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NBAA Blasters Crowned Champs of Calarco's 5th Annual Play for Peace Tournament

Medford, LI—Monday, August 19, 2013: More than 200 soccer players descended upon the Patchogue-Medford Youth Soccer League field last Saturday to participate in the fifth annual Play for Peace Soccer Tournament. Teams came from as far as Connecticut to play. The Play for Peace Tournament has established a reputation for being a fun and competitive event, but more importantly to its organizers, it is a soccer tournament with a purpose. “Every year teams from all over the region come out to play together, from all walks of life. On the soccer field, we can see our commonalities and it is in those moments that I hope we can all learn tolerance and peace. That’s what I started this tournament five years ago and why I am so proud it continues to thrive today,” said Suffolk County Legislator Robert Calarco.

Calarco first organized the tournament in 2009 when he was working as then-Legislator Jack Eddington’s Chief of Staff as a response to the murder of Marcelo Lucero. Since then, the tournament has grown exponentially and this year’s tournament culminated in the first ever Unity Dinner, which offered tournament participants with food donated from local restaurants. Calarco said, “As a former college athlete, I know firsthand that sharing a meal with your team mates and competitors after a day on the field is the absolute best way to build community, which is the core purpose of the Play for Peace Tournament.” PeraBell Food Bar, Public House 49, Gallo Restaurant, Medford Pita House, Golden Star Restaurant, Associate’s Gourmet Market, and Stop and Shop Supermarket all donated towards the inaugural Unity Dinner. “In addition to the food donations, several corporate sponsors stepped up to the plate this year, without the support of the Bridgehampton National Bank, Gershow Recycling, The

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Riverwalk, Suffolk County PBA, and Tritec Development Group, this year's Play for Peace Tournament wouldn't have been possible," Legislator Calarco added.

12 teams participated in this year's competition, spread out across three divisions: two men's divisions and a women's division. The Port Jeff Sports sponsored team was undefeated and won the women's division, while the PBA team and the PMCT sponsored-North Bellport Athletic Association (NBAA) team each took their respective men's division and headed off in the men's overall championship match. The NBAA Blasters won the championship match and were crowned the victors of the tournament.

Men's Division 1

Place	Team	Wins	Losses	Ties
1	PBA	3	0	0
2	TRITEC/LI Fusion	2	1	0
3	YMCA	1	2	0
4	LI WINS		3	0

Men's Division 2

Place	Team	Wins	Losses	Ties
1	PMCT/NBAA Blasters	2	0	1
2	Riverwalk	2	0	1
3	BNB	1	2	0
4	LILTA		3	0

<i>Men's Championship</i>	
PMCT/NBAA Blasters v. PBA	PMCT /NBAA Blasters Winner

Women's Division

Place	Team	Wins	Losses	Ties
1	Port Jeff Sports	3	0	0
2	Rudi's Bar & Grill/Soccer Mafia	2	1	0
3	BIAS Help	1	2	0
4	Gershow Recycling	0	3	0

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Suffolk County Legislator Rob Calarco represents the 7th Legislative District which includes Patchogue, East Patchogue, North Patchogue, and Medford. Smaller portions of Blue Point, Bellport, Coram, Farmingville, Holtsville, Ronkonkoma, and Fire Island are also included in the District. He is Chairman of the Government Operations, Personnel, Housing & Consumer Protection committee, Vice Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, as well as a member of the Health Committee and the Ways & Means Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.