

Presidents Report

Murray Ralfs

The 2006 season has reached its end and I hope everyone at Burwood AFC has had an enjoyable soccer year. We had 31 teams this year (around 330 kids) as well as 99 under 7 year olds in the Midgets. Organising this number of players is a big task and so I would like to congratulate the Management Committee for their efforts this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our coaches – a job well done. We have had a successful year with the 11A and 13A teams winning their respective sections – congratulations to both teams.

This year we have received a good level of sponsorship from the Eureka Trust and NZ Community Trust – thanks to them for their support. The Canterbury United raffle was well supported by club members and this will raise a good amount of funds for the club. This year all Christchurch clubs were hit by a large increase in fees due to Mainland Soccer give me confidence that this sort of increase will not happen again in the next few years.

We haven't had the greatest year weather-wise, probably the worst in 15 years and this has affected the number of games played. But Clare Park always looks good on Saturday morning with all the teams playing. Finally I'd like to thank all the kids for their efforts this year – well done. Once again early next year there will be a registration mail out to all current players for the future 2007 season. I wish you all the best for the summer and look forward to seeing you back next year .

Club Captains Report

Don MacDonald

Thanks to the inclement weather our season has been shorter than normal. However, even with that handicap our teams and players have had an enjoyable and successful season. Two or three of our competitive grade teams have won their sections, with a few others coming very close. Coaching, again has been of a high standard and these dedicated volunteers have our thanks and gratitude for the time and work they put in. Thanks also to the many parents and grandparents supporting our players on the sideline, your positive support really helps the teams. I hope to see many of you at our Prizegivings and wish you all the best for the summer and see you back next year .

2006 Sponsors: – thanks for your support:

- Eureka Trust
- NZ Community Trust

2006 Christchurch Press Penalty Shootout - Winner

10/11 Boys – Kent Manning

2006 Canterbury Representatives

Under 11 Boys Selection: Jack Harling
Under 14 Boys Selection: Jonathan Vaz

Midgets.

We had a great turn out for Midgets on a Friday afternoons this year with 95 children playing, which were divided up into 6 teams. We did Midgets a bit different this year with each team working in with the team next to them, which seemed to work well.

We had a group of great parents this year that volunteered their time to coach. As with all the soccer teams we had a lot of disappointed children with the weather this year, when we had to cancel. It was great to see the kids skills get better over the season, so that at the end of the season they were spreading out and not clumping together so much. Unfortunately I will not be able to carry on coordinating this next year with me going back to work full time, but hope that some one will take this over as when you see the kids enjoyment on their faces when they do midgets, you see why its well worth it. Coach Juanita Reddish .

7th Grade Chiefs

What a wonderful team of young players we have in the 7th Grade Chiefs team. We started off with a bit of a mixed bag with some players having played last year and some who had never played before. We got off to a bit of a shaky start getting wooped 7 -nil, 5-nil for about the first three games and the consistently drawing with a couple of wins thrown in for good measure. We had a change of coach half way through the season which actually worked really well. As with probably every other team, we have our strong players but everyone has come along in leaps and bounds and we look forward to next season. Coach Andrew Canning .

7th Grade Hotspurs

When we came together for our 1st practice I discovered only 2 of the team had played any soccer previously & some of them struggled to kick a ball a couple of meters especially in the direction required. Despite this with lots of practice & energy we managed to overcome a slow start to pick up a couple of draws & a couple of wins. Great effort team. Special thanks to all the supportive parents especially Andrew Wheatley for taking the team when I was unable to & Julie Calder for sorting out the substituting mess. And last thanks to Laura (Alexander's big sister) for always being at training to help out, hope she takes up the game herself. Coach Kevin Kennedy .

7th Grade Rockets

What an enjoyable season this has been. The kids have worked really hard at training and this has been demonstrated by the results that they've achieved for themselves on the field. They just seemed to improve each week, gaining in confidence and really working together as a team. Have to give special mention to Corbin Holland who was simply in a class of his own, who some weeks even had the opposition supporters cheering his exploits! Every year I seem to be blessed with a great bunch of parents and supporters and this year has certainly been no exception. So thanks to the team for some wonderful performances, their desire to learn and for being a wonderful bunch of kids to coach. See you next year, AJ. Coach Andrew Johnson .

7th Grade Tornadoes

These little guys practiced hard and played hard. They suit their name to a T. They have won the majority of their games. Some good skills are starting to show through and they are starting to find which positions on the field they like to play. One of our players scored two Hat Tricks. I would like to thank all the parents for their support throughout the season. Thanks to Jeremy for helping with the team on a Saturday. Thank you to Angela for doing the subbing at practice and on a Saturday (a hard job well done) Thank you to Burwood School for letting us train there. I have enjoyed coaching you all. I hope you all have had a fun season and look forward to seeing you all next season. Coach Jacquie Paull.

7th Grade Wizards

It was an interesting start to the season. 8 players playing together, who have never played in a team before. The first 2 or 3 games we were well and truly beaten, losing all the games by double digit margins without us scoring a goal. I then changed the way they were playing with Alex playing behind the front four. This allowed him to kick the ball up -field and let the others chase the ball & the other teams. We then won two games and scored some goals. The joy on the players faces when they won their first ever game was great to see. From there they seemed to enjoy the games more as we became more confident and competitive. Over the last couple of months we have won about half the games and losing only by the odd goal. I would like to thank all of the par ents for getting them there each week and Brian who did the subbing during the games. Not an easy task remembering who is on and off. All of the team have learnt a lot in their first season and I look forward to seeing how they go next year.
Coach Rene Pauls

8th Grade Asteroids

Well overall we had a good season only losing three games and drawing two. This year we played like a real soccer team everyone had a position be it defender or striker and they knew where they had to be on the park, it was great to see them go to their position for the start of the game and play in their positions the whole game. We had some stand out performances during the season , one was beating a Nomads team 8 nil and having to play with no subs great effort I thought but the No mads coach wasn't that happy! O well how sad never mind! Once again a BIG thank you to all the mums & dads who gave me and the team great support during the season So Nic Grant, Eric Maxted, Alex Millar, Thomas Smith, Daniel Wells, Jordan Whall and Sophie Williams who are the Asteroids will all catch you next year. Coach Brent Millar.

8th Grade Hawks

The Burwood Hawks have had another awesome year. We have a well balanced team with some standout players. Most of our opposing teams this year were a great match for our players. We had no easy wins but no one beat us easily either, all of our games were h ard fought and could have gone either way. One game that springs to mind is when we lost 1 - 0 to another Burwood team, they scored with literally the last kick of the game. We finished the season with 5 wins, 4 draws and 4 los ses. None of the players let us down and always played with guts, determination and effort. One of the things that gave Stefan and I huge pleasure was seeing the improvement in the players over the course of the year. We are looking forward to coaching them next year and seeing how th ey go on the bigger fields. A big thanks to all the parents who support the team, it's been great hearing you shouting encouragement from the sidelines. See you all next year. Coaches Gary & Stefan

8th Grade Meteors

A much improved season this year winning more than we lost and a great leap forward in the skills of everyone in the team. The season was marked by great defence from Daniel Klaver and Ben Sincock, lots of running in the engine room by Jamie Neale, Celena Music, and Joshua Pierce and a bag full of goals from Harrison France, Judah Watkinson and Joel McKenzie. A huge thanks to Peter Klaver for all his help with the team and thanks to all the supporters who cheered us on the sidelines. See you next year. Coach Ian France

8th Grade Rascals

With our team being made up of first timers (including the practice coach) I think that the Rascals did well this year, building on the skills they learned at mid week practices. Although we lost more than we won, the team was always keen to play and they kept their heads up, even when the results weren't in their favour. I would also like to pass on thanks to the parents that helped during the practices that I couldn't attend and those that supported the team on Saturdays. T hanks also to Andrew for his efforts

on game days. Well done Rascals, I've enjoyed coaching you guys, and all the best for 2007. Coach Carl Millard.

8th Grade Stingers

At the start no one knew how well the team would do this season. With new players and no apparent coach the Stingers might not have been able to play. However after a meeting with all the parents we decided to do whatever it took to get the kids playing. With only a few of the kids playing together last season, it was always going to be tough. But, the kids got to know each other quickly and seemed very enthusiastic about being part of a team. They proved that hard work and their determination would be a successful combination to winning. With their first 5 games behind them it seemed winning and fun was something the kids really enjoyed. Then of course the weather changed and a lot of games were cancelled which would ultimately end the teams winning streak. However, the kids bounced back quickly and returned to the winning circle, which was pleasing for the kids, the parents and all the supporters following the team. A special thank you to all those who helped with the Stingers this year, the kids had a great season and I think we can all be very proud of their achievement. Coaches Jayson & Angela Paul & Barnaby Pask.

9th Grade Broncos

I would like to start by saying a great big thank you to Shona Brown and Terry Neville for all their help. Having to find a goalie this year was interesting at the beginning. I finally had a player who was happy to fill this position. It was a learning year for most of the players as they hadn't played before. They all put in a great effort. We had more goals scored against us than we managed to put away. A special thanks to all the parents, your encouragement on the sideline was fantastic. Thank you to Craig Brown for refereeing when required. Many thanks to the team and I hope to see you all next year. The team was: Andrew Besuyen, Nicholas Besuyen, Jason Brown, Aidan Cahill, Andre Gibson, Jazmynn Hodder-Swain, Jordan Neville, Joshua Ralfs, Ruby -Isabella Reedy-Land, Joshua Ryan. Coach: Raewyn Ralfs.

9th Grade Comets

Comets 2006 season: Our team, Synnara Te Momo, Natalia Poulsen -Smith, Johannah Dodson, Ryan Prouting, Cameron Barnes, Brandon Marsh, Dominic Kaoussi, Tyson Berry were joined by new arrivals Christian Wood, Ryan Cameron and Luke Cameron who have fitted into the team beautifully. Once again we've had a great season, the team really coming together as we stepped up to the challenge of 9th grade which meant a bigger field and our team members increasing to 11. We have won all our games except two losses and two draws, which keep us all humble and wanting more! The team is supported by a great set of parents who bring oranges and milos, socks and extra shin pads to the game. We managed to have a parents vs kids friendly during the last school holidays, I won't tell you the score! but I will tell you that some of our parents had little stolen nana napps that afternoon! Here's to next season!!! Coach Mostafa Kaoussi

9th Grade Koolcats

This year's Koolkat team welcomed in a few new players whilst we made the step up from plastic goals, to a fuller field and bigger targets (goals). Two of the team have shared the role of Goalie for us and have done really well, whilst others in the team are developing strong skills. We've had a pretty solid season - we've won a number of games, and what losses we have had were generally very close encounters. The team is starting to work really well together, and as a rule we continue to try and have fun and enjoy our soccer. Bring on 2007! Coach Mark Jones.

9th Grade Pumas

I feel as though the team has improved this year and it was a successful one. Unfortunately the weather

became quite a hindrance on a few Saturday games as well as a couple of venues. At the beginning of the season you could see that they all excelled in the larger area of play with the bigger pitches. Without exception all the team gave a great effort and the team work certainly started to show. They listened and played to instructions which was nice to see and I believe next year will be the making of them as they will excel with confidence. I was proud of the attitude of every player even when we had a loss. The following week they would always show a fresh approach with confidence which worked well. Our team was double coached this year so thanks to Chris Linden. Parent support was brilliant to see and hear. Great effort Pumas - Tyran, Mitchell, Harrison, Jarrod, Olivia Williams, Olivia Winn, Kayley, Gabriel, Kyle & Tyler. Coaches Ian Smith and Chris Linden.

9th Grade Tigers

Burwood 9th Tigers experienced players, a couple of newcomers and some hardy allrounders made up a great bunch of players for our transition to the larger pitches. With close scorelines and numerous draws our team had a mixed season playing against some very tough opposition. We cannot fault the effort that went into all the games, it was terrific, players worked hard putting in crunching tackles and making awesome runs, which made for some very exciting matches. A big thank you to the parents, relatives and friends for their continued support, its great to see so many on the sideline encouraging the players. A special thanks to those players who have helped make up the numbers at various times during the season. We hope to see everyone back for another awesome season next year. Coaches Sharon & Bex

10th Grade Atomics

The Atomics have had a good season with twice as many wins as losses and some very high scoring games too. The guys have worked well this year to make up for the loss of two key players and boy have they done it! Their dedication and commitment to the principles of team play have served them well and they have worked well in improving their skills, some markedly. Some of the team were shoved in the deep end with changes of duties but have coped well, especially Jayden and Zane who have shown great progress with their goalkeeping skills. Overall the improvement in the team as a whole made this year a difficult one for choosing the Player of the Year and Most Improved as almost the whole team are deserving of one or other of these awards so to all of you we say hold your heads up for a very well played season. You did the club proud. The Coaches, Ruki, Alex and Mike have all enjoyed coaching the team this year and are proud of the team, from the defenders to the midfield through to the forwards this team has achieved great results this season and we sincerely hope they will all be back next season to further their progress at football and once again represent Burwood AFC. The coaches would also like to thank our supporters for their encouragement to the team, supplying the oranges and occasional treats and for their support in fundraising. Thanks also to Murray and the Management Committee for making it all possible once again. Our best wishes to all for the summer and we look forward to seeing you all back again next year. Coaches Ruki, Alex and Mike.

10th Grade Bionics

The team was: Frano Ashby, Scott Gillespie, Richard Kwon, Jack Lawrey, Tori Maxted, Meikayla Moore, Neeraj Patel, Ben Roberts, Lucy Watson, Daniel Wild, Ryan Woods. Coach: Aaron Myers.

10th Grade Coyotes

This has been yet another outstanding season for the Coyotes. When playing to our full potential (which is most of the time) we totally dominated our opposition. All the Coyotes players now have a very good skill base and understanding for the game which should help Burwood produce some very competitive teams in the coming years. For the record with two games remaining we had twelve wins, 1 loss and 1 draw scoring 70 goals and conceding only 12.

Many thanks to my co-coach John Burnside, who has helped make coaching these guys over the last 4

years really enjoyable and rewarding, and to all the parents for their "very" encouraging sideline support. The team - Goalie: Jake Parker. Defence: Courtney Messervy, Jonathon Hutchinson, Cameron Fox. Mid Field: Michael Melbourne, Dylan Ward, Bryce McMillen, Harrison Payne. Strikers Dylan Burnside, Avery Addei. Coaches Phil Ward & John Burnside.

10th Grade Jaguars

The Jaguars have had a very positive season taking the good to excellent things that have happened in games and keeping them. It's been a year of really getting to know the game, learning defence, attacking, improving ball skills and the real advantage of playing as a team with the X-Factor being we all have fun learning these skills. Thanks to all the parents. I'm proud to coach the 10th Jaguars. Coach Mike Cunniffe

10th Grade Panthers

A very good year for the Panthers, the team has continued to improve both as individuals and as a team unit. This is most evident in strong one on one tackles, in more accurate passing and good use of space. As coach I was impressed with the amount of effort put in every week, with a very strong desire to win shown by most players. With the season now complete we boast a record of 8 wins, 2 draws and 5 losses. The Panthers collectively scored 43 goals and conceded 25 goals. The team is: Tyler Burton, Christopher Church, Samuel Forward, Vinnie Curle, Samantha Hay, Jackson Smith, Matthew Page, Daniel Kendall, Jesse MacIlquham and Timothy Hall. Many thanks to family and friends for your help and support. Coach Paul Smith

10th Grade Scorpions

The Team are Aaron Connell, Matthew Eastgate, Jake Fulcher, Holly Lee, Jack MacGregor, Jacob Millar, Nathan Millar, Aaron Mitchell, Laura Paul and Brett Taylor. Another fun filled and actioned packed season for the Scorpions, and without doubt the best bunch of kids a coach could ask for. We had three new faces in this year's team, but the new players settled in well and added to the great Scorpions team spirit. Whilst we had a slightly slow start to the season, we put in a very impressive patch in the middle part of the season going unbeaten in six successive games. Overall we Won 5, Drew 4 and Lost 6. Along the way we had two very impressive five nil wins. The team has improved markedly this season, playing some excellent soccer and working well as a team. Thanks to the parents and other supporters who have given such excellent support and encouragement to the team throughout the season, as well as taking turns in washing shirts and supplying the oranges. Also a big thanks to Norm Eastgate, my assistant coach and to Scott Mitchell for handling the timing of the substitutions. I would also like to thank all the players of the Scorpions for making this such an enjoyable season. Coach: Andrew Eastgate.

11th Grade A.

Congratulations to the 11A team who are the 11th Grade Section 1 League winners. This is an excellent effort by all the kids concerned. Coming from 10 grade and going straight into Section 1 could have been a daunting task, but I had confidence in the players and I believe the team spirit amongst the players has been a strong factor in us winning the league.

There were a couple of glitches in the middle of the year losing 2 games on the trot, but the kids recovered from this and eventually won the League with a game to spare. As in any team, there are key players scattered throughout but I'm not going to mention individual players as I believe our results were a result of a team performance. This was highlighted by the quality of our wins in the last 4 games. Special thanks to Chris Linden and Brent Davidson for their refereeing help during the year. Thanks to all the parents for their support of the team and myself. And thanks to James Stewart and Julian Doesburg for organising our teams jackets. But mostly I thank the kids and hope they have enjoyed themselves, because I certainly have. Well done to you all and I look forward to next year. For

the record: Played 18, Won 13, Drew 2, Lost 2. Goals For 42, Goals Against 18.

The team was (with number of goals scored in brackets): Ambrose Challies (17), Samuel Davidson, Jordan Dell (5), Elliott Doesburg, Ciaran Gardiner (2), Jack Harling (7), Daniel Linden, Kent Manning (1), Isaac McLelland, Slade Placid (4), Nathan Ralfs (1), Jessica Rathgen (1), Lewis Stewart (1), Bradley Van Eyk Menkman (2) Coach: Murray Ralfs.

11th Grade B

Our season began with a hiss and a roar winning the 3 grading games and was placed in section 3 of the 11th grade. We then continued our winning ways dominating section 3 along with Cashmere Wanderers Blue, scoring 44 goals for and only conceding 12 against. Our strikers (Becks McConnell 4 goals, Cam Dadson 11 goals, Joel Robinson 11 goals, Jake Bowkett 10 goals and Scott Cambus 2 goals) dominated the attack and combined well to score many goals. Midfielders Tyler Ede, Kane Classen, Michael Ditmer and William Jelly worked hard in attack and defence. And of course our stubborn defensive team of Ben Mayo, Alex McCallum, Luke Millar and Isaac Compton made it tough for any attackers. Liam Ronald, our most used goalie did a great job in goal. After placing 1st equal in section 3 we were promoted to section 2, which to date has been a much tougher grade (drawing 2 games and losing 2). I feel we have been brought back to earth, so to speak. But with a bit more structure and a little more maturity to training and game day, we should compete quite well in section 2. Big thanks to the parents who have been very supportive of me and the team. Coach Richie Mayo.

11th Grade Barracudas

11 Grade Barracudas had a pretty rough start as we believe we were put into the wrong section and the teams we were playing were beating us up to 9 nil. The team were getting despondent but were relentless and loved the game. We were finally put down a section and we started winning some games, the teams we were playing were more the same level as us and the boys and one girl started enjoying the game more, so were the parents thank god. Half way through the season Neale (my co-coach) left to live in Timaru and he has been very interested in the results of each game and is proud of the teams efforts. Barracudas are a great team with spirit and great sportsmanship. I am very proud of the kids and wouldn't hesitate to coach them again. I would like to thank their parents for their support and help. Thanks must also go to Glen Mitchell for stepping up and refereeing the games for us or we would have been in an awful bind. Coach Philip Reddish.

11th Grade D

The team was: Liam Barrett-Rogers, Stephanie Bishop, Rachel Carlyon, Luke Carter, Raphael Hamilton, Tyler Jordan, Thomas Kahu, Madeline Lawless, Samuel McRobert, Georgia Phibbs, Codie Stevens, Bas Van Wel, Ricky Weastell, Jayden Wise. Coach: Brent Lawless.

12th Grade A

Team played in Section 1 for the 2006 season and it was a huge difference in both pace and skill to what we were used to in previous seasons in lower grades. We have had more losses than wins, and a couple of draws as well. We were able to put the top highly rated teams under some real pressure, just not consistently. However, the team stuck together well, enjoyed themselves and were always keen and eager to give 100%. Also a big thanks to the parents and supporters who had to endure some pretty cold and miserable Saturday mornings. Coach Dave Smeekes.

12th Grade B

The team was: Nathan Cambus, Matthew Cotterill, Kane Danks, Chris Ellis, Jordan Gray, Samuel Jones, Ben Kroening, Ben Lewis, Ashley Maguire, Bradley Moody, Savannah Music, Jack Skevington, Caleb Te Kahu, Adam Todd, Samuel Yearby. Coach Dave Cambus.

13th Grade A

The team this year was initially placed in the very competitive section 2, where the team struggled & was not able to win any of the first 7 games played. Team was then relegated to section 3, winning 7 out of 7, enabling them to win a trophy for being round 2 winners. Some key position changes really paid dividends as the season progressed with some great team work creating some great team goals. Four different boys scored hat tricks this year, Isaac scoring 3 of them, Nick Tolchard & Brytt 2 each & Jared also scored a hat trick. Michael & Nick Ward being natural left footers set up many of these goals. Great defence by Kieran as goalie, Mathew Gay, Sam & Tim as defenders, were supported by strong mid-field of Mathew Jones, Oscar & Jared. This has been a great team of boys to coach & with a very good team of vocal parents on the side line. Have a great summer guys -hope to see you all back again next year. Coaches Mark Tolchard & Wayne Fox.

13th Grade B

After a number of fairly comfortable wins in round one, the team deservedly got promoted up a section where the opposition was quite a bit stronger and the games much more even. Playing for the first time on a full sized pitch resulted in more open games with more goals being scored both for and against. Everyone made a contribution to the team effort and they all should be commended for trying hard and the attitude and spirit they exhibited. Coaches David Pugh-Williams and Brent Lawless.

14th Grade A

The team was: Scott Chapman, Jaden Frunt, Daniel Glassenbury, Trent Hoani, Matt Johns, Phillip Kirk, Chrystal McKenzie, Sam McLelland, Scott Moody, James Rathgen, Shane Thompson, Jonathan Vaz, Liam Wagenvoort. Coach: Greg Kirk.

Junior Youth 15/16 Grade.

Another mixed season is nearly over for this group of motivated young men. With genuine enthusiasm, every week these guys are on the park training and playing in an extremely competitive environment. The team have won a few, drawn a few and lost a few, and have thoroughly enjoyed their season. One of our great strengths has been the solid and most times, impenetrable defence, anchored by Isaac, Andrew, Ian, Ryan and Shaun. Our keeper, Ben, has had a great season performing some unbelievable saves. The midfield 5 of Michael A, Ben, Michael B, Callum and James, have kept the forwards busy with all the great through balls feed to them. And last but by no means least our forwards, Geoff, Matt and Liam have valiantly attempted, and many times succeeded to penetrate defensive lineups that would have done many adult teams proud. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach these guys. Coach Don MacDonald.

Annual General Meeting

Clubrooms at Clare Park Monday 30th October 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

2007 Registration Mail Out

The club will be mailing out the 2007 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:
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