
PATRICK GRANGE MEMORIAL SOCCER FIELD DEDICATION

What: Soccer Field Dedication in memory of Patrick Grange

Who: Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend

When: Saturday, November 5, from 11:00am-2:00pm;
formal program at 1:00pm

Where: Ventana Ranch Community Park on Universe Blvd.
between Paradise and Irving (Across from Ventana Ranch
Elementary School)

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Autographs and photos with World Cup and Vancouver Whitecaps soccer star **Jay DeMerit**, players from the UNM Men's Soccer team and the ABQ Sol
- Official field dedication
- Soccer ball giveaways
- Food trucks
- Music
- Information on ALS, and head trauma prevention and safety

A soccer field at Ventana Ranch Community Park will be dedicated in memory of Patrick Grange, a well-known local soccer star who passed away in 2012 of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, commonly referred to as ALS.

Before his death, he was a prominent member of the Albuquerque soccer community, playing for Albuquerque High, UIC, UNM, and the Albuquerque Asylum. Before his passing Patrick and his family became outspoken advocates for ALS awareness.

Patrick's wish was to have a soccer field named after him and his family has pursued this goal as a way to continue Patrick's legacy of ALS awareness and head trauma prevention awareness for children.

Please join us on November 5th as we celebrate Patrick's life and his contribution to the soccer community!

About Jay DeMerit

Jay DeMerit played soccer at UIC with Patrick Grange and then went on to play in the Premier League as the captain of Watford, represented the USMNT at the World Cup and finished his career with the Vancouver Whitecaps in the MLS. He and his wife, Olympic Gold Medalist Ashleigh Mclvor, started the Rise and Shine Foundation, a soccer camp and mentorship program they run on their property in the mountains of Pemberton, BC.

