



Quarterly Newsletter 2

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# Playing Simple!

## Friends, Family and Futbol

Goodbye Winter 2022-23



## What a start!

The Toca Troupers, our first women's over 18 team placed second in their first ever league championship. These amazing ladies were initially coached by Argentina's star player Estefania Banini and Chile's Yanara Aedo, both national team players. They must have learned well! After being coached several seasons by Coach Christian, this season Coach Fernando, current coach of the Mystics and former coach of the Huskies, led them to a spectacular first competition.

Congratulations to the Troupers and Coach Fernando!!!

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## Winter Fun!

This winter season our U10 and U11 boys teams, the Falcons and the Saints, had the opportunity to play weekly scrimmages against the Japanese School. These 5 v. 5 futsal games were a great success, giving our players a chance to practice the skills they had

developed in the fall in faster paced games due to the hard surface provided by the indoor basketball court. In addition, these games were a lot of fun for both teams!

During February and March we offered a similar experience to the Toca Minis, our 4-8 boys, who played two games against teams from My Saturday French School.

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## **Team Spotlight:**

This quarter's stars are the Toca Mini's who were able to continue training throughout the winter thanks to their amazing Coaches Hussein, Roberto and Bernardo. These coaches are a fantastic team who know how to make skills simple, teach the basics with fun drills and encourage player's development. This winter there were more than 20 Mini's participating in the indoor training sessions! Without a doubt the Mini's are a group of players that will have a bright future as they already showed their commitment and dedication. And best of all, they had a great time!

We want to take this opportunity to thank Coach Bernardo as he leaves the minis to coach his boys in U11 and U10. Your dedication to the minis program for so many years has been key to the program's success! Thank you!

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**Rookie Teams:**

**Calling all Girls 6-8!** As we begin the spring season we are looking for girls that may be interested in a season of training in order to prepare to play in the MSI Classic league in the fall of 2023. This new team will train with Coach Christian and the Dolphins so practices will be a lot of fun. Welcome to Toca to these young ladies. Please help us spread the word and look for interested players!

**Go Rangers:** We also want to give a warm welcome to our newest boys team, the Rangers, for boys Under 10. This team is off to a great start with Coaches Marco and Niko.



**Hooray for Sponsors:**

Sponsors are our own special angels and Toca has been blessed with so many. In recent months Toca has benefitted from having three very special kinds of sponsors.

The first kind of sponsors that have been a huge blessing to Toca players are individual sponsorships. These are individual players who receive financial assistance in order to play

and train at Toca. Some players are sponsored by other Toca families or adult players and others are sponsored by the Club.

Toca Club sponsors are companies that support Toca Club programs for example by providing train jerseys, making donations toward new equipment and helping to make our training programs more affordable for Toca families. Some of these sponsors are Flagship Carwash Center, Buffalo Wild Wings, Home Light, Mod Pizza, Direct TV, Maryland 529, Inova-GoHealth, Gastro Health (Reston Endoscopy Center & The Gastroenterology Group), Pistache Pastries.

Toca Complex sponsors are Toca families and businesses that have made donations to support the construction and development of the Toca Complex. These donations have been very significant and are providing the funds to keep work going on the second phase. Among these fabulous corporate sponsors are: Bassin Investment Group, Avelo Airlines, Medium Rare, Zitelman Partners, Feed the Fridge, Shulman Rogers, Sachs Capital.

Please be on the lookout for the wonderful new banners we will place around the field during the Spring Season to promote and thank many of our sponsors.

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## **Coaches Corner**

This spring Toca will be participating in the MSYSA coaching courses program by holding a coaching course at the Toca Complex. This will allow our Coaches to take this course for free while also facilitating the development of great soccer coaches in Maryland. The course will be taught by coaches from MSYSA. Coaches who complete the course will receive their 11 v 11 license. For this course some of our teams will be asked to participate as players so the Coaches can practice. This is a fun opportunity to learn new drills and help your coaches improve their coaching skills. We appreciate your participation!

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## News from the Complex

This winter the Toca Soccer Complex has continued to develop. We have been blessed to have been able to add three new advisers to the board leading the construction project and we are so grateful for the experience and expertise they bring to the table. They will be key to bringing the changes you will be seeing in the next year. Thank you to Fernando Plastino, Federico Olivera and Veronica Requena!

Construction of Phase 2 continues and the next step is the completion of two new wells. These wells have been drilled and cased and we will be bringing electricity to the well site and installing pumps, pressurizing tanks and a 2,500 gallon cistern in the next few weeks. Finally pipes must be laid to the fields and hydrants installed for connecting the hoses. This will be key to seeding the new field and keeping our existing field green.

Construction of the new field continues and plans are being developed for Sul's Pavillion, which will accompany the new field. In addition, preliminary construction is underway to remodel the house on the site in order to allow for an indoor bathroom, locker room and multipurpose room, and an outdoor patio area! We are also working on developing a new Teqball/Beach Soccer court, as Toca has received two brand new outdoor professional

quality Teqball tables from the National Federation for Teqball. This is a new and challenging sport which will be a fun way for smaller numbers of players to practice some crazy soccer foot skills and ball control.

<https://www.youtube.com/@TEQBALL>

We are so excited to share these plans with you and we hope the new facilities will provide Toca families with a space they can enjoy for many seasons! If you would like to get involved, have skills to contribute or funds to donate don't hesitate to contact us.

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## Upcoming

**Fundraiser at Chipotle on April 17:** Don't miss an opportunity to support the Bengal's trip to Scotland by joining the Bengals at Chipotle on April 17 for a delicious meal with your family and friends. If you weren't able to make it for the girls first fundraisers on February 22 and March 22 this is your chance! And then California Tortilla in May!.

**Travel to Scotland and Argentina:** The Bengal's soccer trip to St. Andrews, Scotland has been set for June 23rd, 2023. The Mystic's trip to La Plata, Buenos Aires and Córdoba, Argentina has also been confirmed and will extend from July 10 to the 23rd. We hope many players on these teams benefit from experiencing international competition, exposure to the style of play in other countries as well as the amazing team building that comes from sharing a trip.

Be on the lookout for fundraisers to support these team's trips in the next few months as all the funds they raise are intended to reduce the players expenses making the trips more accessible. These trips are only for our youths enrichment and neither Toca nor any Toca coaches benefit financially from these programs.

**Spring Season:** We are currently finalizing new player registrations for the Spring Season which will begin with pre-season training the last two weeks of March and games for some MSI teams the weekend of March 25-26! The Spring Season training schedule and field locations will be in effect starting the week of April 10. Please make sure your child's outdoor cleats and uniforms fit before the first game. Kids do grow quickly!

Also, please be aware that most new players come to Toca by word of mouth, so if your team needs players, please spread the word and bring a friend!

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## Congratulations to the World Cup 2022 Winners: Argentina!



As you can see Toca has many fervent Argentina fans and they were delighted to celebrate Argentina's third World Cup win!



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