

## **Mike Read**

### CVUSC - VP Bio

Mike is originally from Derby in the UK, he has lived in Canada for the past 16 years and in the Comox Valley for 8 years. He is married with 3 children.

Mike has a very diverse work background, that includes serving in the Royal Navy and working as a Police Officer in London, UK. Mike is currently a Software Developer and has ran his own business. As part of his Police service, Mike developed and ran soccer summer camps for young offenders alongside Chelsea FC, this program still runs today. Mike believes that this diverse work background makes him an asset to the board of CVUSC.

Soccer was a large part of Mike's life growing up, even though he was a `slightly below average` player, grassroots clubs offered him the opportunity to play into his 30s. He has also been a lifelong fan of the game and the mighty Derby County. Mike believes that grassroots clubs, such as CVUSC need to stay focused on promoting soccer for all, regardless of level or ability.

Mike coaches Development Stream and House for CVUSC and has also managed House and DS divisions. Since Mike has been involved with the board, he has employed some of his software skills to help streamline some of the clubs admin tasks. He hopes to continue with this work and support the club president and the rest of the board.

CVUSC is moving in a positive direction and Mike would like to continue to be a part of that.