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PRESIDENTS REPORT

(Ange MacKenzie)

With the Senior Pre-Season and Easter behind us, the 2019 season is underway and as the first female President for Old Boys' AFC, I welcome you all to Old Boys' AFC for the 2019 season.

A lot has happened already this season both on and off the field with the Division One team making the pre-season final and the committee busy planning for the year's events including Club Day on 22 June 2019 which coincides with the Club's 60th Jubilee. This looks to be an action-packed day and night with all Senior games at home and a function at the Club in the evening. Of course, the annual Quiz Night will be held on Wednesday 7 August so start getting your teams together – always a great night with fabulous prizes and always a sell out! We'll also have our Rugby Night on 27 July for the All Blacks vs South Africa match.

Other plans for later in the year include the Club Kitchen/Women's bathroom renovations. As you can imagine this will be a big job so if you or anyone you know is keen to help out and provide some time or your services to the project please get in touch.

Again, we have huge numbers in the Junior Club which is fantastic so make sure you support them as much as you

can as they are the future of Old Boys'. The junior teams are doing a raffle this year as their major fundraiser with funds raised staying with the Junior Club.

While the Senior Coaches and Junior Co-Ordinator give their outlook on 2019 on the following pages, I'd like to make special mention and congratulations to the lads who have been selected for the various Southland United squads. For the Senior team – Conor Evans, Harry Milligan, Laurent Edwards & Robbie Goodwillie. The Under 16 squad - Charlie Samson, Corbyn Fletcher, Jackson Faithfull, Oliver Pilsworth, Raphael Muerier & William Wisely. The Under 14 squad is dominated by Old Boys' members – Agustin Coronel, Davi Dore, Hugo Ludlow, Liam Tait, Marc Cosgrove, Max Thomson, Ryder Mikkelsen, Shaun Hopper, Tiaki Gillies & Zac Owen-Gear.

For the first time in four years we see the return of the Old Boys' Women's Team so on behalf of the Club – Welcome ladies! Previously the Women played on Sundays but 2019 sees a change to Saturday games which is fantastic so we look forward to seeing you around the Club on the Saturday afternoons.

On that note just a reminder the Club Bar is open every Saturday both during and after home games – I encourage

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Day 22 June

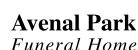
Rugby Night 27 July

Quiz Night 7 Aug

you to come along after your games. Friends and family are more than welcome also so make sure you bring your supporters in for a post-match drink and snack. The bar takings are a source of revenue for the Club, so the more you support the more we can do for the Club. So, I look forward to seeing you there on Saturdays.

This year, there is a focus on good conduct and behaviour for both players and spectators. With that in mind we have developed a Code of Conduct. I encourage you to become familiar with it. You can find it on our website www.oldboysafc.co.nz A reminder that we also have our [Facebook page](#) – make sure you "LIKE" our page to keep up to date with information such as cancellations, events and results.

Well that's enough from me. Here's to another action packed and successful season of football for Old Boys'!



LAKERS





Lakers HOT **Donald Gray Premier Team** (Reuben Lindsay)

2019 sees Reuben back with the Coaching reins this year joined by Scott MacKenzie. As always, we have lost plenty of our young men away to further study, but we have recruited several new and exciting prospects to fill the gaps. The team is a mix of youth and experience with Kris Leatherby taking the captaincy this season.

Preseason was hosted by Gore Wanderers this season which saw all the local teams travelling to Gore for three weekend fixtures during March. After opening with a comfortable win over a depleted Gore side we drew with Thistle before running smack into a Queens Park tidal wave which ended our hopes of back to back preseason titles.

Donald Gray sees just the four teams competing this season after the loss of Southend, to go with Waihopai and Winton from last season. Thus far we have gone unbeaten through the first round with a large win over Gore followed by a tight tussle with Park where we exacted our revenge for the preseason loss. Last weekend we were off our best and could only manage a draw with Thistle but still hold a slim lead at the top of the table. Check out the match reports on the website.



Next weekend we travel to Dunedin to take on Tech in the first round of the Chatham Cup. The boys are fizzing for the trip and the opportunity to go up against opposition from the next level up.

If we can get good numbers to training and keep everyone fit for the season, then winning the League is an attainable goal. The guys are enjoying their footy and are having a lot of fun as a group.

Womens

After almost 5 years with no Women's football team to represent Old Boys' AFC, we successfully have a team in 2019 with Grant Wilkins coaching the squad. The team came together in a hurry and missed the pre-season competition. Its been a steep learning curve for the team, many of whom are new to football. A couple of large score lines aren't deterring the team as they are having fun each week and improving with every match. Team Captain Lisa Low said "we're striving to build our women's team over the season and hopefully the positive results will come. Thank you for the continuous support from the Club." With women's football moving to Saturdays this year there are plenty of opportunities to see the team in action with 1pm kick-offs each week. Get along and support the team.





Jeff Walker Cleland Murdoch

Division 1 Team

(Gordon Lamont)

Gordy Lamont is back managing a new look Division One team in 2019. Many of the high school aged players have moved on to tertiary study while some have found themselves pulled into DG. In their place we have a new contingent of Brazilians from the SIT who are eager to make their mark on the grade. The preseason started well with three pool match wins in Gore. Unfortunately, in the final the guys couldn't overcome a strong QP outfit and just a lone own goal separated the teams at full time.

In the opening match of the League we took on newcomers Southend (formerly of DG) and a three stalemate was played out. This was followed by a one nil loss to Park who look to be the team to beat this season.

Recently a win over Winton and a draw with Gore have us sitting not as high as we would like. Player commitment to training has been difficult and at times it has shown in a lack of continuity on game day. Plenty of matches to go in the season and opportunities to catch the front runners.

Emotive Design/Kelly Property Services Division 2 Black Team

(Nathan Findlay)

Div two Black has seen quite a few changes for 2019 with several players coming and going. The squad had been bolstered by the addition of Michael Sollitt and Matthew Costar, along with several lads new to senior football. The team has had to quickly gel as we faced defending champions Thistle in the opening ground. This resulted in a narrow win followed by a close win against the Red team. Some good signs that this will be yet another competitive year for the Black team.

Steve Oliver Financial Services Division 2 Red Team

(Geoff Folster)

Geoff Folster is back leading the charge for the Red team. As always, a few new players including several from the junior grades and several returning stalwarts. Geoff was pleasantly surprised to have 17 at his disposal in the first match of the season. It wasn't enough to help them in the Club clash vs the Black team which saw a 1-0 win for the Black.

Following a close 4-3 loss to Queens Park the team rebounded well to put seven past Waihopai. This could be a team to watch as the season progresses.



Juniors



The 2019 season has started again with a flurry of interest especially in our beginner groups First Kicks and Fun Football, with over 80 players between these grades. A special mention must go to the families assisting the coaches as without their help we couldn't run these sessions.

This season we are fielding 19 teams from 9th Grade through to 15th/16th Grade. The representation of Old Boys teams across the grades is exciting to watch.

We have new pathways opening up for our young footballers with Old Boys entering their first Girls only 11th Grade Team. We look forward to watching the Tigers develop and grow.

We had a number of coaches attend the Southland Football pre-season Coaching Courses, upskilling our coaches has a direct flow on effect to our players, we appreciate the extra investment of time that these people put into our juniors.

Again this season we have had a number of youth players progress into the Under 14 & Under 16 Southland United teams, playing away in the Dunedin League.

A huge thank you to the parents and whanau who are volunteering, as coaches, managers and supporters.

None of this would be possible without the behind the scenes work from the committee members and volunteers – thank you!

2019 JUNIOR TEAMS

Grade	Team
9th	Old Boys Speedsters
9th	Old Boys United
9th	Old Boys Lightening
10th	Old Boys Thunderbirds
10th	Old Boys Panthers
10th	Old Boys Strikers
11th	Old Boys Jets
11th	Old Boys Madrid
11th	Old Boys Cheetahs
11th	Old Boys Tigers (Girls)
12th	Old Boys Falcons
12th	Old Boys Pumas
12th	Old Boys Roar
13th	Old Boys Comets
13th	Old Boys Thunder
14th	Old Boys Knights
14th	Old Boys Phoenix
15/16th	Old Boys Stormers
15/16th	Old Boys Glory



Photo by Natasha Mennell



Don't forget to join the Club [Facebook page](#) as cancelation notices and other important junior information is communicated there.

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