stein

The coaches of the *Orange Tigers* couldn't be prouder. This has been such a rewarding and fun season, and it's been a true pleasure watching each child improve and blossom into real soccer enthusiasts and work together as a true team. From starting the season off with a tough loss, then fighting hard to tie several games, to finishing with some great teamwork and a couple of wins, it was a great progression which really showed how hard this team worked to come so far in such a short time. **Ainsley** set the tone early in the season, coming to every practice and game ready to play, with a smile and

a winning attitude. **Dominick** was our most improved Tiger, making marked progress throughout the season with fun spirit and enjoyment of the game. The team learned that defense was the most important aspect of the game and we had a rock-solid wall anchored by **Panos, Sophie and Skylar** who all played stellar "D" and were fantastic in the goal -- nothing was getting by those kids! **Jared, Matthew M, Henry and Shane** were our expert ball-handlers and the versatile heart of the Tigers, moving the ball up and down the field along with **Luke** who broke the ice with the team's first goal, pointing the way to later successes in the season. **Matthew B** helped awake a sleeping tiger of a team with an explosion of offense that capped the season-long improvements with a couple of exciting wins! Thank you for a fantastic season - Tigers, Tigers, way to be!! GRRRR!

### **Grasshopper Division**

YELLOW SNAKES!!!!!!

Coach: Julie Porzio/Kristin McGarrity

This year was a great season! The *Yellow Snakes* were ready to take on anything this season! Our team members showed great interest in the game....

and more importantly.. being a team! We had so much fun at practices and games as well as becoming great friends.. and team members! Everyone enjoyed learning the basics of soccer and how to play every position. Every team member had their specific strengths, which made this season very interesting and fun. What a team we made and each of the *Yellow Snakes* played a valuable role on the field! Thank you to all of the parents that made this season possible. Thank you for letting us be a part of their positive soccer experience! Go *Yellow Snakes*!

**Jackson Pusey, Meghan McGloin, Ryan Porzio, Christian Palios, Luke Palios, Ryan McGarrity, Gabriella Rivadeneira, Charlie Girimonti, Owen Sullivan, Sean Hasset, Maximilian Rentsch, Christopher Parada-Rubio.**

## Huntington YMCA Spring Soccer 2010 Cricket Division

Now that we have the formalities out of the way, I give you the Cricket Division for Spring 2010.

### **Cricket Division** **BLUE SHARKS!!!!**

**Coach:** Rick Rongo/Bill Schimmel

The *Blue Sharks* had an outstanding season this spring. The competition was fierce, as we have never been involved in so many ties, but our opponents were always fearful of our Shark Attack. With such evenly matched teams in the Cricket division, each and every player was an important part of the entire team. While rotating the kids to give equal amounts of playing time and rest, we tried to position our players strategically to maximize their particular strengths. Footwork, ball control, positioning and passing to open players are some of the things we tried to emphasize this year. As the kids get better and better, we can start to find their strengths and abilities and place them accordingly on the field. **Colin Sorce** was always around the opponent's goal, as he has an incredible ability to find a lane to put the ball in the net. One striker with an incredibly strong leg was **Joseph Shafaq**. With plenty of leg, he could score from almost anywhere on the field. Joseph also had the energy to get up and down the field in a hurry, and help out on defense when needed. Also with a

canon of a leg was **Yovani Rubio**, our ball handler. He has moves and a shot that some older kids (and even this coach) envy. Yovani was tireless, and could be all over the field in an instant. Another player with tons of effort and tireless energy was **Ricky Rongo**. He led the team in assists, and always found a way to get the ball up the field and in front of the opponent's goal. Our "intimidator" was **Theo Locker**. His size and strength was a big help in the middle of the field, when pushing the ball out of a crowd was called for. **Lisa Martin** was also instrumental when we needed to get the ball out of a crowd. Her strong leg was sure to launch the ball downfield. Our defensive tandem of **Cayla Schimmel** and **Emily Ambrose** were great at turning away attacks from the opposing teams. They weren't intimidated by opponents, and were awesome at getting the ball away from our goal, back to mid-field. Nobody was better at turning away an opponents attack on our goal than **Kieran Motherway**. I would have to say he was our defensive specialist. When the opponents thought they had a breakaway, in stepped Kieran, to shut down the play. Everyone on the team took turns in goal, and as the teams get

better and better, this is not an easy position to play. Overall we did very well at goaltending, but in the coming season, we will work more with the goaltender position. We will be defending a much larger goal in the near future, and this will certainly be a challenge for all the kids. We encourage the parents to practice goal tending as well as ball handling in the off-season. Coach Rick, Coach Bill and Coach Mark would like to thank all the players and parents for an exciting season. Don't forget to practice during the summer and come out kicking in the fall!

### **Cricket Division**

**GREEN LIZARDS!!!!**

**Coach:** Rob Sullivan/David Evans

This year the *Green Lizards* had their best season ever. After two years of hard work learning how to play as a team, it all finally came together. All of the lizard's skills increased dramatically this season. We have always encouraged all the players to learn and try their best, and that is what led to the team's success this year. The lizards are a team of superstars! **Ethan Evans** was a powerful offensive player, scoring two fantastic goals and always giving it his all. **Brady Moore** was always in on

all the action, hungry for goals, and also scoring a few! **Liam Hassett** showed off his excellent foot work in all the games, also putting the ball in the net. **Will Brandine** played both aggressive offensive and defense and scored a couple of goals. **Joseph Rombaldi** and **Harris** improved tremendously contributing to the team. **Cole Sullivan** emerged as the stopper, playing great defense. **Tommy Rosselli** and **Kyle Iglesias** played really well this season bringing the ball down the field. And our female superstar **Catherine** shined as always. Our newest team member **Alex Berg** fit right in playing great defense and goalie. Coach Dave and Rob's philosophy has always been to have fun, learn, and play hard. It's not about winning or losing, but leaning the core skills to play the game. Great job team. Way to go!! We look forward to next season.

### Cricket Division

ORANGE TIGERS!!!!

Coach: Craig Freas

We were lucky to be in so many exciting games, and every child contributed to the team—**Claire Freas** and **Steven Cannavale** were our main goalkeepers and came up big time and time again; **Spencer Login, Johnny McNicholas, Harrison Cozine** provided tough defense, intelligent buildup, and even a few needed goals; and **Jairo Ulloa, Aidan Black** and **Julianne Massa** gave us

offensive firepower and skill in possession and attack.. Our littlest *Tigers*, **Grace Freas** and **Julia Cannavale** gave us spirited pressure on the ball and improved throughout the season, as did every player on the team.

Thanks to all the parents, relatives, children, fellow coaches, and the hard working referees who made this season such great fun. I know the *Tigers* learned a lot about soccer, about themselves, and about working hard together.

### Cricket Division

YELLOW

LIGHTNING!!!!!!

Coach: Carlos Reymartin

Huge success this season for the undefeated *Yellow Lightning* that managed to continue their progression as the cohesive soccer steamroller of the division Although rotating positions often, it would be hard not to recognize the natural tendencies of these warriors towards areas of the pitch where they developed their skills more to their liking:

As such, **Johnny ReyMartin** ended being the designated goalie most games, so much so that gloves had to become part of his equipment. Everyone appreciated his knack for sacrificing his body rolling around in the dirt, and getting the hard stops. Helping him in the back **Marie Claire Okonkwo** and **Aaron Chin** who proved too

tough in defense for most teams, and kept a clean sheet numerous games. **Seth Kampta** joined the yellows this year and also proved solid.... except for his finger, which we all hope gets better before the Fall season.

Returning this year we also had **Thomas Fucci** and **Mia Pancari** helping us distribute plays from midfield to the wings, where **Zohair Fawad** and **Dylan Schnitzer** electrified the sidelines with their runs forward. In the front, **James Katzemberg** joined **Alex Fascilla** as the strikers trying to tip one in for us. I'd like to finish by recognizing the continuing progress made this year on positioning and passes, set plays off corner kicks, sideline throws and even penalty kicks, and by congratulating League management and all other coaches for putting together the closest matched teams yet.

## Huntington YMCA Spring Soccer 2010 Junior Division

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### **Junior Division** **BLUE DEVILS!!!**

Coach: Matt

Motherway/Noah Pusey

Throughout the spring 2010 season, the *Blue Devils* worked on various drills to increase overall soccer skills and awareness. The drills ranged from standard (throw-ins and goal kicks) to more advanced (triangular passing, leading teammates with passes to open areas of the field, centering the ball in the offensive end of the field, always moving without the ball, containing offensive players on defense and being aggressive on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball). While the *Blue Devils* might not have won as many games as we had hoped at the start of the season, the kids played all of our games with energy, enthusiasm and determination. While frustrated at times, the kids always tried to have fun and remain positive, which is what soccer at this stage is all about.

The *Devils* were comprised of a mixture of returning and new members. The core returning squad

(**Shannon, Kyle, Tim, Sophia, Elvis, Stefan and Avery**) welcomed the likes of **Luke, Matthew, Hannah, Josh and Brooke**. The new players quickly learned that the purpose of soccer was to work as a team to constantly move the ball and look for the open player. While there were numerous instances of individual greatness, the team collectively worked to guarantee the season as a whole was enjoyable and unforgettable.

The season saw a plethora of plays by each player – including **Sophia** repeatedly sacrificing her body to stop an opposing offensive player in their tracks, **Josh** jumping in front of a well struck ball while playing goalie, **Hannah** and **Shannon** connecting on a great pass to set up a goal, **Matthew** hustling after a loose ball to kick it up the field, **Stefan** offering to play anywhere on the field to help the team win, **Avery** and her fancy “World Cup here we come” throw-ins, **Tim** stealing a pass from an opposing team, **Brooke** advancing the ball up the field, **Luke** playing excellent

defense or **Kyle** creaming goal kicks down the field. Each player contributed in his or her way for the betterment of the team.

However, one of the most important plays of the *Devils’* season came in early May when **Elvis** broke away from the pack and had a clean line to the goal – only a couple players to get beat. One of the defensive players on the other team fell down after a small collision with **Elvis**. Even though the referee didn’t blow a whistle on the play (incidental contact), **Elvis** stopped to help that player up and make sure the player was ok. **Elvis** sacrificed his opportunity to score to show compassion and concern for a fellow soccer player. And that sums up the *Devils’* season. We played hard but understood the true meaning of soccer is having fun and constantly demonstrating sportsmanship. Not winning or losing.

The *Devils* want to recognize and thank all of the parents for their unwavering support in cheering on the *Devils*, the snacks they

provided during games and their general enthusiasm throughout the season. Have a great summer and hopefully we'll see all of you back in the fall!

### **Junior Division**

**GREEN TEAM!!!!**

**Coach:** Korhan

Erek/Andreas Rentsch

What a nice season the *Green team* had this year. Since I took over as coach two years ago I have seen a huge difference and the kids played better and better each and every game. To see the improvement these kids made over 10 weeks is phenomenal. I was proud of my players because they came to practice all the time and they had a huge impact every week when they played. We tried to teach them the skills and the rules all at the same time. We had a great group of Greens who were all great listeners. A good team unit starts at the back and we had so many great goalies who would put their body on the line. Some notables such as **Julien, ND, Billy, Renato** and **Mohammad** showed great passing and shooting skills which they learned during this

season. This was also a season when **Adam, R,J, Ryan** and **Mike** did an amazing defensive job for their teammates. I'd like to say great kids always listen and want to practice and this makes it easier for them to learn. **Ali** and **Mike** did a very good job in the sense that they can play different positions all the time and had no complaints even when I switched their positions according to the game plan. **James** and **Catherine** also worked so hard and ran all the time leading by example. **Chi Chi** was so casual out on the field. She knew exactly what had to be done and she did it well. Once again I was so happy to coaching the *GREEN Team*. Everyone was willing to listen, learn and participate and that makes the job so much easier. I'd like to say thank you to all parents who brings their kids to practice and games and for all the great support. Many thanks to all the other supporters, Paul and Andreas for making the job easier and I am very appreciative for all the kids I had on my team. Have a great summer everyone, **GO GREENS!!**

### **Junior Division**

**TEAM ORANGE!!!!**

**Coach:** Anthony Catalfo

Everybody played and everybody did a great job. At the end of the day the whole team worked together and was out there trying to do something. Doing was our team's greatest accomplishment. Here are some of the things we did:

**Neil** shadowed **Julian** and **Elvis** while **Chase** followed the ball. **Brooks** kicked the ball to **Isabella** who scored goals. **Gabriel** was the wall that **Sam, Benjamin** tried to protect. **Brenna** played offensive while **Paul, Luca, John, and Aisiah** played some extremely solid defense.

They all did something and when they did, it was great.

## Huntington YMCA Spring Soccer 2010 Senior Division

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### **Senior Division** **BLUE SHARKS!!!**

Coach: Maureen  
Glackin/Ark Latt

Congratulations to the *Blue Sharks* on a terrific season! We were fortunate to have experienced a very successful season this spring thanks to what we believe is the most important aspect of most sports – TEAMWORK! This very talented group of young soccer players really came together as a team this season, and learned to talk to each other on the soccer field and play unselfish soccer. They were a pleasure to coach and to watch grow both individually and as a team.

We truly enjoyed watching our 6<sup>th</sup> grade veteran players take leadership positions during practices and on the field this season.

**Ann Glackin, Sam Latt, Sophia Latt, and Richie Garger** helped set the tone by welcoming all the younger players and always pushing themselves to do their best both at practices and during the games. **Ann** continued to impress us with her

knowledge of the game and her versatility and ability to play equally as strongly as a forward or on defense, whichever position we needed her to play in any particular game. Whether it was creating scoring opportunities at forward or challenging an attack player and clearing the ball to her midfielders, **Ann** could always be counted on to know her position and play it well. **Sam** was also a versatile player who could start out strong at halfback when needed, but who showed particular strength as a defensive player, not allowing anyone to get near shooting on goal, especially when he knew his sister was counting on him to protect her as goalie! Talk about teamwork – **Sophia** willingly gave up her opportunities to shoot on goal as a forward early in the season to become our one and only go to goalie. She knew the team needed her there, and she exhibited great leadership always talking to her defense and positioning them on the field where she needed them, especially during corner kicks. **Richie**, an incredible

natural on the soccer field, helped us early in the season at both halfback and shooting forward, but he really found his niche when he stepped into the sweeper position. When playing a team we knew we had to keep off the offensive half of the field, **Richie** became our go to sweeper who would “sweep” the ball off his half of the field and put the ball in play for our halfbacks and forwards to create scoring opportunities for our team.

Joining our veteran 6<sup>th</sup> graders this season were some incredibly talented 5<sup>th</sup> grade soccer players in **Tochukwu Okonkwo, Giovanni Floro, Sabrina Floro, David Sonin, Dylan Cozine, Grace Younquist, and Anthony Perna**. We were very impressed with **Tochukwu’s** unselfish play this season. Another player with “**T’s**” ball handling skills may have been tempted to try to become a one person team, but “**T**” showed tremendous maturity on the field and epitomized a team player by using his skills to become a play maker by con

stantly challenging the opponent and winning the ball and then either dribbling to the open spot and crossing it to his forward line or dribbling up the field and passing the ball to set up a shot for his teammates or occasionally shooting on goal himself. It was fun to watch **Giovanni** in action. A natural attacker, **Giovanni** could be counted on to get himself open to receive a pass from his midfield and then elude the opponent's defensive line with his ball handling skills and surprising bursts of speed with the ball to then finish it off with a strong shot on goal. A personal satisfaction came to the coaches, however, when "**Gio**" learned to pull the defense toward him and then fool everyone by passing to his middle or weak side attackers creating scoring opportunities for his teammates rather than always shooting on goal himself. **Sabrina** was often the beneficiary of "**Gio's**" or "**T's**" passes, and quickly became an attacker to be reckoned with. **Sabrina** showed great skill in knowing how to meet a pass and get a quick shot off before the defenders could realize she was there. Although **David**, another talented player,

could be counted on to play halfback or forward when needed, this season **David** found his home at the center fullback position. When winning a game came down to stopping an opponent's attack, our strategy relied heavily upon putting him in the center fullback position where he quickly became the quarterback of the defensive line, communicating with his teammates to stop anyone from ever getting a shot on goal. **Dylan** is another extremely talented soccer player who showed from the beginning that he was there to play. He showed tremendous versatility by being able to play every position extremely well, but by the end of the season **Dylan's** speed, aggressiveness to the ball, and strong ball handling skills made him a natural choice as center halfback, where he could be counted on to both coordinate the offensive attack as well as get back to reinforce the defense's challenge of the opponent's offensive efforts. **Grace** never ceased to impress us with her growing soccer skills. From scoring several times very early in the season as a forward, to her ability to challenge an attacker on defense and

clear the ball whenever necessary, **Grace** showed everyone that she is a soccer player to be reckoned with. Another talented player, **Anthony**, displayed natural ability in the middle of the soccer field. As a strong midfielder, **Anthony** exhibited great soccer sense and strong skills by challenging his opponents, winning the ball, and putting the ball in play for his forward line by dribbling to the open spaces and making beautiful forward passes. Finally, this team was lucky to have an enthusiastic and hardworking group of 4<sup>th</sup> grader players on its roster as well. **Christopher Chang**, **Candice Garger**, **Georgia Abrams**, and **Kyla Magrane** showed early on that they came to play as equals. As coaches, the benefit of having this talented group of young players was that they had not yet become single position players and could be counted on to play willingly and skillfully in any position on the field. **Chris** had tremendous speed which he put to good use whether at forward with a breakaway, or beating the opposition to the ball at midfield or challenging an opponent's attacker on

defense by stealing the ball and clearing it out of scoring range. **Candice** is also blessed with terrific speed which she put to good use challenging players in the midfield, getting herself open on attack, and in particular, challenging her brother for the sweeper position by beating everyone to the ball and using that newly discovered strong foot of hers to clear the ball way up to the midfield and forward lines to create many scoring opportunities for her offensive line. Quiet, meek, and mild **Georgia** surprised everyone this season by turning up her aggressiveness on the field and challenging even the largest and fastest soccer players at every step of the way and almost always, through sheer will and tenacity, winning the ball thereby creating many scoring opportunities for her teammates. **Kyla** is another very versatile young player who could be counted on to step onto the field and play any position very well. Whether it was getting herself open at forward, or beating her opponent to the ball at midfield, or stopping an attack while on defense, **Kyla** let everyone know that she was there to play. Since this is our last season coaching soccer at the YMCA, we would

like to thank the players, in particular our own children – **Ann Glackin Sam Latt, and Sophia Latt**, our families, the players' families, Paul Culff, soccer coordinator at the YMCA, and the entire YMCA organization for allowing us the opportunity to coach these terrific young players and be a part of something special here at the YMCA. It has been an honor and a privilege. We wish all of you the best of luck in your future soccer endeavors!

### **Senior Division**

GREEN

MELONHEADS!!!!

Coach: John Hines/Bill Schimmel/Glenn Landberg

The *Green Melonheads* enjoyed a fun-filled, exciting season this Spring. With Bill Schimmel, Glenn Landberg and John Hines sharing coaching duties, we were very well staffed and the players had the benefit of learning from coaches with different styles and personalities.

The coaching staff would like to tip our caps to the other three teams in our division, all of whom were always well-coached and well-prepared and demonstr

ated good sportsmanship and a passion for the game. Every game we played was exciting and a challenge for us.

What really stood out with this group of players was their love for the game, the effort and spirit they showed (even when we weren't winning) and the fun that they had out on the field.

The *Melonheads* had a bumper crop of 6th graders, veterans on this team who set an example of how things are done out on the field and will be sorely missed as they move on to bigger and better things. This group includes **Heather Bast, Gray Hancock, Brendan Hines, Kevin McConnell, Ryan Mongno and Billy Schimmel.**

**Heather's** speed and endurance make her a natural at midfield and she again showed her knack for scoring this season, knocking in multiple goals. **Gray** and **Billy** have both made great strides since they were 4th graders in the Senior Division. Billy's improved speed and footwork made him a newfound scoring threat, and he seemed to get better and more

confident every game. Gray became a prolific scorer as the season wore on, and just as importantly, developed into a top flight defender, manning the very important center defense position and repeatedly swooping down on opposing players and stopping scoring threats. **Brendan** did a great job at midfield and forward this year and shows a knowledge of the game that will help him in future years. As he has for many years now, Brendan also impressed us with his impressive goalkeeping this year, making difficult saves seem routine, and helping us to stay competitive in a great many games. **Kevin** is the kind of player a coach loves to have. He played every position well, demonstrated outstanding ball handling skills, great speed and a desire to give 100% every time he was out on the field. **Ryan's** passion is playing defense and he was a standout at this position this year. He could turn back just about any assault on goal and he developed a thunderous kick that he would regularly employ to get the ball back to the other side of the field.

This was **Maxim Giordano's** first season with us at the YMCA and he showed skill at every position, including goalie. Maxim has a "motor" that never seems to run out of gas, is always in the middle of the action and will certainly be one of the dominant players on the field if he plays in future seasons. **Brianna Hines** capped a very impressive first year in the senior division by scoring several goals, showing excellent ball handling skills and learning how to assert herself on the field among the bigger and older players. Fellow fourth grader **Sam Iglesias** showed the same type of growth and understanding of the game as the year went on. Sam has learned to how to become an offensive threat and has also improved his defensive skills. Just as importantly, Sam showed what a great teammate he is when he turned up at our season finale to cheer for his fellow Melonheads, even though a minor injury kept him on the sidelines.

Goalie is probably the most demanding, pressure-packed position in soccer, which is why so few people

want to play it. The Melonheads were lucky to have two willing and capable goalies, consisting of Brendan and **Bradley Landberg**. **Bradley** played with passion and skill, made many key saves and kept us competitive in some games where the other team was threatening to rout us. No one on the team was more of a pleasure to coach than **Maria Paradiso**, who demonstrated a passion for the game and showed definite improvement and a better understanding of the game as the season went on. While Maria preferred playing defense, she showed flashes of potential on offense as well. When it came to enthusiasm,, no one seemed to enjoy being out on the field more than **Enrique Ramos**. Enrique has well rounded abilities and skills, and his speed, dribbling and determination make him some one that can play any position effectively. Every team has the quiet, determined individual who gives 100% at all times. In our case, this person was **Amanda Saladino**. Amanda showed steady growth throughout the year and could be counted on to help us out on offense and at

midfield. **Madeline Shea** round out our very capable group of female players. Madeline showed improved dribbling and ball handling skills which helped her become an effective player at offense and midfield. Madeline could also be counted on to play tenacious defense when necessary.

### **Senior Division**

#### ORANGE TEAM!!!!!!

Coach: Adam

Spector/Tim Hughes

The *Orange Team* had another very exciting season. With many return players they were able to play with great familiarity and friendship. We have a bunch of 6<sup>th</sup> graders moving on so we wish them all well. Thanks to Coaches Steve Beyel and Tim Hughes for their help during the season. We are all proud of the effort and dedication the team showed.

First our 6<sup>th</sup> graders;

#### **Daniel Mollitor**

displayed is usual great energy, whether as a Forward, Halfback or Fullback. **Amanda Martinez's** enthusiasm and that monster kick were always on display.

#### **Jackson Spector**

improved his goaltending and defensive prowess

throughout the season.

#### **Stefano Ornato**

emerged as our newest goalie as well as a striker with a strong boot. We wish all these super seniors well as they move on in their development as soccer players and great teammates.

**Bengie Fuentes** again exhibited a real passion for the game, and was always looking to run. Other returning players included **Jack Beyel**, whose quiet nature belied his powerful presence on the field.

The "Other Jack", **Jack Glicker** continued to show his excellent goaltending and helped keep us in some very close games. **Celine Dobler's** speed, energy and poise were always evident. Celine's "other half". **Hannah Hughes** was always ready to get into the action and is still looking for Michael Jackson.

Newcomer **Noah**

**Schumacher** fit right in with the rest of the team quickly and played like a veteran by week 3.

**Steve Yeh** was a big contributor, with both his energy and soccer skills. Steve was always game and played wherever he was asked without complaining.

**Jamie Spector** missed the end of the season due to injury but was always there to support her team. On the other

side of the injury world, **Grace Connell** started the season on the shelf with a broken arm, but recovered in time to contribute to the team in a real meaningful way.

#### **Delaney English**

returned after playing for other teams the past few seasons to regain her place an integral part of the team.

**Brendan Mulroy** really stepped up his game this season and has blossomed into a real player out there.

As for me, Coach Adam, this is likely the last season of coaching after coaching 8 consecutive seasons at the YMCA. Thanks to Paul Culff and the entire YMCA team for a wonderful opportunity to coach such great kids and makes so many new friends. I am truly grateful.

### **Senior Division**

#### YELLOW HORNETS!!!

Coach: Chris Williams

This was a challenging season for this team, and while we did not win any games, we did not lose them all, and we never gave up!

Everyone worked very hard at working together as a team and for that we should all be proud. Everyone did a great job!

Goal tending can be a lonely job and we had a

few players step up to the challenge. One player though was willing to take on that challenge week in and week out, and did a great job, a special thanks to **Zack McGinniss**. Zach contributed at other positions as well. Special mention to **Ty Williams** and **William Fallon**.

Our defense was anchored by **Will Hebert**. Will embraced the defensive roll and became the leader of our defense. He learned to lead and direct. **Ciara Davis** and **Thomas Edgar-McNerney** rounded out our defense each playing major rolls working along side Will. Thomas contributed at midfield often and brought his defensive skills to the position. Ciara took her roll seriously and always want to be on the field contributing to the defense.

Everyone contributed at midfield but we had our mainstays here also.

**Meg Carlson**, found herself playing and learning all positions and she did a great job! Her speed suited her well on midfield were she could get up and down the field quickly.

**Maggie Giles** is a midfield professional! She brought much experience to the position when we

needed it. Maggie improved greatly in kicking and throwing for distance. **Liam Davis** contributed at midfield, always willing to get back and help on defense. Liam made great improvements moving with the ball this year. **Eric Gaitings** started the season playing midfield and defense. As the season moved along Eric was able to improve his skills and make a real impact both offensively and defensively.

Offensively **Xavier Edgar-McNerney**, **Sydney Jean-Baptiste**, and **William Fallon** were able to move the ball down field, especially on the outside. Xavier was a strong presence on the left wing as both a ball handler and a passer. Sydney had great ball control skills to maneuver around defenders. William's ball handling skills and toughness helped him become an offensive force. **Max Robins** was also a strong contributor on offense. Max improved at moving with the ball and became a strong offensive player. **Ben Conner** played center forward most games and was an offensive threat. He has great skills and was able to improve his knowledge of where to move without the ball.

He usually found himself in great positions. **Bella McGinniss** became an amazing offensive player. She moved quickly with and without the ball, and kick the ball down field.

**Ty Williams** has many great soccer skills, but one of his greatest attributes as an athlete, is his fearlessness. No one ever had to remind Ty to challenge an opponent for the ball, because Ty was already on it. **Joseph Walsh's** ability to bring the ball down field and combined with his powerful kicks often found him in striking position. Ty and Joseph were our anchors in the center contributing both offensively and defensively.

I think, however, we would all agree that the best part of the soccer season was that we had fun, learned to play as a team and just had a good time. Thank you to all the parents for getting their children to practices, games and providing snacks. Special thanks to Debbie McGinniss for organizing the pictures and communication.