



Presidents Report

2016 was another good year for the club where both Junior and Senior sections consolidated their positions and numbers. There is a good feeling among the club at all levels. We were lucky again with the weather this year with only one cancelled day. Thank you to our coaches for all the hard work they put in to help our players. As well our Management Committee carried on their usual good work organising our teams and players.

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. We replaced our Junior strips this year with new ones. The Senior club had 3 teams this year. Our A team made the jump into the Canterbury Championship League and did well to finish 4th of 6 – onwards and upwards lads. They had great support from Reserve team. Our B team moved up to 5th Division and did very well finishing 2nd in the League and Knockout.

Many thanks to our sponsors noted below who keep our costs down with this sponsorship. Also thanks to everyone who supported our successful Quiz night, the Ferry Ale House for hosting us and to all our prize sponsors also noted below. I wish you all the best for the summer and we look forward to seeing you back next year.

2016 Sponsors – many thanks for your support:

- **NZ Community Trust**
- **Lion Foundation**
- **Christchurch Earthquake Recovery Trust**
- **O'Sheas Public House**
- **Quiz Night Sponsors:** Strawberry Sound, Pegasus Golf Course, Ballantynes, The Turf Bar, Ferry Ale House, Pak n Save, Stirling Sports, Christchurch Casino, Readings, Spice Paragon, No 4 Bar, Hoyts Northlands, Rawhiti Golf, Countdown.

Annual General Meeting

Monday, 31 Oct 2016, 7.30 pm
Venue – Clubrooms
Come along, no pressure

2017 Online Registration

Again registration for all players will be done online. 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

The 2016 season saw our 3 senior sides consolidate from the previous year with a few players having left, and the introduction of some new faces to the Burwood club.

So we had approx. 50 registered senior players, and only on a couple of occasions was a team short on playing numbers.

Our B side gained promotion to Division 5, and went within a whisker of winning the competition, plus also making the knockout finals, so a great season for Muzz and Richie's lads, and no doubt looking to go one better next year. Our A side were promoted from Division 5 last year, to the newly formed CCL (Canterbury Championship League). This team proved more than competitive in this division, and had wins against all but one of opposition sides throughout the season. This team will only get stronger, as they get accustomed to the demands at this level.

Our Reserves side, in my opinion, epitomize what Burwood is all about. This side played in the CCL reserves league, and had to field a different line up pretty much every week, as players were either rotated, promoted or cover for injury up to the A side. So having team continuity was certainly not an option for this team. But there was never a grumble or complaint, they just got on with doing the best they could with what players they had available, and were very unlucky not have had a few more results go their way. This attitude is exactly what our club is about. So to all players, coaches and supporters have a safe summer, keep fit (you players that is!!) and let's do it all again next year.

Junior Club Captains Report

Don MacDonald

As the season draws to a close, with just our club prize giving and picnic left, we can reflect on a year that has gone very smoothly. Very few rain days have meant a lot of football for our players and this can only enhance their skills. Our 7th and 8th grade have again combined with clubs from our area to give them a variety of teams to play

on a Saturday, this looks like continuing for the foreseeable future. The playing surfaces of Clare Park have stood up well this season and the senior posts have been taken down, leaving only the juniors to do. I also need to mention our coaches, who give up their time twice a week to train and mentor our players, so a big thank you to you. And finally, to the parents, thanks for the positive encouragement you give our players on the sidelines. See you at the prize giving Sunday 4th 11am.

First Kicks (4-6 Years)

Coach – Don MacDonald

I will start this report by saying a huge thank you to Rob Bone and Reuben Cooke who have been game day leaders for the first kicks for this season. It has certainly made my job of coordinator much easier. We have consistently had 20 -24 players each week, and their improvement in the game of football has been huge. The players who are eligible to move up to 7th grade, will take a great set of skills with them. For those that are staying with us you can look forward to some great football again next year. All the best for summer.

7th Hurricanes

Coach – Matt Wright

A bunch of young keen boys and one girl came along to football on the 1st day of the season. Kids at all different levels of ability, improved on skills and working well as a team throughout the season. We had great fun at practice and I was really impressed with how they all got along, listened and played some fantastic games. We have had great improvements throughout the year. Quinn, Amelia and Liam - fantastic defense, commitment and some great runs with the ball. Daniel, Sam R, Sam F and Zach - superb passing and great hard defense. Coastt - was a character and has some great wee ball skills and scored some nice goals. Josiah (aka Cristiano Ronaldo) - was outstanding throughout the season with many goals and fancy foot work, but also a good team player who passed the ball round a lot to other players. Liam - always gave great positive team talks to get us up and firing for games. Amelia - was a star marker and never afraid of getting in there with the boys and getting the ball. Daniel, Sam and Quinn - also scored some great wee goals. Zach - He had great wee runs with the ball and was always everywhere on the pitch. Sam F - was a speedster around the pitch always keen to get after the ball. Thanks to the parents coming along and supporting the team on some very cold mornings, thanks also to Patrick (Liam's dad) and other parents that brought half time oranges for boosting the wee pocket rockets. Thanks for a fun time coaching, it was a pleasure coaching a really great bunch of kids.

8th Wizards

Coaches – Rob Bone, Ryan Paterson

It was another great season for the Wizards, meaning that in 2 seasons together, the team has only had 2 defeats, with one of them being last season against a team from a higher grade.

This year we also set up a friendly match against a Team from the Christchurch Football Academy which we played at Yaldhurst on their artificial pitches. It was a good experience for the boys and we hope to do that again in the future. The Wizards have played well and with good spirit and know the importance of fair play and respecting the opposition. We have come up against teams who unfortunately have not been as gracious but our boys know that this is not how we portray ourselves and this has been very pleasing to see.

We look forward to keeping this group together and going forward into the 9th grade next season, bigger pitches, bigger goals, a goalkeeper, and playing at various grounds. See you in 2017. Rob & Ryan (Maverick & Iceman)!

9th Rockets

Coach – Mike Dennett

The team was: Charley Ansett, Finn Batten, Jordan Dennett, Oliver Eden, Jaxon, Hogg, Bayden Leka, Hunter LePine, Tommy Reeves, Jayden Sequeira, Oliver Wenborn, Sebastian Wong.

10th Panthers

Coaches – Rob Woodthorpe

Assistants: Graeme Christey, Nick Needham

The panthers had 11 players in the squad this year. Three players were new to the team and the rest had returned from last year. Rob Woodthorpe stepped up from assistant coach from last year and after a few weeks into the season, Graeme and Nick helped Rob with the coaching. The squad met some very strong teams and suffered a few large losses in the first 5 weeks. However, this period of the season proved to be the foundation of the team's character, as they came to training the next week determined to improve their skills to improve their results for the next weekend. The emphasis in the training was to work on improving the positives we were doing well, reduce the things we were not doing quite so well and to gel as a TEAM. Together Everyone Achieves More. We were grateful that a parent of the team, Tony Gregory, was able to arrange for a young Canterbury player and his father come one night and help us out with some training routines and skill improvements. After that the team started to reduce the score line to only a few points against us and were playing some excellent games. They began gelling as a unit and were beginning to develop combinations in defense, mid field and attack. After about the 9th week

into the season, the Panthers did not lose another game, they even had a 5 week winning streak before being held to a draw again. We had some memorable games but the most memorable one in the coaches minds at least, was the wet Saturday game against Coastal Spirit. Wet, cold and no reserves due to flu, the team played a full 50 minutes without a break. They played their hearts out, locking down the defense against wave after wave of attack and then counter attacking to take the game 7-2. We will remember Oliver's classic half way successful shot at goal as the icing on the cake. That game was the best reflection of what was best about our team, even when we had the early losses against us – we went out to play as a TEAM. The team would like to thank the parents for their support this season and help by putting out the nets, helping run the warmup's and the vocal support all helped improve our players. And of course standing on the sideline coaches in the freezing cold.

We hope all the team members look at the skills they have developed, the individual improvements and remember how far they have come since the beginning of the season. Some of the memorable/inspirational plays during the games each player realized that everyone made a significant difference for the team and congratulations to all of you on a great end to the season.

Some statistics: Goals: Oliver Alexander-Stewart (26), Rylan Needham (5), Caleb Woodthorpe (4), Ryan Orr (4), Ryan Whitaker (3), Kieran Christey (2) Kunwoo Baek (2). Goals saved Heaps!!!

Game won/lost/Drawn 8 wins 8 losses 3 draws. Teamwork excellent.

11th Tigers

Coach – Isaac Malpass

The team was: Geordie Boniface, Jacob Carey, Harjot Gill, Cameron Grossett, Benjamin Irvine, Blake Jackson, Cameron Jeffrey, Sean McEntyre, Connor McKinnon, Lleyton Miller, Bradley Prescott, Benjamin Smith, Nathan Walker, Lucas Wilson.

12th A

Coach – Gareth Williams

The Burwood 12th Grade A team of Aleisha, Ashley, Eben, Jamie, Joshua, Jun Woo, Kane, Keegan, Matthew, Mia, Samantha, Thomas and Tyler has had an outstanding season. Maybe not in terms of results – we've lost a few and not in terms of goal difference – we've conceded a few, but in terms of effort and commitment and improvement – well we've got that in truck loads.

At the start of the season we weren't sure if we would have a team, but with promotions from 11th grade, some multi-million dollar transfers from Parklands and some sparkling new talent we ended up with two teams.

The teams were split more on friendship groups than going through trials etc. and so the wonderful group of children named above became the 12 A's.

There have been memorable moments in every game – so many so that we introduced a "Magic Moment Award" for the 2nd half of the season. We introduced personal goals for each game – three headers, two left footed shots, back yourself – were a few examples, and in each game every player achieved their individual goal. Team goals were around stringing passes together and to always have fun.

One memorable game we played the best passing game of football I have seen in a very long time – of course we forgot how to do it the next game - but we knew we could do it.

I think our season can be best summed up by some comments from the opposition:

We were playing a team that had thumped us previously – their defense said after the first 10 minutes of the game "Wow they have got better". Two coaches of different teams said at the end of games "Your guys never gave up."

And we haven't. I hope everyone has a great summer and comes back hungry for the "big pitch" game next season. Just a quick thank you to a great group of parents who have supported us throughout the season and to Andrew, Jody, and Logan for some boot camp training on Wednesdays and Victoria, Fed, Glenn and Heijo – the best net packer-upperers in the game.

Senior B

Coaches – Murray Ralfs and Richie Mayo

The Burwood B team moved up to Division 5 this year. And what a successful year for the team finishing 2nd in the League and Pool Knockout. Some great wins during the season especially the 10-1 win over a strong Coastal side. But more especially the wins in tight games were very satisfying from a coaching perspective.

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 partners, friends and families for their support during the season.

Our record this year was: Played 19, Won 12, Drawn 4, Lost 3. Goals for 65, Goals against 29.

The team was (with goals in brackets): Jason Brown, Gavin Campbell (5), Liam Campfens (1), Finn Churnside, Blake Coburn (4), Campbell Crimp, Jude Hawthorne (7), Scott Heads, Adam Green (3), Dan Linden (2), Jordan Mines (1), Rishi Patel (4), Matt Patterson (14), Nathan Ralfs, Hamish Sowden (1), Brad Van Eyk Menkman, Jordi Van der Wielen (20), Ben Mayo (1), Richie Mayo (1).

Senior Reserves

Coach – Paul Auld, Manager – Mark Tolchard

This season saw the nucleus of last season's PDL team returning under the new CCL Reserve Team format, supporting our Senior A team in the new CCL League.

We had a disappointing season results wise, with a number of heartbreaking close losses and draws, although we had some good wins in the mix as well. We did see however a real development of our club spirit, with both Senior A and Reserves teams training together and supporting each other on game day. There were continual changes to our weekly team line up as the team was a feeder to the "A" team. Although at times this was disruptive to the team, it had tremendous benefits overall to these players, encouraging them to strive for improvement and possible opportunity to play in the senior team. The standard of football improved dramatically as the season progressed and the quality of the league brought the best out of everybody. The team were strong defensively and very solid in the mid-field, and worked hard up front, however the team did struggle to put the ball in the back of the net. We are sure the benefits of this year will reflect in the team performance next season. A special mention to Senior team coach Phil Schimanski for his assistance to us as a coaching mentor this year. Thank you team for being a great group to work with. It has been a real pleasure working with you all. We hope you all have a great summer and return next season to carry on the good work done this year

Senior A

Coach – Phil Schimanski, Manager – Phil Ward

Well, this season was awaited with great anticipation, Burwood back into the Qualifying League after many years. The season started back in mid-January with preseason training, so it's been a long season for many. We played 5 pre-season games against good quality sides from Reserve teams who have finished high up in their grade so the anxiety was high for a good year.

Our 1st game was against Christchurch United at Christchurch Football Centre who had just been demoted from MPL and we accounted very well for ourselves going down 2-1 with Brandon Marsh scoring our 1st goal in the league. Also with Tom Gooday injuring himself after 10 mins and out for the remainder of the season, bad luck mate!! Next game we played Waimak at Clare Park and pick up our 1st point in the league, also our 1st win came against Waimak at Kendall Park a 3-2 win in which for 80 mins we dictated the game only to give them 2 soft goals. Our main downfall this season was letting in soft goals especially at crucial times and it cost us many times and points. On the flip side was our ability to score goals, I personally think we had some of the most lethal scorers in the league (i.e.) Hugo (10 goals), James K (9), Max (7) and Brandon when he discovered his goal scoring legs. It was a tough mid-season for the team, suffering some heavy losses to Cash Tech in cup games and I think it knock the confidence out of the team and we started to question ourselves. But as a team we worked really hard in changing the way we approach the game and that started happening against Nomads on the 23rd July when we started putting out a more mobile team. It was the start of what was about to happen next game against Parklands at Parklands, we played the best 20 mins of the season with a fit, fast mobile midfield anchored by Eli and Shakeal. Then the 2nd last game we had Selwyn the team we wanted to defeat the most, we played them at their own game and took them apart, coming up winning 4-3. Then the final game, the derby game against Parklands our bogey team haven't defeated them all season and basically just carried on where we finish off from the previous week winning 7-2 (Brandon with a hat-trick) 2nd hat-trick in 2 weeks (Max the other).

To summarise, I know it took us most of the season to work out a team that can compete in this grade and do well, but it was a matter of finding our feet and sorting players capable of playing this league.

Couple of facts - we were the only team to score in every competition game and we gave Parklands their heaviest defeat for the season. Lastly I would like to thank the Committee for everything, the SUPPORTERS from the sidelines, brilliant thanks, the Reserve team coaches PAUL and MARK for total understanding all season and PHIL W was a great manager and fitness coach!!!! And lastly to the BOYS, keep up the hard work because that's what gets results. GO THE WOOD!!!!!!

Shirley Tennis Club – Junior Tennis (located in Richmond Park)	
Opening day – Saturday 27 August 2016	
(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
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