

Diamond Parking nets trophy in first Local 117 soccer tourney

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Six soccer teams from across our Union faced off on Saturday in the first-ever Teamsters Local 117 World Cup. The event was held from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Valley Ridge Park in Seatac.

The tournament, organized by Local 117's Latino Caucus, featured teams from the rental car, parking, and steel industries. Local 117 staff also fielded a team.

Approximately 80 members and their families turned out for the event. Local 117 Organizing Director, Leonard Smith, cooked hot dogs for players and spectators.

"This was a great way to build camaraderie and solidarity in our Union," said Chrisptoffer Berrocal, a Local 117 member at Seattle Iron and Metals, who helped organize the tournament.

"We hope that this can become an annual event."

The tournament consisted of two groups of three teams, with the winner of each group advancing to the final game.

In group A, the Washington Chain Turtles squared off against the Seattle Iron Aves de Hierro and the Diamond Parking Lions, while in group B, it was the Simon Metals Falcons taking on Snow White and the 7 Somalis from the rental car industry and the Staff Strikers.

In the championship game, Diamond Parking defeated the rental car team by a score of 4-1.

In victory, the Diamond Parking team received a trophy, a sports bag for each player, and will enjoy a dinner with Teamsters Local 117 Secretary-Treasurer, Tracey A. Thompson.

"I want to congratulate the Diamond Parking Lions and all of the teams that participated in today's tournament," said Thompson. "It was great to see so many Union members and their families enjoying themselves."

[To check out photos from the tournament on flickr, click here.](#)