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70th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 31st October 2016
At the Club House
ROBIN THOMAS RESERVE
Harris Street Parramatta
COMMENCING 7.00 PM

*Come make a difference. Have a say in how your club is run,
to ensure your club is better for your children.*

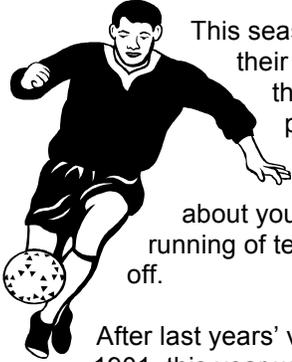


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President's Report

This season our club did not win any Grand Final Championships and yet I still found 2017 a wonderfully enjoyable and successful season for the club. Our junior numbers continued to grow and so did the family culture being developed within the club as more parents and families participate in the whole soccer football experience. It is always about planting the seeds of success that we continually aim for both as individual teams and as a club.



This season the club warmly accepted some new coaches who donated their time and invested their efforts in to developing your children, to provide the fertile environment to help better their social, personal and soccer skills...to make them better people as well as better players. I am a satisfied we are heading in the right direction as the Executive Committee expects the club to continue to grow in numbers as thousands of more units and residents move into Parramatta CBD and surrounds. Keep spreading the good word about your club as the challenge will always remain to find parents willing to and assist with the running of teams and the club. We may not have won any grand finals this year but we were not far off.

After last years' vote to proudly keep the name of our club the same, as we have since 1901, this year we introduced a subtle change to our logo - incorporating the soccer ball into the Waratah motif. The shield now has 2 blue and gold key lines that frames our fresh and unique logo. Be proud of it.



With new players, coaches, a new logo and uniforms and a park perfectly positioned in the edge of the CBD, we still await the new club house and amenities block. I can report that the state government are still to decide the route of the light rail from the North West to Strathfield via Parramatta. The route may take in part of our park of hopefully travel around it. A decision is expected in the next 4 months. **Once the state government decides, then Parramatta Council can finalise its plans for building our new clubhouse.** With a new clubhouse we can start to hold club functions to continue to build a winning family and community culture ...and I look forward to crowning the new building with our new logo proudly displayed on it. **The Granville Waratah Soccer Football Club is the oldest Soccer Football club in Western Sydney...since 1901. This is not just an honour...it is our responsibility to promote and develop soccer football in our area ...the birthplace of soccer football in Australia!**

To all the coaches and managers, especially the first time coaches, the Executive Committee thanks you for your wonderful efforts. We simply cannot do what we do without your involvement. I trust it has been as rewarding for you as it is for us.

To all the parents and players, of course without you there would be no club. Please accept my heartfelt THANK YOU. We are building something special at Robin Thomas Reserve and hope to see you for many more years to continue the Waratah journey.



I say this every year but AGAIN I wish to say on behalf of the club a **tremendous THANK YOU to Tony Farrell for EVERYTHING that he does for the club.** Truly without his efforts, there would be no club for your children to play at. Please go out of your way to thank him...he is a champion!!

I take this opportunity to ask for your help in the following areas:

- * We are looking for a website designer to volunteer and help us with developing a cool new website for the club.
 - * New members for the Executive Committee to provide fresh new ideas and energy.
 - * Sponsors to give our club more resources to provide better for our teams and players.
- If you can help with any of these please contact Tony or myself at your earliest convenience.

Until next year...remember WE ARE SOCCER! We are THE WARATAH!!

NOEL DONA
President

Secretary/Registrar's Report

This was my second year with both the secretary and registrar roles. This is a tough combination, but still I continued to enjoy **being part of a club that is great at making a lot of kids happy whilst making new friends** and keeping fit. In terms of the running of the club, this year was a good one, plenty of junior teams, only one washout to make up, but another that we couldn't make up. We hosted two rounds of the finals series, including Grand-finals, these were very busy days, but it is pretty we saw some great football. We had a great set of coaches this year and I enjoyed working with them.

I again refereed a lot of games during the year, mostly mini-games, which are the most enjoyable ones to ref since the kids tolerate your mistakes. From the middle of the field you get a great view of the fun of the game and how hard and determined our kids play the game, whilst maintaining the right spirit.



Whilst this year we didn't have any Grand-finalists, we did have a strong bunch of teams. Of our 5 competition teams, 4 made the finals and the U13's missed by one win. Most of these teams had had tough starts to the season, losing their first few games, but they got themselves into shape, pushed their way up the competition tables and became competitive with the top teams in their divisions. In the mini games, there were many big wins, but the U10s in particular were great to see in action, playing really high quality football. I had clearly misgraded them at the start of the season. When we got them moved up to 2nd division late in the season, they just kept on winning.

In the registrar side of my role, it was my job to collect the paper work and money, check the ID's, put all the details into the computer system and send it off to the association so we can get the ID cards we need to play.

This year we had 178 registered players in 15 teams, though not all of these registered players were actually playing at the end of the season (some had left the area, others just decided not to continue playing). This was down on last year's 222, but as per previous years, this was due to a different mix of teams, with last year's U17s and AAM teams not returning. **The mini teams now dominate us, reflecting the changing mix of people in the area.**

One significant characteristic of our community is that it experiences a lot of change and this is reflected in our club, causing the large turnover in players and teams. Another characteristic is the varied background of our community, which I see in the details on the birth certificates I collect for ID purposes. In our 178 players, we probably have players from at least 25 different backgrounds. The breakdown of new and returning players is shown below

Age	Players	Returning to Club [#]	New to Club
U6	15	0	15
U7	20	6	14
U8	19	10	9
U9	12	6	6
U10	15	11	4
U11	13	6	7
U12	17	8	9
U13	16	11	5
U14	16	11	5
U16	17	7	10
O35	18	16	2
Total	178	92	86 (48%)

[#] Includes players who returned to the club but have not played anywhere else since leaving us. So they are not considered new to the club.

Unlike the last few years, the number of new players was down to the long-term average of 50%. This is probably due to the good number of returning players from a few of the teams.

Registration for next year will start on-line from mid-January, and at the clubhouse on Saturdays in February. *One important point for next year; register as early as possible so we can be sure you have a team! – late registrations can cause problems. **Please register by mid February 2017!***

The table below shows the number of teams and players and their results for the last 10 years.

Club Teams and Results History

Year	Teams	Players	Mini-Roos/ Rooball/ SSF	Minor Premiers	Semi- Finalist	Finalist	Grand Finalists	Grand Champions
2016	15	178	10	0	3	1	0	0
2015	17	220	10	1	1	1	0	2
2014	15	201	6	0	3	N/A [#]	1	1
2013	8	91	6	0	0	0	0	1
2012	9	100	6		0	0	2	0
2011	14	190	5	0	3	2	1	0
2010	12	165	4	2	1	3	1	2
2009	12	165	3	0	2*	N/A*	0	2
2008	10	132	3	0	3	1	1	0
2007	11	165	3	1	0	0	3	1
2006	11	180	2	3	0	0	1	3

*Round Robin rather than traditional final series.

Due to wet weather, the traditional format was not played

Tony Farrell
Secretary/Registrar

JUDICIARY RECORD 2016

Our Judiciary record for the year is summarised as follows:

Team	Yellow Cards (cautions)	Red Cards (send offs)
12/3	0	0
13/2	6	0
14/4	3	0
16/1	20	6
Over 35/3	6	3
TOTAL	35	9

Historical Record

Year	Yellow Cards (cautions)	Red Cards (send offs)
2015	34	2
2014	62	13
2013	2	0
2012	25	3
2011	29	7
2010	50	11



Remember that our club is a proud supporter of Zero Tolerance and we aim to set the standard for other clubs to follow!

PERPETUAL AWARDS 2016

Perpetual Award **WINNERS** are awarded as follows:

Under 6 Blue	K & B Perpetual	Best & Fairest	Nathan Jacono
Under 6 Green	K & B Perpetual	Best & Fairest	Harsh Patel
Under 6 Blue	H. Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Oliver Patterson
Under 6 Green	H. Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Eilam Ortiz
Under 7Red	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Mathieu Huang-Hackiewicz
Under 7Blue	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Sarth Heblkar
Under 7Green	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Abdee Rashid
Under 8 Blue	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	Nilay Verma
Under 8 Green	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	Nithin Gjangi
Under 9 Green	Frank Jacob Shield	Most Improved	Kanav Mehta
Under 10	Borg Trophy	Most Improved	Adnan Abdallah
Under 11	Paul Black Trophy	Most Consistent	Cade Hargreaves
Under 12	B R Guy Trophy	Best & Fairest	Mohamed Abboud
Under 13	Sutherland Shield	Most Improved	Brooklyn Cox
Under 14	Vince Wyatt Trophy	Most Consistent	Om Shah
Under 16	Noel Dona Trophy	Most Valuable Player	Eray Damar



PLAYER OF THE YEAR



The **Bill Henderson Player of the Year Award** – in honor of a great man, a true gentleman, who played for our club as a junior between 1944-47 and then went on to become an Australian Soccerroo in 1953 and an Australian Olyroo in 1956.

So how to decide the winner? Is it the club's best and most talented player? Not necessarily. Is it the player who tries the hardest? Not necessarily. Is it the club's fairest player? Not necessarily, though the committee decided that a player who has received a red card, whilst it does not disqualify that player from winning the award, it would make it extremely difficult.

After much discussion within the committee, we determined the award is designed to recognize 3 very important characteristics we look for in all our players. Three characteristics that Bill Henderson himself has endorsed. The winner must consistently display;

1. **Sportsmanship**
2. **Effort and commitment - to game day, training, team and club**
3. **Leadership - by word and actions**

Each coach was asked to nominate a player or players who they believe meet these characteristics. The discussion was very healthy and vigorous and after almost 1 hour of deliberation, we had a winner of **THE HIGHEST HONOR WITHIN OUR CLUB.**

The winner of the **Bill Henderson Player of the Year Award** goes to;



OM SHAH

From Under 14's Division 4

'CONGRATULATIONS!!'



TEAM OF THE YEAR



In season 2002 the Executive Committee introduced this new Award in honour of a life member of the club, the late Mr Frank Jacob. This Award has each team within the club in competition against the other. The Award is based on a points system recognising a team's achievement and most important of all, their fair play.

The points system is as follows;

- 1 point for every point earned from the regular competition.
- 3 points for minor premiers
- 5 points if undefeated
- 3 points for making semi finals*
- 3 points for making finals*
- 5 points for Grand finalists*
- 7 points for Grand Champions*
- 2 points deducted for every yellow card
- 5 points deducted for every red card



Team	Comp. Points	Minor Prem.	Undef.	Semi Final	Finalist	Grand Finalist	Grand Champ	Yellow	Red	Total
U8 Blue	21									21
U8 Green	36									36
U9 Green	41	3								44
U10	49		5							54
U11	11									11
U12/3	30			3						33
U13/2	22							12		10
U14/4	33			3				6		30
U16/1	34				3			40	30	-33
Over 35/3	32			3				12	15	8

This Award has each team within the club in competition against the other. The Award is based on a points system recognising a team's achievement and most important of all, their fair play.

And the winner of the Team of the Year Award goes to ...

UNDER 10's

'CONGRATULATIONS!!'

COMMUNITY CALL OUT:

Next year ALL PLAYERS will be given a Club Branded Registration Players Kit which will include:

Back pack or bag + Soccer ball + Training T shirt + Water bottle + Hoodie or jacket.

We are **looking for SPONSORS** to help with the costs of purchasing the kit. If you have a business and want to be a sponsor, please contact the Club President Noel Dona ASAP. You may be too busy to lend a hand but here is a different opportunity to **support your club and make it the best it can be!**





YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Whilst the Club Player of the Year Award acknowledges a special player amongst our full field teams, this award acknowledges a special player from our Mini-Roo teams.

The winner of the Young Player of the Year Award goes to;

Aavash Pant

From the Under 10's

'CONGRATULATIONS!!'



End of Season Team Reports

Under 6 Green

Wow. What a season. As a first-time coach of anything, I'd like to say at the outset how proud I am of each of the Under-6 green team warriors – **Eilam, Harsh, Gabby, Kalden, Paarth, Jordan** and my son **Miles**. Each boy improved by leaps and bounds over the course of the season and by the end of the season, it was a genuine challenge for me to choose which player had improved the most.

At the start of the season, the more experienced and gifted players had been drafted into the Under 6 Blue team with the less experienced kids being in the Green Team with me. Each kid had his own talents but they were still very much emerging, many hadn't dribbled or passed or even kicked a ball before, so it was a challenge. But I knew we could improve and I figured we'd at least be able to match some of our opponents.



Unfortunately, this wasn't so. Our first two games were disastrous – the second especially. I don't think I'll ever forget the simultaneous sight of one player refusing to take the field and two others crying in their parents' arms as we were absolutely dominated by the bigger boys from Rydalmere, despite our good efforts and all the encouragement in the world. It became clear that the Blue/Green divisions weren't meant to be a measure of talent, at least not as far as other teams were concerned. Luckily we had a coaches meeting the Monday after that game and Coach Andy of the Under 6 Blues generously decided to swap two of his better players for two of ours. So the Green Team were joined by Eilam and Jordan and the effect was instantaneous. We won our next game and in the ten remaining games (that the weather and draw permitted us to play) we won four, drew four and lost only two. Unfortunately we lost Jordan to a hand injury after just two games with him and he was out for the season but the team really drew together with and around Eilam.

A pattern started to emerge. The boys became increasingly confident in engaging with the other team in midfield. All of us did that. We fought and we didn't give up. Several of our wins and draws involved early goals against us but then with determination and commitment (and frankly, we woke up a bit –we're slow-starters :)) we pressured our opponents, they buckled and we capitalised.

Capitalising usually meant one of the boys would get the ball to Eilam in space and he would just fly up the field with skill and grace and net the ball. But we also had goals during the season by Harsh, Gabby, Miles and Paarth and supreme efforts from all of us. Well done all.

Individual mentions:

Eilam: See above. If you're still reading this, remember his name, he'll be a Socceroo one day. Playing with his grandfather since he was 2, Eilam possesses flabbergasting talent and a pretty good temperament too, a credit to his parents. He is always hungry for the ball, never wants to stop but is also generous with his team-mates. His presence invigorated the rest of the boys and really fast-tracked their development and commitment to the game and the team.

Gabby: The fastest runner on our team. Time and time again Gabby pressured the other team when they had the ball by arriving to challenge them much quicker than they could expect. Many of these instances resulted in him stealing the ball

for us. Gabby's ball skills and his overall co-ordination have improved markedly through the season and he will continue to improve into a formidable, fast winger, midfielder or striker.

Kalden: Always smiling and having lots of fun, Kalden was a pleasure to coach. We missed him for a few games and at times he would struggle with his confidence levels and ask for a break but all the other boys loved having him around and he made training and the games really fun. Kalden's ball skills have also really improved and will continue in later seasons

Jordan: A very gifted, focussed and determined player who didn't need any encouragement during the couple of games he played with us, Jordan is another player going places. I was genuinely disappointed when we lost him for the season because his interplay on field with Eilam was starting to make us look unbeatable. Another player to watch for the future.

Paarth: Paarth joined us about mid-season and became our little bulldozer in midfield. With pure grunt and determination, there were times when he would just plough through the opposition and they couldn't stop him or take the ball off him – he scored back to back goals this way in one game mid-season. Paarth was also our chief proponent of the concept of "KICK IT OUT!" when the opposition has the ball down near our goal and it became our catchcry. He's another player who has significantly improved since his beginning and did himself proud

Miles: Being the coach's son presented some challenges for 4-year-old Miles – it's confusing when dad is not being dad, he's being coach but this, like many others is a challenge Miles has overcome. Miles had serious trouble dribbling and control of the ball at the beginning of the season, but by the end of it, he has become a shrewd midfielder with very crafty ball skills – including a flick-to-behind which befuddles his opponents - who loves the fight for the ball and knows the importance of being a team player. He scored a couple of goals during the year as well and I honestly cannot believe how far he's come – something I attribute to the solidarity and influence of the great other kids and parents in the Green Team. Well done little mate, I'm proud of you.

Harsh: Unbelievable in defence. Unbelievable. Humble. Committed. Quiet. Hungry. Harsh has grown in stature and ability quite a bit during the season. He has a massive boot and saved so many goals for us by just getting back in defence and clearing the ball. I need to say that this was something Harsh decided for himself, without instruction, which I think indicates his commitment to the team. But he was equally effective at the top of the field with one perfect, memorable and fluent cross from the top right of the field to Eilam running-up in space that he only missed by a whisker. Harsh is also a player going places if he wants to and was also a genuine pleasure to coach.

Coach Carlos: Coach Carlos is Eilam's dad and joined us when Eilam did. For a little while, Carlos and I took turns on the field with the boys but it soon became clear that the boys did better with Carlos on the field as coach and me refereeing the game (but still encouraging). Carlos' commitment to his son and the team is something we all need to be thankful for; there's no doubt his experience with the game and his positivity helped the boys to play that way.

Conclusion

These boys have been a pleasure and a privilege to coach and help develop. I am proud of every single one of them and I look forward to coaching at least some of them again next season.

Coach Paul

Under 6 Blue

The Blues had a great season, winning more games than losing and scoring more goals than conceding. We were always able to field a team, even on those bitterly cold mornings, so thanks to all parents for committing to the early morning starts.

It makes me proud when I look back to our very first game and compare it to the games we just played at the Gala day, the players have made great strides in their development. Soccer is a team game and all the Blues are now calling for team-mates to pass it even if the execution doesn't always come off. Our finishing improved as the season progressed until we were racking up double-digit scores against our more hapless opponents, only to be brought down to earth by the more organised teams we faced.



Sadaf Jawadi and Sameep Oli have decided they want to be defenders and so were utilised in that position on the field to great effect. Sameep already has great positioning, blocking countless goals from being scored. He's also fond of the strategic back-heel to the delight of the watching crowd. Sadaf owns her role as defender and probably owns Gandalf when she says to all and sundry: "you shall not pass!" Sadaf also scored her first goal in training just recently, showing me her development is coming along just fine.

Oliver Patterson was the team's ball retriever. When he's determined enough Oliver is unstoppable when scrapping for the ball in midfield. He also cares very deeply about how the team is faring, which is a great asset when harnessed correctly.

Jaiden Jayamannage's development is coming along just fine if his five goal haul in one match is anything to go by. With more focus on his finishing, Jaiden will turn into a fine striker.

Nathan Jacono and Talal Williams scored the lion's share of the team's goals throughout the season and were the backbone of the team. Both showed they have the makings of great midfielders as they track back when necessary and both performed numerous goal-saving interceptions during the season. Talal's ball control & dribbling and Nathan's weaker-foot shooting were a joy to watch and they both showed the qualities of leadership required of team captains. I hope they both go on to be Western Sydney Wanderers team-mates but, alas, only one will get to be captain!



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The Blue team's season at a glance: we played 20 (including the Gala day but not including one game washed out), we won 12 (including 2 forfeits), we drew 2, and we lost 6. We scored roughly 75 goals, and we conceded roughly 62.

I'd like to thank the club secretary, Tony, for recruiting me into the role. He said it would be rewarding and it was! Thanks also to Paul Murphy for taking on the role of Green team coach and to Ish Jayamannage for volunteering to manage both teams.

Coach Andy

Under 7 Red

2016 saw our Under 7 red team return to the field with some new faces and new friends calling it 7 for 7. Each player brings a special role and gift to the team.

Jack, our great defender mad about his soccer works with passion precision and love for each game...

Ethan our skillful midfielder doesn't miss a chance with the ball, passes it onto his team mate

Ava ... Our wonder girl on the team, is in there amongst the boys kicking it like Beckham....

Zabian....Our dribbler champ ... sneaks the ball away from his opponents with serious moves....

Ulises.... runs faster than Speedy Gonzalez taking the ball to the goal....

Charlie our super cute Goalie like a champ guards that goal... As he yells out " I'm the best goalie"!!

Mathieu our coolest striker holds his hand in the air indicating Another goal and another goal and another goal scored!!!

All thanks to our super Coaches Cetin and Louie, and the commitment from our parents all this is fun and possible...

Manager Dania

Under 7 Blue & Green

When I volunteered to be coach I had no idea what I was getting myself into, but as the season kicked off it turned out to be one of the most rewarding experiences i have ever encountered.

To get to know my players and their families has been a blessing. To see my players grow not only on the field but off has given me such joy.

Each player has their strength and made a tremendous contribution to our team.

Adee- Your skills and speed have made you a force to be reckoned with

Jonathon- Your passion for the game has made you such an incredible leader

Hrisshi- Your strength has put you as one of the top defenders

Sarth - Your encouragement has motivated your player to perform at their best

Matthew- Your quick thinking ability has lead our team to victory

Smitraj- Your enthusiasm when playing motivates all your teammates to do their best

Rayan- Your kicking skills are unlike anything we have seen.

Robby- Your willingness to learn motivates me to be a better coach

Nixon- Your incredible speed has made you an asset to our team

Tanay- Your ball skills have enabled you to play, shoot, pass at any position

Ishan - Your positive attitude has encouraged those around you

Dhyan - You are always so eager to play i cant wait to see you next year

Harsdeep- Your growth not only as a player but as a young man is to be admired.



Well done boys,....looking forward to next year's season.

Coach Lucia

Under 7 Blue

(Tim took on coaching the U7/Blue team part way through the season, Lucia having coached both teams before then.)

Soccer and the kids of the Under 7/Blue team:

When I took the team over I was nervous, I have two sons and it is hard to get them to do much and to obey. But with these kids, once you had them on a task, they went for it, not looking back or worrying much about it.

At times they were wondering and looking at the sky, so to speak, but I realise that was my failure as I hadn't trained them well enough or didn't know myself how to deal with it. You may tell them to play soccer but what is soccer these days?

Accounting of the ups and the downs and shoddy discipline is a profession for some of the best.

Cutting to the long and shot of it, and not having been asked to write a thesis or bore you, I say these are good kids who play clean, fair soccer and have the ability to learn and improve, and to get stronger physically. All are an asset to the community and I was lucky to meet them and I am a better person after known them

Tim, the lucky coach of the U7/Blues 2016

Under 8 Green

I'm afraid that team coach Donne has been overseas and was unable to write something for us. But having refereed many of the home games, I found this team a great bunch of kids who played a good and determined football. They won most of their games, a surprise to some of the opposition teams who were not expecting such a tough challenge. I'm afraid I don't know the individual kids well enough to talk about each of them. Thanks to Sam for taking on the team for the last few games.

Club Secretary Tony

Under 8 Blue

Under 8 Blue soccer team had a fantastic season. This is actually my first time coaching a team, the team has shown a tremendous season.

With **Ali** and **Basil** lead from the start and managed to score goals with success, with the best solid midfield from **Sri** and **Aaurush**. **Prateek** was a good overall defender and I have no doubt that **Nilay** and **Rohit** were the best defenders who showed great enthusiasm and helped the team when they need them, last but not least I have to mention my brother **Mohammad** who showed great goalkeeping skills to prevent the opposition scoring.

Overall the team have shown great and splendid sportsmanship. Wish the players all the best to reach your goals in the future.

Coach Tommy

Under 9

The Under 9s had a wonderful season, with all the kids developing as great players and coming together as a strong team. It was an absolute pleasure to coach such a terrific bunch of kids, all of whom really committed themselves and gave it their all at training and games. We had a fantastic group of families who all worked together to support the team, under the guidance of our brilliant manager Peta.

The guys went from strength to strength with some big early wins, and after narrowly losing just two games in the first half of the season, during the second round of encounters we beat every team in our division.

Every player had something unique to contribute to the team:

Adam always played hard and his positive attitude and enjoyment of the game lifted the whole team.

Like an octopus in goals, **Andrew** reached out in all directions to stop even the most difficult shots. When **Emran** had the goals in sight there was no stopping him. **Kanav** was the playmaster, producing results in any position he was needed.

Malik kept his cool, and could be relied upon all over the field. **Nabil** was a bullet, playing with both speed and passion.

Naji could surprise by making magic with the ball. **Olivier** never gave up and could deliver a happy ending for the team with a show stopping goal. Kind-hearted and a good sport, **Param** was solid as a rock in defence.

Tharuka always impressed the spectators with his skills and regular goal scoring.

Yash always made a valuable contribution and was greatly missed when he was out injured.

Coach Ali

Under 10

Just like to outline what an outstanding year the under 10 team had this year. I enjoy coaching this team and watch them mature and improve for the last 4 years. It is also great to see all of the same players return from last season with introduction of a few new players and how much the boys have come together as a team.



Thank you.

Coach Goran



This year the team did extremely well with no losses and only 1 draw throughout the season. We also got promoted to a higher division mid- way through the season.

Up front the main goal scorers for the team were **Rehaj**, **Ali**, **Wisam** and **Aavash** while players like **Ricky**, **Tyson**, **Dev**, **Dean** and **Gene** also managed to score throughout the season. Defenders also did an outstanding effort throughout the season with the likes of **Dhairya**, **Adnan** and **Aavash**. The team went through a number of goal keepers throughout the season, with **Adnan**, **Dev** and **Rehaj** all doing quite well between the sticks. Also special mention to **Manruj**, **Gurneel**, **Nishant** and **Joe** for doing their part and contributing to the team, throughout the season.

As a coach I was very proud of the team and hopefully they will be back together come season 2017. I would like to thank all the boys and in particular the parents for assisting throughout the season.

Under 11

The boys this season had a number of challenges and obstacles to overcome, which I could confidently say they took head on, tried 100% at all times and came out of it massively improved players from where they started. We had a couple of wins through the season with the last being the last game which left the boys on a high and hopefully got them excited about coming back next season. There were many games where we were very unlucky not to win, every one showed great confidence in their own abilities and stood their ground on any challenges they set themselves to.

Shayan, Cade and **Sandeep** showed great strength in there tackling, ball control and shooting abilities. Seeking out plays and getting the ball into goal scoring situations. **Nick, Raynesh, Arten** and **Parth**; being very productive in midfield with fantastic tackling and control. These three boys were energetic and not afraid to run with the ball and challenge the opposing team. They were great support for the whole team getting back to help whenever the pressure turned on us. **Ammay** was our superhero goalie this season backed up by Arten and **Subhan**. Ammay is a strong player in all areas and showed a massive improvement in his dribbling and passing accuracy, he stands his ground and is not afraid of the ball. **Ares, Krish, Saxon** and Subhan were my stand out players of the season showing a fantastic improvement in many different areas. There tackling was strong, passes solid, always gave 100% and great team players. Congratulations boys, you had a good season. You should all be proud of yourselves.

Managers James and Ashley

Under 12 Division 3

This year was the first year of full field soccer and it took a few games to get into the groove. We lost the first 3 games and frankly we were smashed. Things did not look good. Many of the boys and parents thought it would be a long season. I had to get a few things right first ...and that was the attitude of the team. I called all the parents into a training session for an emergency meeting to have a serious discussion about the attitude of the team. I wanted to know if I was wasting my time?

After this meeting I knew I had the support of the parents. Trainings became much better and we got to business. We were last with 1 point entering round 5...but 1 solid win was followed by another and then by another as we started to climb the ladder. By the time we ladder Toongabbie again in the 10th round, we knew we were a team, to be reckoned with as we were the only team to hold them to a nil all draw! I was a very proud coach after that game. Remembering that the last time we played them we got embarrassed 8-1!! We went on an undefeated run that only ended to an unlucky loss to Kellyville 3-4. The team was playing great soccer and we were looking forward to the finals as we finished third. Unfortunately for the team our star player Mohammed went on an overseas trip at the wrong time of the season. We had to play the semi-final without him. The semi-final was a tense game against Wenty that started with us conceding a nervous goal early...but after that time we played fantastic. We dominated and Wenty could only scramble, We threw everything at them and I was VERY VERY proud of my team...but that elusive goal would not go into the net for us. We hit the post and shot over the cross bar at close range in the final minutes but no goal came our way to end our season. We could lament that had Mohammed played we would have won but we will rather look forward to doing better next year...bigger and better!



Once the team got into their groove, the success started with the defensive 4 fullbacks of **Sam** and **Amalie** who attacked fearlessly making life very difficult for the opposition forwards, as did **Richi** who was like a shark and **Himanshu** who was a bulldog and improved with every game. We had a strong midfield starting with **Mohammed** in the center, **Braha** weaving his determination on the right and lifted in the absence of Mohammed both when attacking and certainly helping out when needed in the back. His understanding of the game has improved immensely since last year. **Shane** came back and was his energetic best as was **Abraham** when he played his position out wide on the left causing havoc for the opposition. **Pranav, Rudra** and **Raza** were new to the team but like everyone else, when they focused they put in some weekly efforts to be very proud of. **Omar** played mostly up front and scored some wonderful goals. Our goal keeper **Ali** showed courage and was a very quick learner...he had to be! **Sunny** and **Abdullah** provided solid support when they got their chances from the bench. Late in the season we recruited **Kashif** and **Ahmed** from the under 11's. We thank them for their speed and big efforts when needed.

Thank you mums and dads for your support. Our success was a true TEAM effort! Can't wait for 2017!

Coach Noel

Under 13 Division 2

Our most impressive and improved player this season was **Brooklyn Cox**, including to his attitude and composure. And also I will mention **Mohammad Hatami** for great efforts he made towards the team becoming highest goal scorer for the team. **Lais** finished the season strongly; he played very well in most of the matches towards the end. **Atharva** deserves to be given best goalkeeper in our club with the sacrifices he made for the team; after having been injured, he fought hard to come and help the team when we needed him. He must be recognized for his tremendous efforts he made for the team. We were unlucky not to make it to semi-finals this season, but I think my boys did well and I am happy for them.

Coach Stephen

Under 14 Division 4

I am honored to have had the privilege to coach these young talented under 14 players. I learned a lot from them and am sure they learned plenty from me. I continue to urge the under fourteens to continue pursuing their soccer career because they have the potential of becoming better players.

Sujad: Displays great skill with the ball especially in a one on one situation and plus stepped up further to volunteer to be goal keeper after the team lucking a keeper, he learned quickly and throughout the season performed highly between the posts.

Krishi: improved greatly this year with gaming reading and need to be first on the ball consistence with training will build a better player in Krishi.

Robin: I call him my no nonsense defender, usually quite on the pitch but focused to keep his defense area out of danger.

Aydin: The workhorse of the team always tries to work extra hard beyond his department and relieving fellow players off their tasks.

Gano: He was the new Kid on the block, a central defender. Being his first time at competitive soccer Gano displayed the skills that had been lying untapped; he listened to the coach and executed his role perfectly.

Yasin : Handled the Teams midfield with one heart, his perfect control and ability of passing the ball created many chances that resulted into winning goals.

Mitchell: Provided great service to the team with his crosses especially when he believed in himself, Mitchell is a good shooter and crosser of the ball he can only get better.

Bernard: Handled the Teams midfield with one heart, his perfect control and ability of passing the ball created many chances that resulted into winning goals. Barnard has got the skills of playing anywhere on the field.

Jack: A very skillful and talented player has great composure with the ball, which makes him an all-round player, defender, midfielder and striker.

Om: Dangerous striker of the team with a personal fighting spirit, Om is always yearning to learn to better his soccer skills, his scoring abilities got the team many crucial goals that saw the team reach the finals.

Nick: The team's fastest player the skill he uses well to beat defenders he is dangerous especially when he gets composed in front of goal, Nick with his speed managed to be the team's top scorer.

Tyrone: free kick specialist with the ability to demolish any defense with his Dribbling skills, Tyrone only played a few games but made a big impact for the team's success.

Raj: Left winger, has a great natural left foot that has potential to dribble, cross and shoot as he desires, his passing and crossing of the ball resulted into goals that so the team win matches.

Basel: Strong at the Ball especially when owning it, he works extra hard on the field compared to his fellow players.

Ishmael: A dangerous striker, fast and good with controlling the ball, Ishmael scored the team important goals.

I can conclude by saying that the under 14 Team has been a hard working team, and each player has a unique skill that contributed to the winning up to the level of finals, as Coach I Thank the Parents for the support and urge the boys to continue enjoying the game and working hard to improve their individual skills, because each of them has a talent that will see them become great players in the future.

See you on the Pitch next year.

Coach John

Under 16 Division 1

With only a handful of players returning from last year, Assistant coach Cem and I had the task of rebuilding a new team from scratch. We lost the first 2 games letting in 5 goals each game. And then lost the 3rd game with 10 players after Baris was sent off...but we showed plenty of heart as the chemistry started to fall into place. Despite these losses I believed this team was singularly the most talented team I have ever coached. I knew good things were coming. Hereafter we remained undefeated until round 16. We climbed the ladder and forced the better teams to take notice that we were coming after them.

We climbed our Everest when we (were the only team to) beat Pendle Hill the eventual Champions. This was a very special game with special team goals and relentless effort across the park. We enjoyed that win and the pride it instilled within us. The finals could not come soon enough as we wanted to make another statement.

Unfortunately we went down to Auburn in the final. The soccer gods were cruel to us that day as we hit the crossbar and post twice in the last 7 minutes. The boys threw everything at them and as the coach I was very proud of their efforts. It wasn't meant to be and sadly we didn't get another crack at Pendo in the grand final, being the only team to beat them all season.

We had some wonderful soccer moments during the season and some dreadfully undesirable moments where discipline was disrespected and immaturity reigned. We will learn from all these experiences as we come back next year aiming to make history and a holiday to Hawaii! ALOHA 2017!!!

The one thing our club seems to lack is a victory song. Early in the year I wrote a song that the boys warmed to as we sung it after every victory, louder and prouder...and we sang it the best at our end of season team night out at Hooters restaurant! ONWARDS TO VICTORY!!

Coach Noel



This Is Alibasett from the under 16's putting his body...or at least his nose on the line for the good of his team!



2 minutes after nose is broken.



2 minutes after coach Noel breaks it back into correct position.

Over 35 Division 3

The Over 35's where unable to defend their 2015 division 4 crown as they were knocked out in the semi finals.

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4th & 11th February 2017

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