



Presidents Report

Murray Ralfs

2015 was a great year for the club. I think we may have turned the corner a little in the aftermath of the earthquakes. There is a good feeling among the club at Junior and Senior level.

We were very lucky with the weather this year and only some of the lower grades lost a couple of playing days. None of our teams get on the pitch without the hard work and set up by our coaches. A big thanks to all our coaches. Our Management Committee carried on their usual good work organising our teams and players.

Our Clubrooms are now back in action and we need to thank the Christchurch City Council for their efforts here. The downstairs changing rooms have been reinforced from an earthquake safety perspective. As well lighting, showers and paint work have been upgraded.

Our Junior section has remained relatively static numbers wise, and our aim is to encourage more youth level teams. The lower aged Juniors continue to be strong. Our First Kicks and Fun Football sections continue to be working well in the NZ Football Whole of Football Plan. Our Junior strips are getting well beyond their age and next year we will be replacing all of them.

The Senior club is still on the rise with 3 teams this year. All teams doing well with the highlight our A team winning all competitions this year and gaining promotion to Division 4. The club is working hard to get our A team higher up the divisions. I believe over the next few years we should consolidate our position with the 3 teams. We have also forged a good relationship with Shirley Boys High School with several SBHS lads playing in our senior teams.

We have received a good level of sponsorship this year and these funders and companies are noted below. As well we received a donation from the Horseshoe Lake Trust and some of this will be used to upgrade our Junior strips. The club thanks the Horseshoe Lake Trust for this generous donation.

To all the players, coaches and parents, I wish you all the best for the summer and we look forward to seeing you back next year.

2015 Sponsors – many thanks for your support:

- NZ Community Trust
- Lion Foundation
- Christchurch Earthquake Recovery Trust
- O'Sheas Public House
- Strawberry Sound
- Ross Richdale Plumbers
- NZCU South

Annual General Meeting

Monday, 9 Nov 2015, 7.30 pm

Venue – Clubrooms
Come along, no pressure

2016 Online Registration

This year Mainland Football introduced online registrations for all players. And going forward this will be the method of registration. Existing players will receive a registration email from the club (via Sporting Pulse). And new players will also register using this method.

Senior Club Captains Report

Phil Ward

Senior football at Burwood AFC is on the rise. This year we introduced a 3rd senior team to our ranks. We entered this side in the PDL grade. They performed creditably and provided good player cover for our A side. Some earning a permanent spot in the A team.

Our hope is to continue this growth in player numbers, and continue to foster the relationship with Shirley Boys players, 4 of whom played for Burwood this year.

Next season's goals will be for our A team to continue progressing through the grades, our B side gaining promotion from Division 6, and our PDL side to make the top 6.

Plus of course next year's inductees into the 50 senior games club!

Thanks to all the players, coaches and management from all 3 teams for making this a very enjoyable season, and congratulations to all the award winners.

Keep fit and keep an eye out for pre-season training in February next year.

Junior Club Captains Report

Don MacDonald

Another great season is over, the weather has been outstanding and apart from some issues with the grounds at Clare Park due to Council work, we've had a good season. One of the highlights is always the Club day we have at ASB Football Park. Thanks to all the parents and supporters, without you we wouldn't be able to function. Keep up the practice over the summer months and we'll see you back next year.

First Kicks (4-6 Years)

Coach – Don MacDonald

What a great season we have had this year with only 2 days called off because of weather. It's great to see football skills emerging from these youngest of players, enabling them to transition to the higher grades with ease. We will see some back next year for another season and the older players will be moving on to 7th grades and beyond. Well done to you all and thanks to the parents and caregivers who bring you along every Saturday morning. Special thanks to Lee Hinton for his help this year.

7th Wizards

Coaches – Rob Bone, Ryan Paterson

The 7th Grade Burwood Wizards have had a fantastic first season in real competition, winning every game against 7th grade opposition. Out of the 12 games played against 7th Grade teams, stats are: won 12, lost 0, goals for - 92, goals against - 22. Of 2 games against 8th Grade teams, stats are: lost 2, goals for - 4, goals against - 12. The "Golden Boot" award is even with one game left, with Diego Paterson and Josh Bone both on 35 goals each for the season.

As coaches, Ryan and I have been really proud of the way the team have played. Always with good spirit, friendly, and supporting each other, and, applauding the opposition team for good play and goals.

They have really gone forward over the season and learnt the importance of playing as a team when it comes to passing, looking for spaces to run into, and helping out their team mates.

We have really appreciated the support from the player's parents, the cheering on the sidelines, and the free Mars bars and Gingerbread men!

Big shout out to Brendon and Andrew for helping out with the Wednesday evening coaching sessions.

Would love to think that this team will stick together going forward to the 8th grade, and maybe be able to recruit a few extra players as well. We may need to go into the transfer market before next season!

Sadly, we may be losing Star Coach Ryan to Brazil before the start of next season, which is a big blow. Ryan has been a true champion and is well liked by all the team, and will be sorely missed. If there is such thing as a Coach of the Year award, then it must go to Ryan for sure. Thanks to all the players and parents, and also to Mark Tolchard for his organisation and help and to Burwood AFC.

Rob Bone and Ryan Paterson (Maverick and Iceman).

8th Rockets

Coach – Aaran Hunter

The 8th grade Rockets had a successful and enjoyable season.

The two 8th grade Burwood teams, the Rockets and the Hawks, enjoyed each other's company and trained and warmed up as one big squad each week.

A lesson I have learned this season:

- When you lend a player to another team they will almost certainly play the game of their life!

Highlights of the season for me included:

- Watching the players improve their skills and teamwork.
- Every player in the team provided a number of memorable moments.
- Playing at ASB Football Park.
- Enjoying the success of winning some close, hard fought, matches.

On behalf of the team I'd like to thank Mike Dennett (coach of the Hawks) and all the parents for their help and support this year.

8th Hawks

Coach – Mike Dennett

What another great season for the Burwood Hawks, It's such a pleasure to coach a group of kids that love to run around and play this great game. With only 2 games lost for the entire season, it's been another very strong year, with this group of kids already learning each position on the field and knowing their role, it makes for opposition teams work hard for their goals and we push them all the way and never give up.

Every player in the team played their part although most of the goals were scored between 3 players, they wouldn't have scored over half if it wasn't for the team effort and great defense.

It was great that the weather played its part and only 1 week was lost due to rain which compared to last year was fantastic and with a dry field made the Hawks tough to face, bring on next year!!

9th Panthers

Coach – Marcus Irvine

Wow another season done and dusted and another season of great improvement from the kids. It was a step up for us this year playing on the bigger fields and a few extra rules to learn but they picked it all up quickly and really enjoyed the challenge. As a team these kids were very enjoyable to coach and really gave it their best week in and week out. It's definitely been the hardest season to pick out individuals as player of the year and most improved as they have all come so far. As the season progressed we found out we had a real star in goal that was willing to play there every week and really saved us on more than a few occasions. He showed us how fearless he was and also wasn't afraid to give the kids direction, so well done Ryan. We had a goal scoring machine in Cameron up front (27 goals to date) he scored 5 in 1 game against Coastal Spirit, a game we went on to win 9-0, but as we all know 2 players don't make a team so this year the real focus was on passing to a team mate in a better position and also spreading out to help create space. It took some time but by seasons end the boys were really looking for that option especially our wing men Benji and Rylan who both assisted plenty of goals with their crosses and passes. Our defense was also very reliable with Kieran, Caleb and Jackson (who rotated with Ryan in goal). Our midfielder Ollie, Rylan and Benji didn't stop running all season and forward's Alex, Owen, Cameron and Kahurangi did a great job. I'd also like to thank all the parents who helped out this year especially Rochelle for managing the subs and time keeping on game day and Rob for helping with the coaching. Our record this year 6 wins 9 losses 1 draw.

10th Tigers

Coach – Isaac Malpass

Nick and I had the privilege of coaching the "Tigers" for a second year running, although a step up this season to 10th grade. Getting to know the boys was a bit easier with 6 returning from our side last year. We started off with a hiss and roar with a 5-0 win out in Halswell. The majority of our games from then on in were close games with only a goal or two in it, which helped the boys improve over the course of the season. With a great goalkeeper in Ben and a solid defence, combined with Tyler and Jacobs interplay up front (especially in our late season win over Cashmere Tech) we played some exiting football at times. A huge thanks from Nick and myself to Gareth Williams and all of the parents for their support and commitment, this made our jobs a whole lot easier. We hope to see all the boys return to play in Maroon next season.

11th A

Coach – Gareth Williams

Well another season of two halves for the 11th grade. We made the step up to intermediate pitches and having 9 players on the pitch together. Also positions became more important and with one game to go we are close to getting the formula right ☺. Up until the school holidays we had won 6, drawn 2 and lost only 2. As with last year we had a post-holiday losing streak, this year of 5 games on the trot – argh. Never mind we turned it around last week.

We have 11 players in the squad and I think we have had all 11 players only about twice all season. We've played amazing games and lost, and amazing games and won. We've had 8 players on the score sheet this year and I am hoping to report that we will have had everyone as a goal scorer at the prize giving.

The side-line team has been magnificent all season – running subs (when we had one) – providing yummy half-time and full-time sweet delights – being great warm up and training goalkeepers, and outstanding goal net packers. Thanks to all the parents for your support.

We have had a really well balanced season in terms of results. With one game to go our record is:

Played	Win	Draw	Loss	For	Against	Points*	*If we were allowed them
16	7	2	7	53	52	23	

It's been a blast all season and I have thoroughly enjoyed being with the team so a huge thanks to Aleisha, Ashley, Calyb, Eben, Fabian, Jamie, Josh, Jun Woo, Kane, Samantha and Thomas. I really hope to see you all back next season.

Senior B

Coaches – Murray Ralfs and Richie Mayo

The Burwood B team had their 2nd year in Division 6 and for the main part enjoyed it.

After our efforts last year we hoped to finish up in the top 2 for this season. The league ended up being 13 teams with 1 or 2 strong teams.

There were a number of good wins at the start of the year but towards then end of the season we lost a number of games by the odd goal. Our lack of training towards the end of the season probably contributed to this. Our defense and midfield was overall fairly strong but we did struggle to score goals at times.

Again both coaches have enjoyed coaching this great bunch of young men. There was some excellent football played during the year along with a lot of laughs. All the best lads and we all look forward to next year giving it another go. Thanks to the parents, friends and families for their support during the season.

Our record this year was: Played 19, Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 9. Goals for 52, Goals against 44.

The team was (with goals in brackets): Gavin Campbell (8), Liam Campfens (3), Finn Churnside (3), Blake Coburn (1), Campbell Crimp, Adam Green (6), Dan Linden (1), Ben Mayo (1), Jordan Mines, Matt Patterson (11), Nathan Ralfs (3), Hamish Sowden (1), Niwa Ututaonga (1), Brad Van Eyk Menkman (1), Matt McClurg (2), Ricky Weastell. Also thanks to the PDL players throughout the year, our fill-ins and the A team lads in one game.

Senior PDL

Coach – Paul Auld, Manager – Mark Tolchard

We are a new team for Burwood this year. Early in the season the playing eleven changed regularly and the results were mixed. Early on we seemed to have a number of close losses, with the opposition often scoring the winner late in the game.

As the season progressed, we had a more settled line up and with some support from the 5th division team, we started playing some great football and winning a number of games. At the end of the season, we came within centimeters of winning the PDL B division knockout tournament.

We were ably led by Macca (Ben) who scored what was probably our goal of the season. Ethan was courageous in goal. Shaun Mr Reliable in defense had a great season. He was ably supported in defense by Tim, JP, Olly, Reid and Joel (who captained the side when Ben was absent). Nick always played with great energy when he played for us. Mason and Jack combined well in the mid-field and were probably our hardest working players. Jordy's pace on the left was an asset and his corners often exceptional. Aaron's experience and skill was of great support for our young side. Ben S and Elliot, both new to football put in 100% effort. Cam filled many roles (what a great goalie!) and Coxey (Tom), well what can you say about this goal scoring machine. Guys, we hope to see you all back again next season. Thanks to Isaac for his help with pre-game warm ups. Thanks to Phil S. as head coach. Thanks also to Phil W. for his fitness work and squad management. Thanks also to our sideline supporters, Murray and the Burwood committee.

Senior A

This was the 4th season for our senior A side.

We started preseason training way back in February, getting the lads fit and ready for the season ahead. A couple of strong pre-season wins against Division 1 side Selwyn and Division 2 side Amberley had the team in a confident mode heading into the season proper.

Whilst ever hopeful of Mainland finding us a spot in a division commensurate with our abilities, we ended up being promoted just the one spot up to Division 5. We comfortably won all three Division 5 titles, {league, cup and knockouts} the lads playing some very attractive and attacking football along the way.

Our season highlights are always the Chatham and English Cup matches, where we can pit ourselves against some of the stronger Division 1 and MPL teams in Christchurch. Whilst our 1st round Chatham cup game against Selwyn didn't go exactly to plan, we did bounce back well to hold MPL team Coastal Spirit to 1-0 in our English Cup game.

Having a PDL team this year also helped give the A team some good player depth, with a lot of players having to fight for their starting spots in the A side.

The standard of football played throughout the year, was, for the most part of a high calibre.

One thing is very clear; this is a pretty tight team, who just love playing football with their mates, and take real pride in putting on the Burwood shirt. The team will be back to do it all again next year.

Thanks to the parents, cougars, friends and families for all their great support.

Coach: Phil Schimanski

Manager: Phil Ward

Shirley Tennis Club – Junior Tennis (located in Richmond Park)

Opening day – Saturday 29 August 2015

(if you can't make it on this day just come along on your first free Saturday)

8.30 am – 9.30 am 8 years and under Boys/Girls

9.30 am – 10.45 am 9 - 12 year old Boys/Girls

10.45 am – Noon 13 years and over Boys/Girls

Professional coaching provided as part of \$90.00 subscription

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