



Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc.



SOCCER DIVISION

BLUE & GOLD NEWSLETTER

12 August 2006

Deadline for Blue & Gold: MONDAY 3pm

Email to kedrummond@optusnet.com.au

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Congratulations to 10/6; 11/6; 12/5; 14/4; 14/2 (girls) who have made it through to their Grand Finals. This is an excellent result for our junior teams and the Thornleigh FC Committee is proud of their achievement. Next week is a big week and I hope everyone will make an effort to see as many of these games as possible. Further details about where and when they will be playing will be sent out later in the week. You can also get this information from the GHFA website or by contacting one of the committee members.

Last week the club held a very successful AGM and I am happy to report that all club positions were filled on the night for the first time that I can remember. Our numbers may have been smaller than in previous years but the spirit of the club has never been stronger. All offers of help will still be kindly accepted. Please remember that we will require many coaches and managers next year as the club expands.

The Junior Presentation will be held on Sunday, August 27 from 11am at Oakleigh Oval. The Senior Presentation will be held on September 16, Saturday evening at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club. We are hoping that both these events will be strongly supported in the usual Thornleigh fashion.

Many thanks to the outgoing committee and welcome to the new and returning members. Most of all, we appreciate the efforts of all our players, parents, coaches and managers for making this a memorable season.

Yours in commitment,

Rob Roberts

2006 Committee Members

Committee Position	Contact	Phone	Mobile	Email Address
President	Rob Roberts	9875 2197	0400 448 291	robinroberts@optusnet.com.au
Vice President	Craig Millard	9891 8943	0425 336 560	craig.millard@transport.nsw.gov.au
Secretary	Bruce Holliday	9484 6041	0408 165 738	bgholliday@bigpond.com
Treasurer	Chris Lowe	9875 4805	0408 288 818	lowemob1@bigpond.net.au
Registrar	Malcolm Drummond	9945 2271	0407 263 938	mjdrummond@optusnet.com.au
Marketing & Publicity Coordinator	David Richards	9484 9351	0419 626 321	richardsfamily@bigpond.com
Gear & Equipment	Bruce Eldridge	9484 9346	0412 235 964	beldridg@sta.nsw.gov.au
Assistant Gear & Equipment	Stephen Gamble	9484 5087	0400 245 976	sgamble@energy.com.au
Canteen & BBQ Coordinator	Beth Phillips	9945 0870	0409 948 870	beth.phillips@ing.com.au
Women's Soccer Delegate	Anna Barbagallo		0414 932 640	socceranna72@hotmail.com
Recorder	Peter Krisenthal	9945 1850	0438 643 295	pkrisenthal@optusnet.com.au
Blue & Gold Editor	Karina Drummond	9945 2271	0412 399 958	kedrummond@optusnet.com.au
Coaching Co-ordinator	Craig Denyer	9651 2721	0414 463 840	cdenyier@ozemail.com.au
GHFA Delegate	Bruce Holliday	9484 6041	0408 165 738	bgholliday@bigpond.com
Sports Club Delegate	John Sparkes	9484 1195	0428 910 025	john.sparkes@dipnr.nsw.gov.au
Premier League Manager	Bruce Roff	9484 7970	0419 415 070	broff@ENGAUST.com.au
All Age Coordinator	Dave Rooney	9481 8336	0413 723 947	david_rooney@optusnet.com.au
All Age Coordinator	Craig Markland		0411 742 308	cmarkland@hcrservices.com.au
Mini-Soccer Coordinator	Brad Merrick	9481 9298	0412 320 812	bmerrick@optusnet.com.au
Mini-Soccer Coordinator	Eliot Kennedy	9980 5798	0408 585 903	eliotjutta@bigpond.com
Mini-Soccer Coordinator	Steve Townend	9875 4528	0417 267 329	steve.townend@sydneywater.com.au
Under 13 – 18 Coordinator	John Sparkes	9484 1195	0428 910 025	john.sparkes@dipnr.nsw.gov.au

Thunder FC Sponsors - 2006 Season

Thunder FC relies on the financial support of it's sponsors to provide the necessary gear and equipment and supplement the various running costs of the club. Therefore, we gratefully acknowledge the support of the following sponsors for the 2006 season and encourage everyone associated with Thunder FC to support these local businesses.

MAJOR SPONSOR

Pennant Hills Bowling Club,
52 Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills

Pennant Hills Bowling Club



Other Sponsors

Cellarbrations
at Westleigh Cellars

Mr Vic Hall, 130 Duffy Ave, Westleigh
Ph: 9484 6449

MANNELL MOTORS
Everything
4WD
02 9980 8855



**A CUT ABOVE
FINE FOODS**

Award winning suppliers
of fresh meat, poultry and
prepared meals

Mr Marc Edwards - 9481 9350
Westleigh Shopping Centre

westleigh
service
centre

Glenn Cooper

122 Duffy Ave., Westleigh, 2120

Phone: 9481 9220
Fax: 9481 9668

Match Reports

U6 EMUS THORNLEIGH 3 vs. ?? 3

This was the last game in this season and we are quite happy with the Boys. After just a few minutes ETHAN GODFREY scored our first goal. In Goal, NIKLAS WAGNER did an excellent job. After we got the 1:1, LEWIS HABROUK had his first goal for today. JOSHUA MUCH wasn't rewarded for his run over the whole field, but did a good job. At the break it was 2 all. In the second half, ETHAN GODFREY was the goalie. LIAM GODREY showed his great running skills, but wasn't rewarded. After REILLY KING was stopped just centimeters in front of the goal, LEWIS had his second hard shot at the goal. Sadly we conceded another goal, but we saw a great game.

U6 KOOKABURRA THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS-CHERRYBROOK 5

The weather was fine and we had a full team turnout! MATTHEW BUTLER, JOSHUA BENNETT, JARED DE VRIES, OLIVER DEWEY (Goalkeeper 2nd half), DANIEL DRAPER, BRADLEY HOWARD, HANSEL JI, DANIEL PATTERSON (Goalkeeper 1st half) and ALEXANDER WALSH all did their best. We were defeated 5 goals to 1 with ALEX scoring our one and only goal in the first half. Nonetheless we all enjoyed the match which was the final game for the 2006 season. Well done team!

U6 PLATYPUS THORNLEIGH 2 vs ALL SAINTS HUNTERS HILL 2

Well, after a few weeks in training camp and new turf being laid down on the hallowed Oakleigh No.2 (courtesy of the rain!), the mighty Platypus team gave a great account of themselves in the last game of the season. The game started at a furious pace and DANIEL MERRICK made several key saves in goals in the opening minutes as both teams moved the ball from one end of the field to the other. ROBBIE BRADLEY demonstrated tenacity and speed as he chased and dribbled the ball from Westleigh to Thornleigh, ably supported by the enthusiastic JORDAN TAYLOR and TASI VELE as they tried to close up the midfield onslaught, using their energy and tackling skills to great effect, showing commitment beyond their years! RHORDAN STEPHENS reinforced why he is hot property on the transfer list, tackling and clearing the speedy All Saints attack, ensuring that we went to the sheds at halftime 1-1. In the second half JOSH (Energiser Battery) DE SILVA just kept on running and running, showing great skill and speed as he slotted away our second goal for the match. He was ably supported by the ever reliable and hard chasing CODY JERVIS who finished the game a spent force, after having given so much of himself for the duration of the match. All Saints scored an equaliser late in the second half and the 2-2 score line was a really good indication of the spirit and skill that the match produced. The boys have had a great year and should be really proud of their development and great participation in all matches during the season. A particular thankyou must go to the great support of the parents who have encouraged the boys at all times! We look forward to Thundering again next year.

U9/2 THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 1

U9/5 THORNLEIGH 0 vs MACQUARIE COMBINED 5

U10/6 THORNLEIGH 5 vs PACIFIC HILLS DURAL 0

Today the "Sixers" simply blew their opposition away. Pacific Hills have given us heaps of problems this year but today, after about a ten minute arm wrestle for possession, we were all over them like a bushfire. All 50:50 balls we won, any luck going we got, a spot in the Grand Final.....ours!!!! This was a great team win, with some beaut interchange of passes from defence to attack setting up many goal scoring opportunities. BLAKE got a double, the first from a fast breakout where he out sprinted the opposition and then gave the keeper no chance with a great shot. The second was set up by MITCH who won the ball strongly, surged forward and put over a pin point cross which BLAKE slotted away. OWEN GOAL got on the score sheet after a TOM L corner was neatly pushed past the keeper who was having no luck at all. His luck only got worse when a flurry of shots saw a rebound which was caught by a defender. ADRIAN stepped up and pounded the penalty past the hopelessly beaten goalie. Half time saw a 4-0 scoreline and smiling faces from coach, players and supporters. The second half was more of the same, just with less goals. Our defenders kept anything Pacific Hills could throw at us at bay and eventually we got on the scoresheet again. The "Sixers" were hard on attack against some stiff defence when the ball was kicked directly at JAY who put it in off the woodwork. Getting back to half way was a test of will power for JAY. So the "Sixers" play in the Grand Final next week and they fully deserve to be there. Play well kids and enjoy the day. Whatever the result you have all had a great season.

U11/3 THORNLEIGH 0 vs REDFIELD LIONS 4

U11/6

THORNLEIGH 1 vs. EPPING YMCA 0

Thornleigh got off to its usual slow start. 10 minutes into the match we looked to be in trouble as Epping charged down the field determined to score. A great save by CALLUM MOSES averted potential disaster. At this point the momentum of the match turned in our favour. We then put on a fantastic exhibition of passing the ball. Shortly afterward DANIEL CHRISTIE took a free kick for us, his shot was huge and almost went straight into goal. ANDY LEE was there to put it away for us. The second half was nail-biting, with neither side being able to score. In the final minutes Epping brought their goalie into our half in a last ditch effort to score, they put up a very tough fight. The pressure on the side line was unbearable, with some Thornleigh mothers jumping onto the aluminium bench and screaming at their offspring. Everyone, on our side, was relieved when the final whistle blew. Players of the match were DANIEL CHRISTIE for his big accurate kicks and KATHERINE MEIKLE for fast and skilful defending. Thanks to HOLLY GIBBONS for helping us out and playing a great game. We go through to the finals next week.

U12/5

THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 1

U13/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS/CHERRYBROOK Blue 3

The game commenced at a frantic pace with the ball moving from one end of the field to the other. Thornleigh defended well against some constant pressure and quality corners from WPH. WPH put together a well worked move down the left-hand side of the field which resulted in the first goal. The game settled into some even attacking moves from both sides. MATT delivering some dangerous corners for Thornleigh. The Thornleigh forwards were contesting hard for the ball and creating opportunities. A late second goal by WPH in the dying stages of the half was against the play, but the boys remained positive at the half-time break. The second half was full-on attack by WPH. The Thornleigh defence held the earlier onslaught and the game settled into a more even game. Around the 20 minute mark of the second half, WPH scored their third goal, a well worked through-ball through the middle to the striker. Final result 3-0. Coach's Man of the Match: ED. Reporter's Choice: MATT. Linesman's Choice: KEL.

U13/1

THORNLEIGH 3 vs PENNANT HILLS 0 (29 July 2006)

Lack of match play was not evident with the boys starting the match playing well. Good passing from both teams saw the game move from one end to the other. KEL, TOM and DAN made some early breaks giving us a couple of good chances. A corner from MATT, finished by LEROY gave us our first goal. The second came minutes later off DAN, again finished by LEROY. The boys played the rest of the half hard, with Pennant Hills unable to get the chance to score. The second half started with Pennant Hills again putting on the pressure, again the backs, CHRIS G, KELSEY, JARRY and MATT withheld them. With breaks from LACH, MITCH, CONNOR and DAN the boys had more unsuccessful attempts. One from DAN hit the post. A corner five minutes from the end gave ED a great header to score our third goal. A great team effort from all. Coach's Man of the Match: TIM. Reporter's Choice: LEROY. Linesman's Choice: CHRIS G.

U13/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 1

The game with North Epping (NE) started with very intense dramatic moments when JOSH passed a fantastic ball to STEFAN in the opening moments of the match, which was not a problem for STEFAN who scored the first goal in style. A few moments later again the same tandem, this time STEFAN tried to pass to JOSH but NE goalkeeper was at the right spot. Unfortunately, 5 min. later NE scored the equalizer. Nearly the whole first half Thornleigh kept up the pressure with a few good kicks by KHAN & TOM who tried very hard to score a goal. Amazingly, the defence with SCOTT & CHARBEL was functioning very effectively with SAAMID'S bombastic kicks, NATHAN and MATTHEW showed quite a talent wiping out dangerous situations. NICK saved a few goals in style by the end of the first half, which was quite dynamic and enjoyable. First minutes of the second half BRADLEY and TOM showed very good play reaching to the opponent's goal in no time. After so many good saves by NICK, NE scored a goal which the referee rightfully classified it as offside and the result remained unchanged for the whole second half. Just before the end of the match we saw very good play by LEE who nearly scored a goal and good passes between DANYON, JOSH and TOM.

Player(s) of the match: SAAMID and TOM.

U14/1

THORNLEIGH 3 vs EPPING YMCA 6

A goal fest was on display today. Thunder got off to a great start, shocking the opposition. We had 2 goals on the board before they knew what had hit them. The whole game was an open, flowing game, that was great to watch. JOEL and STEVEN made some great attacking runs. NIC and BRENT had strong games down the back and in the midfield. WARWICK in goals, in the first half, saved shot after shot. JOEL went into goals and made some magic stops. The whole game was a wonderful spectacle, showcasing football. Congratulations to the Thunder team, who have given the parents and spectators a wonderful ride all season.

U14/2 Girls

THORNLEIGH 3 vs MACQUARIE COMBINED 2

GRAND FINAL HERE WE COME!!!! What a wonderful effort for a first-time team – these girls have made enormous improvements since starting from scratch only 16 weeks ago. Whatever happens in the grand final these girls have definitely achieved beyond all expectations, and in no small measure due to the perseverance and expertise of super coach Craig Denyer. Today the girls didn't play their best match but did enough to force a narrow victory against a team that has dramatically improved in the last few weeks. But there were some brilliant performances, notably from ANNALESE SMITH and EMMA FORD. BEC WICKHAM also played a dependable defensive match. MCC was the hungrier team today, getting first to the ball and passing well. It showed, with their first goal coming only 5 minutes into the match. Thankfully we held them out for the remainder of the first half. After the break we looked more menacing. ANNALESE was really on fire with a series of great headers, poaching of possession and travelling with the ball. She could well play a pivotal role in next week's grand final. To top it off, just 4 minutes after the break ANNALESE made a towering kick from outside the MCC box in the general direction of the goals, finding the net on the top right hand corner with no hope of anyone getting to it. This goal unlocked some latent Thunder enthusiasm, and just 4 minutes later we were again on the attack with MADELEINE BROWN directing the ball past the MCC keeper with a left footer. Alas our lead was short-lived with MCC scoring the equaliser just a further four minutes on. But the match winner was a beauty when 5 minutes from the whistle EMMA FORD playing in striker position received an upfield pass on the right, travelled, and coolly shot it into the net with perfect timing. EMMA had been threatening all season and to top it off with her first goal brought a tear to more than one eye on the sideline. Whilst LUCY JONES usually scores our goals, it was great to see enough depth in our attack for three other girls to rattle the net today. The grand final is shaping up to be the grudge match of the year - against Pennant Hills no less - 12 noon, Sunday 20 August at Meadowbank 2 – BE THERE!

U14/4 THORNLEIGH 2 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 1

U16/1 THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 5

AA/2 THORNLEIGH 3 vs PUTNEY 1

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 9 vs RYDE DISTRICT 2

AA/5 WOMEN THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLADESVILLE SHARKS 1

AA/8 THORNLEIGH 0 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 3

AA/8 WOMEN THORNLEIGH 0 vs MACQUARIE UNI 2

AA/15 THORNLEIGH 2 vs. RYDE DISTRICT 1

What a fantastic way to finish the season with a well deserved win by the boys. Our young all age team had trained the house down during the week and were looking forward to producing a result and having a chance at the Pennant. Against the more experienced but unfortunately depleted Ryde team our boys started the game on fire and were the better team for the whole game. Our game plan was to play wide and wear Ryde down and we did this to perfection as we continually pushed down the flanks and crossed it in to our waiting forwards and had several near misses, with shots just being saved by the Ryde keeper who had a really good game.

In goals PETER had a blinder with athletic saves and powerful kick returns while our defence team of DESHAN, EDWARD, MATT E, MATT T and LIAM kept the bigger Ryde forwards quiet. In the mids DAVID K, ANDREW, CHRIS, RAKESH and TERENCE had great games while up front HAYDEN, DAVID P and PAUL all had good games. Both of our goals were scored by DAVID KOWASLKI who had his best game of the year playing on the right flank, he continually proved to be a hand full to the Ryde defence and a great header over the keeper late in the first half secured our first goal (and he received an elbow to his face for his troubles and doesn't remember much about the goal). In the second half we maintained our pressure and were rewarded again with a fine team goal scored again by DAVID after great lead up work from PAUL and HAYDEN .

Well done boys you have done yourselves, the club and your supporters proud this year with your commitment and sportsmanship.

O35/1 THORNLEIGH 2 vs RYDE DISTRICT 3

O35/4 BYE

PL/1 N/A

PL/Res N/A