

## 12th Grade B

**Coach:** Stefan O'Neill

After a shaky start to the season caused by a lack of team members, a few late enrollees gave the team a good base to work with. Up and down results have been all too common this season, but gradually the communication within the team has improved and some entertaining soccer has been played. Again the support from the parents has been outstanding and it was always nice to see a bigger supporters bench for us even when we were away from home turf. Heres hoping that we can end the season on a high note, and put a smile on everyone's faces.

## 13th Grade A

**Coach:** Gary Greaves

My first season of coaching has been an interesting learning experience for me. The team started off a bit topsy tury but as time went on they began to show what they could do. It's been great for me to see these individuals become a team and work together. Their communication and passing skills have improved to end and I hope we can keep this team together for another season. I don't wish to single out any particular players as I believe the team works as a single unit, but I would like to congratulate Nia Masters, James Rundle and Russell Greve for their selection in representative teams. To the parents who showed up every weekend rain or shine I say thank you for supporting me and our team. I look forward to next season and less grey hairs. You should be proud of yourselves - you are a good bunch of kids

## Youth Grade

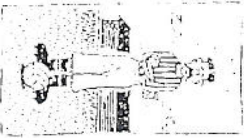
**Manager:** Bede Kearney

1996 has been a good year for the youth team. For Burwood it has usually been a case of a young skilful team against older, bigger and stronger teams. We have developed an attractive style of football which both Burwood and opposition supporters have enjoyed. Our results have been reasonably good although the heavier grounds lately have counted against us. Our strikers Simon Lines and James Danwelder have contributed most of our goals with useful contributions from a number of others. Iria Glasson and Janie Duncun have provided the skill and drive in the middle of the park, and were selected for Canterbury U15 and U14 respectively. Paul Davies (Canterbury U15) marshalled the defence well with Rikki Shaw providing able support through the middle. Fullbacks Paul Dunn and Ruben Woods both defended well and looked to get forward as often as possible to support the midfielders Matthew Polaschek, Scott Richards and Tim Donaldson who have all had good seasons. Adam Kearney in goal has been very reliable and made some outstanding saves to frustrate opposition attacks. The team has been a very happy, one and well disciplined both on and off the field. The ability of the boys has been recognised with 3 Canterbury reps and 7 Canterbury Districts reps. A special mention must go to Tony Woods, our coach. Tony put in a huge effort to bring the team together to ensure the boys got football in 1996 and has helped them develop into an excellent group with which everyone has enjoyed being involved.

## Masters

**Coach:** Hugh MacDonald

The Masters team finished the 1st round in 8th place out of 14 teams, which placed them in Division II for the 2nd round and after 2 games have 1 win and 1 loss. They are now turning their thoughts to the World Masters Tournament in Melbourne where they will carry the Burwood flag. Any male players over 35 years of age who would like to pull on their boots again, would be welcomed at the Burwood masters next season (phone Hugh 385-5464).



## 1st Women

**Coach:** Jeremy Busby

As another season draws to a close we are very much faced with lots of "if only" situations. Games we could have won were lost or drawn, goals we conceded could have been avoided, and goals we could have scored stayed out of the net. But despite all that, in my opinion this team have proved over the course of the season that they very much belong in the Premier division, and deserve and need to stay there. No team that I have been involved with shows as much team spirit and "never say die" attitude as this. They deserved more success. Congratulations and good luck to Aigie Clapham, Michelle Bundo and Elysia Dick who were selected to represent their province playing for the Canterbury Womens B team in the National Womens tournament (to be played at Culberts Green, 25 Aug to 1 Sep).

## 1st Men

**Coach:** Chris Johnson

This year brought the club one of its all time highs, beating a higher graded and more fancied club in a very exciting Chatham Cup tie, followed by a creditable performance against Christchurch United. Unfortunately United ended our unbeaten run. As for the league, it was a season of 2 halves, the 1st half being very promising leaving us in 2nd place just 2 points off the lead. The 2nd half saw us drop more points than we got, mostly against the lower teams, causing us to finish where I can only describe as a disappointing mid-table. The team does however have more than enough talent to win the league next year, provided the costly lessons of this year are well learned. I hope all other teams enjoyed their season, and hope you all get a good summers rest.

# BURWOOD ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

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Welcome to the Clubs last newsletter of the 1996 season.

The newsletter is sponsored by Marie Cone at Gillman Real Estate, Merivale. Our thanks to Marie, and we urge parents to consider Marie when they need the services of a competent land agent.



**Annual General Meeting**  
7.30 pm, Monday  
9 October,  
Clubrooms,  
Clare Park



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## Junior End of Year Presentation of Awards

Prizegiving will be at the Clare Park Clubrooms  
Midgets  
8th to 10th grades  
11th to Youth grades  
Please bring a plate. Trophies, Certificates, Player of the Year, Most Improved etc and all remaining Player of the Day certificates will be presented

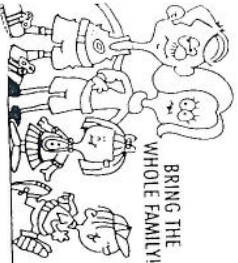
## Congratulations to:

<b>Michelle Bundo, Elysia Dick Aigie Clapham, Sara Clapham</b>	Who achieved Canterbury Womens B representative status. They will play in the National Womens Tournament at Culberts Green on the week of 25 August to 1 September.
<b>James Rundle (13A)</b>	Who was selected for the Canterbury Districts 13th grade team to play in a tournament in Greymouth.

**Season End**  
Junior section competitions for all grades ends Saturday, 31 August.

## Club Picnic

The Club picnic is planned for Sunday, 6 October from 11.00 am at the South Brighton Domain. Coaches will contact you closer to the date.



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### **Midgets Presentation**

A small party and presentation for the Midgets players will take place at the Clubrooms after the usual training and game on Saturday, 31 August. Please bring a small plate.



### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on Monday, 7 October, 7.30 pm at the Clubrooms, Clare Park. Please come along and support the Club. *Please note:*

- Remits need to be in the Secretary's hands 7 days prior to the meeting.
- Nominations for office need to be made in writing to the Secretary 14 days prior to the meeting. Nominations from the floor will only be accepted if no written ones have been received (the nominee must be present or their consent given in writing).
- Senior players please ensure you submit a written resignation to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

### **Presidents Report**

The 1996 season will be remembered as one of extreme frustration for everyone, with a long period of inactivity in July due to the weather and the state of the grounds, being compounded by school holidays. For your committee the major problem once again has been (the lack of) finance. We had hoped to manage with a minimum of fundraising but unfortunately the Tempin bowling and Wizards nights did not receive across the board team support. Next season we will also be looking at a method of encouragement for the earlier payment of subscriptions.

Because the exterior of the clubrooms is in desperate need of repair and renovation, which will be quite an expensive exercise, we can see that next season will require the cooperation of all members, in an early fundraising effort. At present it is our intention that this will take the form of an official club raffle (subject to approval of the incoming committee).

In common with all sports which are not considered to be high profile in New Zealand we are not seen to be a priority for the larger sponsorship dollar, and consequently we will have no option as a club, but to forget the "handouts" which seem to be a part of today's sports clubs mentality and go back to the old Kiwi ethic of "getting stuck in and helping ourselves". Volunteers for a fundraising committee along with total membership support would be a big bonus. Lets make our motto for Burwood in 1997 "CAN DO!"

Congratulations and good luck to all the players from Burwood who are taking part in representative tournaments in the next few weeks.

*Vern Harkness*

### **Junior Club Captains Report**

**Angie Clapham**

Well hasn't it been a wishy washy season with all the bad weather we have had, week after week. Well done to all the boys and girls who achieved this year in representative teams. Hard luck to the others and keep on battling. Fundraising hasn't been that great this year and we need to address it next year. Numbers of Committee people are still down this year but thanks to those that have helped. I would like to thank Brian and Bev Hendry for looking after the team cards. Also to Elsie Haakmeester who has done a tremendous job with the newsletter and also helping me with ringing coaches and collecting subscriptions which has been a painstaking job. Thanks and have a great summer, see you next year.

### **Senior Club Captains Report**

**Phillip Clark**

With the 1996 season drawing to a close it is time to reflect on what has been a mixed year for the Senior club. Despite the lack of silverware - although the knockout competitions do remain, all teams have at times achieved results of which they can be proud, without perhaps maintaining the level of consistency they may have desired. The introduction of new coaches for both the 1st mens and 1st womens teams, plus the emergence of several young players in both squads, had signalled that 1996 would be a transitional season for the senior club. The promise shown by these players, as well as the tremendous spirit which has existed within all 3 senior squads, bodes well for the future of the club. Many thanks to all those who have supported the senior teams - either as a spectator or in an organisational capacity - during the 1996 season.

### **TEAM REPORTS**

#### **11th Grade A**

**Coach: Angie Clapham**  
Our boys have done extremely well this year with only one loss. It's a big step up from the 10th grade to the 11th and onto the big pitch. I also have two younger boys playing up a couple of grades. It looks as if 11A has won its section. So - "Well done boys and keep up the soccer".

#### **11th Grade B**

**Coach: Robbie Stewart**  
We are just about through the season now, with a number of highs occurring. We welcomed a number of new players to Burwood this year - including a set of twins, which makes it real challenging for the coach. We have had some close games this season and all credit goes to the team for their efforts. Certainly the weather has played its part in reducing our playing days but I think we have all had heaps of fun along the way.

#### **12th Grade A**

**Coach: Brian Hendry**  
After 3 wins in grading rounds the team have learnt the level of skills required to compete in Section 1. To date we have managed 1 win and 3 draws. Although results have not gone our way we still have managed a good number of Canterbury representatives. Ashley Hendry, Ryan Hurring, Blake Henderson and Jonathan Drury are in the Canterbury Eastern Zone side, Mark Dunn and Stephen McLeod the 11th grade Districts, Sara Clapham all the way to Canterbury Womens B. I'm sure they would thank their team mates for their support. I congratulate all the players in the team. I also would like to thank them for staying throughout the season even with our results. Special thanks to parents who gave support, wet or fine on Saturdays and to club fundraising. I hope they continue to encourage all the players to carry on playing for the next season.