

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT** (Ange MacKenzie)

Hard to believe that the 2019 football season is coming to an end. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were in Gore for the Senior Pre-Season tournament!

A few weeks back we had our Club Day and 60th Jubilee Social Night. The day was a success with games all day and the Juniors enjoying a sausage and a drink after their games. The Social Night was light on numbers, but a good time and some Jubilee Cake was had by those who did attend

With only a few weeks to go the Committee thought it would be a great opportunity to remind our Club Members of some upcoming dates.

Saturday 27 July is our Rugby Night at the Club. Come along and see All Blacks take on South Africa followed by Australia and Argentina. There will be drink and food specials and bring the kids too. We also have the Rugby Correct Score Fundraiser - \$2 a ticket gets you the chance to win cash! All senior players have tickets to sell so if you want a chance to win make sure you get a ticket. Then Wednesday 7 August is our Annual Quiz Night. \$20 for a team of four but get in quick with your team as this event is always a sell-out.

Then finishing off the season is the Junior and Senior prizegiving. The date for the Senior prizegiving is Saturday 31 August. We hope to do something a bit different this year and have some entertainment after the formalities – keep an eye on Facebook for more details. The Junior Prizegiving date is to be confirmed but it will be late August.

It is also time to turn our mind to 2020. The AGM will be later in the year but now's the time to consider whether you would like to be involved with the Club in some way. Whether it is joining the Committee, coaching or managing a team – Juniors or Seniors - or becoming a sponsor. There is plenty of opportunity to get involved so if this sounds like you, its never too early to let me know!

See you at the Club on Saturday!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Rugby Night 27 July Doors open 6:45pm





# PRIZEGIVINGS Seniors - 31 August

Juniors - late August (date to be confirmed)

The Warehouse Stocktake Fundraiser 23 & 24 August.



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

The season has been progressing well for the guys. With two matches to play we hold a fourpoint margin over Thistle. A win vs Park this weekend will seal the deal for us for the first time in 3 years. Importantly the team remain unbeaten for the season and still hold onto the Larry! Shout out to Kyle Schins who is currently leading the Golden Boot standings also. His partnership with Kurt has been one of the highlights of the season.

After a 2-0 win over Queens Park in the Charity Cup semi finals we are through to the finals on the 10th August against Gore and will be looking to pick up another trophy.

Back in April the team journeyed to Dunedin to take on Tech in the Chatham Cup. While an enjoyable trip the guys couldn't match it with the Dunedin powerhouse and went down fighting in a 5-1 loss.

## Womens

We are halfway through the second round of the Women's Kolk Cup and the women's football team are striving as always week in week out. We now have a strong squad of 20+ ladies which sees a different team playing each week. The ladies give their best every game and this has been reflected in previous defeats in the first round of the competition being improved to single digits, also achieving our first victory against Southend in the first round. This goes to show the improvement made by the ladies over the season, also the work that Grant and Foz have put in every week at training and games. With 3 games to go we aim to still have some fun and play as a team and the positive results will follow. Thanks also to the continuous support of club members who have taken time to help us it's appreciated.







# Jeff Walker Division 1 Team

(Reuben Lindsay)

A mixed bag for the team this year with some tough early results against the top of table teams. The team are on a great run currently and have put themselves back in title contention by winning their past six matches including beating both teams above them. If they can win their remaining three matches, then they are a chance to top the league for the fifth year running.

No Edinburgh Cup silverware to be had this year with a tough first round exit at the hands of Wyndham.

#### Emotive Design/Kelly Property Services

#### **Division 2 Black Team**

(Nathan Findlay)

It has been another solid campaign for the Black team this year with another podium finish in the Patrons Cup. We were only beaten by the eventual champions Queens Park and were the only other team not to be defeated by second placed Waihopai. We had struggled to get as many goals as usual this year with multiple golden boot winner Andrew Elder out injured but many of the team have contributed goals, with the evergreen Mark Muirhead and new recruit Michael Sollitt chiming in well. At the other end of the park we have maintained a strong defensive line and finished with the second best defensive record. Injuries are now taking their toll as we look to finish with a florish in the top four playoff round.

#### Steve Oliver Financial Services Division 2 Red Team (Chris Thomas)

The Red team has had an enjoyable first round of the Div II competition finishing up mid table and being placed in the middle bracket of teams for the second round. The season started with a flurry of goals being scored but this has slowed with an injury to top goal scorer Geoff Folster and also with Zak Kelly on loan overseas for a couple of months. The introduction of new club member Jonno Airey to the midfield has added more attacking options alongside the seasoned Ged Smith. The defence has been solid with Chris Neylon making a regular appearance in the keepers jersey and performing extremely well. New centre back John Geng has slotted into the team easily and is well supported on the flanks by Wilson Ludlow who has stepped up from junior grades as well as team stalwarts Dom, Carter and Paddy. The team is looking forward to a competitive second round of the competition.

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