

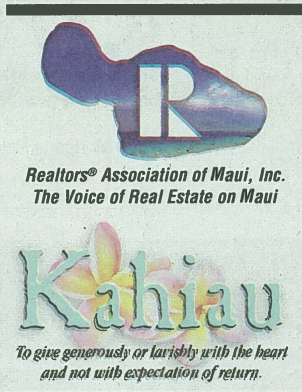
A guy can stay really busy ‘just helping out’

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David Jorgensen is a player, coach and executive of soccer. If you think soccer is his life, that's understandable. He's been in the game for 38 years. That makes soccer his longest lasting passion, and things he likes tend to last a long, long time. Also, pretty much everything leads to some sort of community service. Well, everything except his now 25-year marriage to Terri. Maybe that, too, if serving the schools and interests of his teenage daughters counts.

Soccer first: “When I was in junior high school outside Philadelphia,” Jorgensen said, “I played football, but I was a chubby kid. I ended up quitting in the first week. I went out for soccer the next day, and have been involved ever since.” That was in 1972, and at 14, he ended up playing in an adult league. “It was a good thing my teammates had my back and were not afraid to mix it up.”

The next 38 soccer years in ultra-fast-forward mode: Jorgensen captained the team at Wissahickon High, played with club teams in Philadelphia, then played for the University of Delaware and Oregon State University. He played on the city league and a semi-pro team when he was in



law school. “But,” he said, “it came down to staying in law school, or going after the soccer dream, and, at that time, there was not really a pro league in operation so....” So?

“After law school, we moved back to Honolulu, and I played in the various leagues before moving to Maui in 1992,” Jorgensen said. “When I got here, the guy who was running the Maui Men’s Soccer League was moving to Vegas, and no one was stepping up to take over. If I wanted to play, I realized I had to run the League.” He found time to run that league for several years. “Yes,” he said, “until I started getting injured more and more. I also ran the men’s division of the Upcountry Fair Soccer Tournament for a few years.”

Jorgensen organized Maui players for the U.S. Soccer Re-



This is Dave Jorgensen at a co-ed soccer tournament in Kona, a tournament his team won with him as the goalie, in what he calls, “my injury-plagued, no-longer-able-to-run years!”

gional Cup Tournament, 1994. In 1997, “a few of us who were getting older and slower,” he said, “decided we wanted to play in a co-ed league. So, I started the Valley Isle Co-ed Soccer League and ever since.” He is currently Past President of Hawaii Soccer Association and may become President again, if the office comes open. “Either way,” he

said, “I will remain on the Board as long as I continue to run one or more of the leagues here on Maui.”

In recent years, Jorgensen has been on the Board and several committees of the U.S. Soccer Federation. “My main focus for the past several years, however, has been with youth soccer.”

He coached his daughters, and served on the Hawaii

Youth Soccer Association Maui Board. He helped form the EXCEL Soccer Club, has been involved with the Maui United Soccer Club since 2007, and assisted the coach of the Maui United 94 Girls. “My soccer activities,” Jorgensen said, “certainly do take a lot of time but I wouldn’t have it any other way! I’m not coaching my daughters right now – just helping out with coordinating,

fundraising and other things to help their high school and club teams get where they need to be, although if you ask anyone, they’ll tell you I do have a big mouth so I tend to make my position known, and I definitely support our teams! I am the Vice President of the Baldwin Lady Bears Soccer Booster Club. So, if I call for a donation....” ‘Nuff said.

Jorgensen is definitely the knight in shining armor for Maui soccer, locally, in the state and across the country. That, plus being a family man and a busy, highly respected lawyer – managing partner of the law firm of Ing & Jorgensen – is a very full life, no? Well, not for this go-getter.

“For what it’s worth,” Jorgensen said, “In addition to the soccer activities, I’m on the Maui Police Commission, the boards of Boys and Girls’ Clubs of Maui and the Maui Historical Society and, most recently, the Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation, and I’m involved in Baldwin High’s Project Graduation Committee.”

“You’ve heard the phrase, “give until it hurts.” Jorgensen has done that for years, but the “hurts” are just sports injuries, they don’t stop him or even slow him down, although he admits they’ve changed his coaching style.