

# BURWOOD

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB



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### "25 years Young in 1995"

Welcome to the Clubs sixth newsletter of 1995 season. Any news, information or humorous incidents from players, parents and coaches will be welcomed and always considered for inclusion in the seasons' newsletters. Please phone our newsletter editor Elsie Haakmeester 385-1898.

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### And in the Beginning ..... (continued)

As the 1970's came to a close, it was important for the club to establish a senior team so that Burwood Juniors who now formed one of the biggest Junior clubs in Christchurch had some form of club continuity. In 1980 this came to fruition with 1 Senior team and 1 youth grade team (although we had a youth team in 1978). The CFA rules deem that any new club must comprise solely of players who had not previously played Senior football in the Christchurch area, which was a daunting task. The task of recruiting new players fell onto the shoulders of Mike Robinson who ended up in that first year as player, coach, manager and mentor all rolled into one. The following year we had 2 Senior teams and the ball was rolling.

Many consider senior football within our club came of age in 1983. That year we had Derek Johnson as our first "proper coach" and also in 1983 our first Womens team. Gradually both genders firmly establishing themselves in their respective competitions. We were fortunate to have the services of Derek Johnson during this period for 4 years. His good work was carried on by Ray Clapham and the John Gribham.

In 1982-3 plans and fundraising were started for the erection on the 2nd storey of the clubrooms, Gary Parker the Club Treasurer got the project rolling. Construction began in 1984 and was in the main completed during the 1984-5 summer to the point of being usable at the start of the 1985 season. The vast majority of construction was completed by club members on a voluntary basis.

What we enjoy today would not be possible without the consistent work done on nearly every Sunday morning by Ricky Lees, Steve Petch, Murray Ralls, Chris Johnson, Gary and Dave Cambus. Numerous other willing club members and supporters also contributed to the project.

During this period we had quite a few trophy and competition successes, men and women at all levels. We ended up a firmly established entity on the Christchurch football scene.

The Juniors had of course carried on their merry way. Their numbers were consistently high (usually near 200). Competition winners were becoming more and more frequent, as were the number of Juniors gaining Canterbury Representative honours.

*To be continued .....*

### Junior Season End

Alas, all good things must come to an end (even the rain!). Non-competitive grades (8th - 10th) will finish on 19 August. Competitive grades (11th - 15th) finish on 26 August.

### Junior Club Captain's Report

Wow! Our season is all but over. It has been a very stop start year due to the rained-out games. This year there were no competition winners but as usual several representative players. We now have all teams, bar three, decked out in our new colour, which is wonderful, and the kids look great. Thanks to all the sponsors and parent help. Thanks to my committee ladies Jo and Bev, its been good having helpers. Also thanks to Elsie for organising the newsletter, they have been very informative. Next year I think all parents should think about what grades to put their kids in, especially in the higher grades - it does get harder as they get older. To everyone, have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you all next year.

*Angie Clapham*

### Club Get Together (Seniors, Masters, Women, Junior parents, Supporters)

Sunday 20 August 7.30 pm at the Hollywood Cinema at Sumner. 1/2 hour wine and cheese, followed by the film "Crimson Tide" starring Denzil Washington and Gene Hackman. \$10.00 a ticket - contact Hugh 385-5464 or Murray 383-3284.

### Well Done

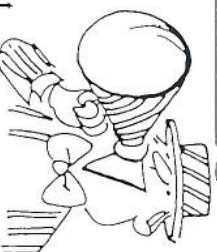
Aaron Clapham	10th KoolKats	Gained his purple belt in Karate.
Ashley Hendry	11A grade	Canterbury Districts 11th grade Player of the Tournament held on the West Coast.

### Memo to all Junior Coaches

Please contact Vern Harkness, 385-1222, immediately after the end of the season, with a list of all outstanding Player of the Day recipients, so that a complete presentation may be made at the Prizegiving. Thank you.

### Fundraising - Pens, Cans of Softdrink, Wizards night

Please return any outstanding money for pens or softdrink cans to your coach a.s.a.p. Return any unsold pens to your coach or Elsie Haakmeester 385-1898. Thank you all for your support in these fundraising ventures. The total proceeds from the **Wizards night** was over \$500.00. Unfortunately we were unable to book another night before the end of the season, but we'll do it again next year.



### End of Year Prize Givings

This year the picnic will be combined with the Anniversary fun and games day on Sunday, 24 September at Clare Park. Prizegiving will be held earlier this year and divided into 3 sections:

Section	Venue	Date and time
Junior - 8th to 10th grades	Clubrooms	Wednesday 13 September 7.00 pm
Junior - 11th to 15th grades	Clubrooms	Thursday 14 September 7.00 pm
Seniors, and Youth grade	Clubrooms	Friday 15 September 7.30 pm

Please bring a plate on your night. Trophies, Certificates, Players of the Year, Most Improved etc, and all outstanding Player of the Day ribbons will be presented.



## The Patter of Tiny Feet

Congratulations to Murray (Treasurer, Midgets Coach, 1st Men's Team) and Raewyn (Secretary) Ralfs - their own little bonny midget, Nathan Lachlan on 23 July.  
And to James Birch (1st Men's Team) and partner Angela, a lovely baby girl - Page Catherine, on 29 July



## 25th Anniversary Celebrations

On Saturday, 23 September, 7.30 pm at Club Leander, Kerrs Reach for past and present members. Contact Murray or Raewyn Ralfs 383-3284, Steve Allen 385-7721 for tickets at \$23.00 each. Live band, good supper, drinks your own pleasure.

What	When	Where	Contact
Golf Tournament	Sunday 17 Sept 9.00 am	Ascot Golf Course,	Raewyn Ralfs
Reunion Game	Friday 22 Sept 5.30 pm	To be advised	
Noggin & Natter	Friday 22 Sept 7.30 pm	Clubrooms	
Anniversary Ball	Saturday 23 Sept 7.30 pm	Club Leander, Kerrs Reach	Tickets \$23.00 each.
Junior & Senior games	Sunday 24 Sept all day	Clare Park. Coaches will contact players with times.	Activities all day

## Memorabilia

The club would like to borrow any items of club interest (photos, strips etc.) for display during the Anniversary celebrations - contact Steve Allen 385-7721.

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on Monday, 9 October, 7.00 pm at the Clubrooms, Clare Park. Please come along and support the Club. Any new recruits need to be in the Secretary's hands 2 weeks prior to this meeting (29 September).

For senior players, please ensure you resign in writing to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

## Senior Players - a Reminder

The Club urges you to resign in writing to the Secretary, Raewyn Ralfs, before the Annual General Meeting. Should you not resign and wish to transfer to another club next season, the Club may charge an administration subscription fee (as allowed in the constitution). Resignations will only be accepted if all the following conditions are true:

1. your subscriptions are fully paid
2. all club gear is returned in good condition
3. no fines are outstanding
4. no fees or other monies are outstanding (eg. rathtics)



## JUNIOR REPORTS



### 8th Grade Tigers

**Coach:** Ian Stewart

For the Burwood Tigers the season started with a relatively 'green' team. A remarkable transformation took place with Joshua Stoppford, Adam Sawell, Shane Kovacs and Simon Jeffries developing into young footballers with great prospects ahead of them. The team led up front by talented Kierran Bunn, Michael O'Hagen and Jason Seaward, were well supported by Mark Allison (the only player to receive a bloodnose all season) and Simon Jeffries. The team was completed by new goalie Ben Oakley. The boys all played well and always had terrific attitudes to the game and will hopefully be back again next season. Thanks to them and all the supporters of the team.

### 8th Grade Panthers

**Coach:** Brian Shaw

A good mix of games and weather were enjoyed by all this season (well we were there anyway - thank goodness for thermals!) The Panthers didn't seem to notice the cold and hunted in packs as follows: Marcus, Cody and Jason were our sensational strikers and will doubtless be giving the 9th grade their best shot next year. Brendan, Matthew and Daniel improved their skills as sweepers and will by next year be pushing mega goal scores (we hope). George, Ben and Bryce provided a solid defence and have added good skills to their game (must be the Marmite and Weetbix). Our star goalie Stephen made some brilliant saves and fearlessly plucked the ball from the oppositions feet on numerous occasions. Well done boys, may God give you ears to hear (preferably your coach) and give your coach more patience (he'll need it). I have appreciated your cheerfulness at times when we were losing, which says to me you're playing for the right reasons... to enjoy the game. Hopefully we'll see you'll next season.

### 9th Grade Chiefs

**Coach:** Grant Donnell

In my first year of coaching I have been fortunate in that I have had a team of very promising and enthusiastic players and supportive parents. 3 first year players, Phillip Jackson, James Omana and Jamie French have all showed real ability in any position - all turning in strong work rates. Brent Pope has played really well in goal and in the field, and has been backed up by Kurt Griffith whose ball skills have really improved. Andrew Witty is a solid, reliable defender and works well with Tom Quin who has really come on in the last few weeks (since he developed an amazing backheel clearing kick). Timothy Come has very good dribbling skills, doesn't flinch at a challenge and distributes well. Manuel Kokana is very fast, runs well with a ball, has a powerful shot and worked well with Joshua Ryder, whose all round exceptional ball skills, ability to take on and beat a player and accurate shooting complete an up and coming team.

### 9th Grade Hawks

**Coach:** Eric Ward

I can't believe this, my first season as a coach is all but over, it has certainly been very memorable. This group of young boys that first came along are now playing much more like a team than they were back in April. It doesn't seem fair that the season is finishing just as we are getting it all together. The team being James Kingston, Craig Candler, Andrew Shea, Matthew Hicks, David Filios, Nicholas Aitken, Euan Ward, Pietro Baroni and Neil Falkingham have played in all positions. I certainly hope they have all enjoyed the season as much as I have. A big thank you to Ray Sunbeam for helping with coaching when I have been unable to take it and also to all the parents for their input and support. Thank you also to Ray and Angie Clapham for their time and efforts. Regards, Eric Ward

### 9th Grade Pumas

**Coach:** Chris Stricker

The first half of the season was a bit of a goal drought but the team fired into fire and produced a really good second half result. Normally it's difficult to get anyone to play in goal, but this season we had two good goalies in Cameron Bodger and Nicholas Brewer. It took a while to sort out the positions (and get the guys to stay there) but Richard Smith and Hayden Cave formed a good defense team with some great clearing kicks. Craig Cossey filled in at centre with some fancy footwork with Michael Scott and James French taking turns out on the right wing. Reece Dibnah was everywhere at once and always came back for more, with Danny Lingard and his powerful left foot becoming our highest goal scorer. I'd like to thank the parents for all their support and hope the boys enjoyed the season as much as I did.

### 10th Grade Koolkats

**Coach:** Angie Clapham

Results wise we haven't won lots of games, but have played extremely good technical soccer. The boys are really developing into fine soccer players, and it is pleasing to see some of my coaching over the years showing through in their games.

### 10th Grade Tornados

**Coach:** Errol Smith

The Tornados have improved as the season has gone by. Jared Lingard, Jason Smith and Jason Stewart have played well up front, with Jared scoring in every game. Pick of the goalkeepers this season would be Lance Janssen supported by Matthew Danowlder and Daniel Beetham in defence. Adam Welsh and Troy Owens have also played well in midfield. Overall a big improvement by the whole team from the start of the season. Well done.