



BURWOOD
ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB



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Newsletter September 2011

Presidents Report

Well 2011 will be remembered by all of us for the earthquakes that hit throughout the year. As you all know the 22 February one causing major problems within Christchurch with major infrastructure issues. The very fact that we got the season underway is testament to the hard work by many people within our club, our parent body Mainland Football and the Christchurch City Council. And if that wasn't enough we got hit by snow storms at the end of the year. In between these natural disasters we managed to have a pretty good run with the weather.

In 2011 we had 22 teams (241 kids), as well as 33 under 7 year olds in the First Kicks. These figures are down on previous years due to the earthquake.

Organising this number of players is a big task and so I would like to congratulate the Management Committee for their efforts this year especially. Another group of people who deserve many thanks are our coaches – thank you for a job well done. Everyone went the extra mile this year.

We have received a good level of sponsorship from the NZ Community Trust – thanks to them for their support. Unfortunately we missed out on other funding applications.

To all the players and parents, I wish you all the best for the summer and hope everyone eventually gets some resolution with the earthquake issues. We look forward to seeing you back next year.

Murray Ralfs

Club Captains Report

Our First Kicks (4-6yrs) pilot program which is part of New Zealand Football's "Whole of football plan" has been well received by all participants, and we'll look forward to it being rolled out next season. Unfortunately our numbers haven't been the same as previous years and we may look at moving to a Saturday morning for next year.

Disruption to Clare Park has hampered teams looking forward to playing on a senior field, however it is hoped to have the fields back in their original configuration for next season. We have had a good number of playing days without too many cancellations, although as I write this it is snowing outside! There is still uncertainty over houses within our catchment area and it is hoped that we won't lose too many players as a result.

On a lighter note enjoy your off season and we hope to see you all back playing next year

Don MacDonald

Club Sponsor – thanks for your support:

- NZ Community Trust

Annual General Meeting

Monday, 31 October 2011, 7.30 pm

Clubrooms at Clare Park

2012 Registration Mail Out

The club will be mailing out the 2012 registration forms and details early next year (late January/early February). If your address has changed in the last 7-8 months or you intend moving in the next 5-6 months could you please contact the club with the change of address details:

- Burwood AFC, P O Box 38050, Parklands, Christchurch 8842
- or via the club website www.burwoodafc.co.nz, email admin@burwoodafc.co.nz

Team Reports

7 Jaguars - It's been a great year for the Jaguars. A bit of a rollercoaster with the results - we won as many games as we lost – but we had loads of fun along the way. Our eight Jaguars have run and tackled their hearts out and have improved incredibly as a team. I hope it is the start of a long time in the game for them all. So to Sam, Sammy, Marcus, Matthew, Ethan, Dylan, Sho and Jamie, and all the parents many thanks for a great season. Coach Gareth Williams

7 Wizards - It was a year full of ups and downs but on a whole everyone improved and learnt how to enjoy the game of football. When the odds were stacked against us our team never gave up and always came off the field with smiles on their faces. Thank you to the parents for all of the support they have given the Burwood Wizards this year. Coach Ashley Brown

8 Comets - The boys and girl of the 8th grade Comets have had a great season and have improved from when we first started. It was unfortunate to lose Sami three quarters of the way through the season, his work in defence was missed. The players are to be commended on their dedication to the team. Thanks to all the Mum and Dads for assisting at the games. The decision to award the Player of the Year & Most Improved was difficult so I got the parents to vote on Player of The Year and I picked the most improved. Coach Paul Wylaars

8 Rockets - The “Rockets” really enjoyed a positive season! We won most of our games and even the ones we lost, were really hard fought encounters. I think that all our players improved immensely during the season with lots of promise being shown by all. Oliver Lyons & Connor Abernethy showed their attacking prowess; Jack Johnson & Blake Beavan were constantly fighting for the ball; Liam Tate, Michael Flanagan & Josh Luxford worked tirelessly and Aimee Cook was the heart of our defense. It has been a pleasure to coach such a wonderful team!!!!

Most of all, thank you to all our wonderful supporters, parents, grandparents brothers & sisters without whom we would not nearly be as good as we are!!!! Coaches Chris Lyons/Dean Abernethy

8 Panthers – Team: Ruby Allan, Jordan Tipple, Grace Andrews, Harry McDonald, Charlie Brady, Damien Cummings, Michael Gillette

Well what a season the Panthers have had, they started their first game with only 5 players (no reserves), boy was that a tough game. Despite this they managed to draw 2 all. Most players had not played a team sport, let alone soccer before. The Parents have felt immensely proud of the team spirit and ethos. The team celebrated successes, improvements and even the odd win, and enjoyed the positive reinforcement's they received from team supporters.

The Panthers have had a somewhat “mucky season” with changes to their coaches, the loss of some team member's, not to mention earthquakes and snow, the remaining children have shown the sort of resilience that will make them an asset to any team they belong to next season. – Ka Pai to mahi Team managers Darren and Rachel Allan

9 Hawks - The Team consisted of Jamaine Taylor, Emily Whitnall, Joshua Brink, Benjamin Cummins, Sam Mclean, Hayden Taylor, Liam Taylor, Anaru Walker, Caleb Ferrari, Jakob Middlemiss, What a fantastic season. A real mixture of wins, draws and losses, with every game forcing us to run hard and play our hearts out.

Every player showed moments of brilliance at some stage during the season and we had the odd “Dufus” moment as well, which all added up to a fun season of football.

Special thanks to the parents who helped out with coaching, oranges, subbing and advice, making my job as coach and manager a whole lot easier. GO THE MIGHTY HAWKS! – Coach Steve Whitnall

9 Meteors - We have had an outstanding season, not only in terms of wins on the pitch but perhaps more importantly, the individual skill improvements and players developing an understanding of the game and positional play.

We scored a number of fantastic goals, 82 in total, built upon great passing, pin point crosses and quality finishing and team work. At the other end, we defended our goal with real commitment and regularly turned solid defense into exciting attacking opportunities.

The continuity of play from defense through the midfield on to attack was at times, sublime. We won 15 games and lost just 2, turning one of those losses into a win when we met again. It has been a pleasure to have coached this team and I can see a number of these players, playing at a higher level in the years ahead. Coach Keith Marsh

10 Pumas - Well the 10th grade Burwood Pumas got off to a slow start this season with a group of very keen players who had not played together before (and coaches who hadn't coached before!!). After 3 heavy losses the Pumas found their feet and won their 4th game 2 nil followed by a 1 all draw. From here on we had some good wins and some narrow losses and it was fantastic to see all the individuals in the team improve on a weekly basis and therefore the overall skill level of the team being lifted. Every member of the PUMAS had great games at times and it was extremely hard to pick a Player of the Year and Most Improved Player as all the children put their hands up for these prizes. Pawel played most of the season as the regular Goalie and on many occasions kept the Pumas ahead with his great saves. Josh, Mitchell, Levi and Matteo were powerhouses in defence when needed whilst Caleb, Tom, Justin spent a lot of the season running hard and toiling away as the midfield links and Romek, Ben and Dean were aggressive when up front with many great runs and shots in and on goal.

Player of the year goes to Romek Gall who ran hard all year, covered more kilometres than any other player, always turned up on defence to give them a hand and had plenty of vision and passing skills. Most Improved was by far the hardest decision as it could have gone to any other member of the team, but Josh Nimmo pipped his team mates for this prize. Josh never ever gave up on defence and was never afraid to tackle opponents much bigger than him and could always be relied on to give it 100%. Well done guys and well done to all 11 of you.

Also, a big thank you to the parents, who were always supportive of the children, and to those who helped out during the season. Coaches Richie Parker and Dave Brennan

10 Tigers - The boys have had a great season this year. Mostly all new to the game they made great progress and by the end of the year were playing like a real football team. Some of the boys started out without too much confidence but will now be happy to take their place in an 11th grade team. We were also playing with a small team this year and it is to the boy's credit that despite often playing without reserves they were able to several times come back from behind to either draw or win. This made for very exciting football for all of the parents. Our result for the season was 7 wins, 3 draws, and 4 losses. Coach Chris Henney

10 A - After the qualifying rounds the Boys have played in a division in which six teams have been so evenly matched, apart from 2 games our results have been decided by the single goal. The team ethic amongst the boys has been outstanding and they have worked so hard for each other. What I have enjoyed is that in the latter part of the season the team has achieved some results that their teamwork and commitment has deserved. The majority of boys have had a go at being goalkeeper this season, but I would like to highlight one performance in particular by Simon Buerki against Waimak Utd was outstanding (anyone that has played at Marie Andrews park would appreciate). A big thank you to the Boys, Stefan (referee), James (coaching) and as always all the support from the boy's families throughout the season. Coach David Brown

11 A - Our team had quite a tough season! We didn't win many games but we really pushed some of the leading teams hard in a very competitive division. Towards the end of our season our team showed a vast improvement in all round play culminating in a fantastic victory to end the season on a high. This showed that the work the players put in throughout the season finally paid dividends! Our team also had to cope with not having a home ground due to the quakes, so all our games were basically played away. Faced with this however, our team was not deterred, and we played with pride each and every time.

Thank you to all our supporters, parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters who helped us through all the challenges we've faced this season.

It has been a pleasure coaching you!!! Coaches Chris Lyons/ Kevin Placid

11 B Shakers – Team: Liam Burrows, Matthew Kendal, Joshua Knowles, Jamie McDowell, Reece Pickett, Loui Quinn, Loughton Romeyn, Thomas Russ-Hofmans, Jared Thompson and Devon Martin for a really great season this year. Even the training was something to look forward to. We all had a great season! All players have improved so much; the days of swarm soccer are well behind us. Most of the team is really taking responsibility for their positions. Thanks to all the parents that helped this year, their support of the kids really makes a difference. Also thanks to assistant coach Scott, especially for assistance with training, this made the practise much more structured and useful.

A special thanks to Loughton and Jared (backs) and Joshua (goalie), they made a real difference to the game scores. Also to Devon, our top striker, who scored most of our goals.

Coach Kevin Thompson

11 C - The season started off a bit messy with no coach and not enough players- but by the 2nd week we had managed to obtain our wonderful coaches - Michael Bailey and Callum Brockie and also a few extra players - so luckily we could field a team. We started the season with a draw and had only one win - but so many games were very close and exciting and the team really improved throughout the season. If we could not win on the day - I think we took the prize for team support as we always had fantastic parent and grandparent turnout and encouragement on the sideline. A big thanks to Michael and Callum for coaching the team. I really enjoyed managing the team during the season - but couldn't have done it without the support of all the parents. Team Manager - Denise Ryan

12 A Had a great season this year with an awesome bunch of players. The lads played some exciting football at times and on their day were the equal of any team in the competition. While the results may not have gone our way some days, it certainly wasn't for lack of trying or ability. We did have a bit of a mid-season lull when the competition was redrawn but the team showed real character and team spirit to come back and start beating teams that had beaten us in the first round. We were blessed again with a very supportive group of parents who cheered and clapped whatever the result, great support to have. Big thanks to Steve for running the bench for the team. So thanks everyone for a fun year, in what has been a difficult year for us all and I hope to see everyone back next year. Coaches Andrew & Wendy Johnson

12 B - We started off in a grade way too high for us & copped a few hidings, but the kid's hung in there & never gave up. We started the season with 2 subs but lost 1 to illness after the first game & another one called it quits about half way through so down to 9 players. One of the boys' younger sister (Natasha) only 9 years old became our super sub & helped out a lot. After the regrading things got a lot better & we had a draw & a win straight away & were competitive for the rest of the season, but for a couple of narrow 1-0 losses we could have been challenging for a top spot. Proud of the kids after a tough start & think they enjoyed the season in the end & hopefully all back next year. Coach Kevin Kennedy

13 A - Some great results and the positive attitudes of my players and their ever supportive parents have helped make the 2011 season a very good one. Through all the turmoil of shakes, snow and Sunday trainings, their passion to play and compete has shown through. It has been a pleasure to coach this team, and I hope to see them all in 2012. A special thanks to Tony Wyatt for his much needed help from the sideline. Coach: Stefan O'Neill

13 B - Would like to start by saying, a big thank you, to all those on the committee for their huge effort this year in what has been an extremely difficult year. Also thanks to Stefan, 13A coach who allowed us to train with his team when we were lacking in numbers and for making his players available for our games. We have been very competitive throughout the whole season and the team can take great pride in the fact that every team that played us knew that they had to work extremely hard to beat us. Two games stand out as a testament to this. Down 4 nil to Nomads at halftime we managed to fight our way back to 4-3 with 10 minutes to go eventually lost 6-4 but the team showed great fight which pleased me more than a win. When we played Nomads again, we won 2-0 which to me was our best game of the season. Hope to see all team members back next year for an even better season next year. Coach Warren Suddens

14 A – Well, it's been another interesting season with the team doing really well. We welcomed a couple of new players, Tim and Brockton, who turned out to be very good assets to the team, with Tim showing good ability in mid field and Brockton giving us pace and finishing on the wing. Starting off in Div. 3 we were top at the halfway point of the season, winning 6 of our 7 games, and were promoted to Div.2. We started Div. 2 with a close fought 0-1 loss to STAC finishing in third place, losing 2 and drawing 1, a very respectable effort, especially given the split training as a result of the shakes. As usual the team made a great effort with players continuing to show improvement in all areas of their individual and team play. It was a pleasure at times to watch the passing moves put together by the team quite often finishing these with goals or attempts on goal. Sadly we say goodbye to our 'keeper, Dylan Wragge, who is moving 'up north'. Dylan has been exceptional for us in goal over the last few seasons and will be sorely missed by everyone. Good luck in the big smoke Dylan. Coaches Terry Neville and Kevin Brett

15 A - Our season started off with the loss of 6 of last year's league winners team, so back to the drawing board we went, like most we managed a few pre-season runs and from there we've had games only. Our step up to 3rd div was a good learning curve but unfortunately we didn't get the 2nd round chance to show the 3rd div what lessons we had learnt, so down to the 4th div we went, with 2 rounds to go we are chasing a former 2nd div team for division honours only 2 pts behind. This team is coming of age as the more time we have played together the higher our skill levels have progressed. Not bad for no training. It is as always been a privilege to coach this team.
Coach Steve Woods

17 A – The 17A team in 2011 played in Division 2 and was made up of some experienced and inexperienced players and this showed at various times during the year. Often we would be doing very well in our games and then some simple errors would let our performance down. This was due to the inexperience of some of the players at the level we played at. Given all this, these lads worked hard throughout the year and their effort at training and in the games could not be faulted. I enjoyed coaching these lads, thanks for your efforts. Also thanks to all the parents for their support of the team and myself. Finally have a great summer and we'll see you next year.
For the record: Played 16, Won 2, Drew 2, Lost 12. The team was (goals scored in brackets): Liam Barrett-Rogers (1), Liam Campfens (4), Ambrose Challies (5), Liam Clydesdale, Jamie Fisk, William Fleming, James Hall, Raphael Hamilton-Roake (1), Daniel Joubert (1), Jordan Mines (1), Nathan Ralfs, Ben Roberts (2), Joel Robinson (3), Jade Scott, Krishneel Singh. Coach Murray Ralfs

17 B - With a new team of lads with mixed ability it took a wee while to gel and get a bit of momentum going. The last round of games saw the boys hit their stride having 3 wins and a draw from the last 5 games and only losing by 1 goal to the second placed team in the final game - a gutsy effort. The improvement within the team was outstanding. Blake did a fabulous job in goal all season, a position not many prefer. Having 16 players in the squad made getting even playing time difficult at times, but a rotation of stand-downs helped the situation, making subs easier.
A huge thank-you to all the parents that turned up week in and week out to support the lads, and to help with the subs when I had to shoot off early to rugby.
Thanks in particular to Brent Davidson for running a couple of trainings and doing a fair bit of the refereeing throughout the season. We finished mid table after a slow start so well done team. I have really enjoyed coaching these lads and hope to see them back next year. The team consisted of: Shakeal Buxton, Campbell Crimp, Sam Davidson, Adam Green, Scott Heads (capt), Aidan Mather, Ben Mayo, Dane Mitchell, Harrison O'Sullivan-Moffat, Corey Reddish, Jordan Reddish, Liam Ronald, Ricky Weastell, Jayden Wise, Blake Coburn, Brad Van Eyk Menkman. Coach Richie Mayo

18 A - Team: Ryan Booth, Matt Brandon, Tim Crimp, Nick Haggerty, Matt Jones, Liam McGurk, Shaun McTague, Nick Tolcgard, Nick Ward, Michael Fox, Michael Bull, Kyle Hawks, James Crowther, Michael Bohm & Zaki Ghazizada
This is the end of an era for this team, as next season they will need to play senior football, which means they will need to move away from the Burwood football club. This has been a very challenging year for the team with a couple of players being unavailable from early in the season. In addition we had a number of significant injuries. This meant at times we were unable to field a full team & relied on the younger brothers of a couple of players needing to play for us. We finished a creditable mid-table, with the team playing some stunning football at times, & scoring some amazing goals. There are a number of very talented footballers in this team. I hope the majority of players are able to keep together & play again next year, as they have a very good team spirit & have been a real pleasure to coach. A special mention this year to Liam, for volunteering to play as goal keeper for us for most of the season. Thanks to John & Cam for filling in for us when required. I would also like to thank Wayne Fox for assisting me as coach this year & also to Phil Ward for refereeing our games. Also a special mention to our loyal band of supporters this year, who were loud & vocal at times! Thank you team for your efforts this season & I would like to wish you all the very best for your futures.
Coaches Mark Tolchard & Wayne Fox