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SOCCER DIVISION

BLUE & GOLD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I'm sure many of you enjoyed the rare weekend of no GHFA football while the women's games went ahead on Sunday. The recent wet weather has now prolonged the season by two weeks.

On Sunday we played host to many Under Seven teams from around the district in our annual Under Seven Gala Day. The committee had done an exceptional job in preparing for the day and took advantage of the game free day on Saturday to set up the fields.

Sixteen teams competed in the event with West Pennant Hills emerging victorious by late afternoon. It was a very successful day as it has been in previous years. The Club is grateful to the Krisenthals (Peter, Jackie, Tom & Simon) who did much to ensure the day was enjoyed by all who attended. Special thanks also to: Craig Denyer, Graham Tingle, Bruce Eldridge, Beth Philips, All Age 15, Over 35 Referees, Thornleigh players and parents, and the numerous other people who willingly sacrificed their day off to support the club. Well done and thank you for helping to build a better club!

Final reminder, the next big event other than the World Cup, is the Thornleigh Trivia Night this coming Saturday. Our target is for 300 guests and recent ticket sales indicate we are on target to meet this goal. The committee lead by Bruce Roff has guaranteed that this event will be bigger and better than the highly successful one of 2004. Thanks again to the committee of Bruce Roff, Glen De Nardi, Michelle Simcock, Fernie Fisher, Graham Tingle, Craig Denyer, Tony Ruttyn and the many generous sponsors.

I would like to end on a fairly serious note concerning child protection issues. The sole purpose for the Thornleigh Thunder Football Club is to ensure that the players have an enjoyable and safe time. This club cannot tolerate any abuse of young players on or off the field. Although we value the time and effort people freely give to the club, we cannot and will not tolerate players being spoken to in an uncivil manner. It is the duty of every adult in the club to report to the committee any incidents during games or practices that contravenes the Government's Child Protection Guidelines. All matters referred to the committee will be held in strict confidence and investigated.

Please remember that our job is to engender an enjoyment of the game so that our young players will want to return to play next year. Always be positive and supportive by modelling the correct behaviour. By doing this, you will have done your job well and assist in ensuring the future of the Club.

Yours in commitment,

Rob Roberts

THANK YOU LETTER RECEIVED FROM AN UNDER 7 PARENT WHO ENJOYED GALA DAY.

Hi Rob and Craig,

I would like to congratulate the club and especially Peter for running such a great day yesterday. I know that Harrison and his under 7 Emus had a great day and their football will improve immensely from the 4 games they played.

As I was on the canteen most of the day I had a number of people comment on what a great day it was. A coach from Normo and one from West Ryde both said that this was the best run Gala day they have been to.

Once again congrats can you pass this onto Peter I do not have his email address.

Martin Dargan

PS. Harrison loves his new football.

From the Vice President:

NOTIFICATION ON TEAM PHOTOS 2006.

In past years the club committee has passed on the individual cost of team photos into each junior players registration fee. In 2005 that cost was \$12 per player. The committee has monitored over the years the increasing costs charged by commercial photo companies. Accordingly, the club committee did not believe it was appropriate to pass on this added expense to families any longer and the registration fees were reduced in 2006. The committee also considered that the most suitable alternative for each team photo could rest with a parent through access of a digital camera or camera buff that can capably fill the role of team photographer.

Should teams wish to utilise club blazers and benches to emulate that professional look please inform Craig Millard at the next monthly general meeting in July. He will then organise a date that will accommodate any team with the same request.

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Match Reports

U6 KOOKABURRA

THORNLEIGH 2 vs SAINTS UNITED 4

17 June, 2006

This weeks Thunder's match started off with an early goal by the Saints with their own winged keel of innovation "lob kicks" over the goalie's head. DANIEL DRAPER retired from the field with an injury that would have put a first grade footballer in traction and BRADLEY HOWARD was cheered onto the field. There was some particularly good defence at this point from JARED DE VRIES and DANIEL PATTERSON. A throw in by JARED to ALEX WALSH brought on some excellent attacking play which OLIVER DEWEY backed up with a solid kick forward. The Saints had another successful attempt at goal despite good defence from JARED DE VRIES and goalkeeper HANSEL JI. The next kick off by BRADLEY HOWARD was capitalised on by MATTHEW BUTLER who took the ball up the field with great back up from DANIEL DRAPER. At this point there was some fancy footwork at the goal mouth by DANIEL PATTERSON but the ball was intercepted by the Saints taking it up the field and scoring another goal despite the goalkeeper, HANSEL JI'S best efforts at launching to intercept the ball. The Thunder's played straight attacking football at this point however the Saints grabbed another quick goal taking the score to 3-0 at halftime. The second half saw great footwork by the team, in particular some great attacks by MATTHEW BUTLER and our perennial offensive player ALEX (Attack) WALSH made a great attempt at goal. The ball was taken back down the field by the Saints but BRADLEY HOWARD and DANIEL DRAPER became obstacles in their path. Excellent defence by this half's goalkeeper, JARED DE VRIES, often facing attacks alone, saw many saves and one lucky break when the striker mis-timed his kick. However, the Thunders were out played this week, losing 4-2 to the Saints. The side missed team player JOSHUA BENNET from the field this week. MATTHEW BUTLER received the player of the match award while the merit certificate was awarded to HANSEL JI and the soccer skills award went to OLIVER DEWEY.

U14/2 Girls

THORNLEIGH 2 vs SAINTS UNITED 1

Now we're at the sharp end of the competition the pressure is mounting! With 9 teams in this division some get two byes and some only one, and you play against some teams twice and others only once. The Thunders get only one bye and the teams we play twice are the most competitive ones, so if we finish up in the top four it will be through sheer guts. But if it's guts you want we've got it! There are only two Australian teams with that much grit and the other one is in Germany. Today the Girl Thunderos secured a grinding victory from a nil-one deficit at the 20 minute mark. Within five minutes the counter-attack was on with a wonderful play from our goal line all the way to Saints' net. A clearance from keeper FIONA SPARKES found its mark in ELLIE CHIRGWIN on the left wing; ELLIE made ground up the line and passed it forward to LUCY JONES who centred it to DANIELLE CHARARA and followed it in. Another pass from DAN to LUCY put us with only the keeper to beat and the job was done. A wonderful team goal! However no player can be singled out today – they all played brilliantly! The backline of (variously) PHOEBE KIEL, LUCY "Nemo" IRWIN, MADELEINE BROWN and DANIELLE CHARARA marked up tight leaving wonder-sweeper RANI PAII to clean up the scraps. MADELEINE was particularly strong in centre back position. Our various mid fielders were relentless in defence and attack with OLIVIA CLARK and CLAUDIE GROVES having strong games and some great headers from CHLOE BERESFORD, ANNALESE SMITH and DANIELLE CHARARA. And our fabulous striker line-up included KEELY McCONVILL, EMMA FORD and LUCY JONES. Our second goal came mid-way into the second half off a corner kick finding ANNALESE who set LUCY up with a cracker pass to finish it off. Our last two premierships matches are against the teams placed 1 & 2 on the ladder and they promise to be doozies!

AA/5 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 4 vs GLADESVILLE SHARKS 6

Thornleigh approached the game with high spirits and only ten players. With a small field on our side, but an opposition of thirteen, Thornleigh did well to see the game, against the Gladesville Sharks, through. There were early goals from the Sharks, for both teams, one being an own goal, and tireless commitment from Thornleigh. Persevering, MADDIE managed to delicately touch the ball past the opposition's goalie, off a pass from Lucy, to alter the score 2-1, our way. KATE, showing great consistency, was great in defence along with her comrade, LYDIA. Though, to our dismay, the Sharks managed to score an equalizer in the dying minutes of the first half. LUCY began the second half with a show of great play scoring within the first 30 seconds, putting Thornleigh in the lead once more. Although, our worn out legs were put under immense pressure when the Sharks scored another three goals. As we switched goalies, with JACKIE taking over the role, MEL brought a new light to the attack and with her support, LUCY managed to score another goal. The score now standing at 5-4, to the sharks, Thornleigh's hopes and legs were wearing out. Another goal for the Sharks and Thornleigh remained solid for the remainder of the game. GEMMA and LEE played a great game and were diligent in both attacking and marking.

AA/8 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 0 vs YMCA 1

Christmas In July Card Classes For Adults

Learn how to make your own Christmas cards in plenty of time for Christmas. Cost \$20 for a 2 hour class. \$5 from each class is donated to the Thunders Soccer Club. If you enrol you receive 10% discount on stamping, scrapbooking, children's craft kits and supplies.

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Christmas Folding Fun



2 Step Stamping

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