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PRESIDENTS REPORT (Ange MacKenzie)

Well what a year 2020 has been already! We finally got the season underway and that has not been without its challenges.

There was no Pre-Season Tournament this year which was a shame as it was Old Boys' turn to host. We were all ready to go and at the last moment Lockdown was announced. While there was no footy being played, the Committee were still working behind the scenes with many Zoom Meetings trying to get ahead for when we

were finally given the go ahead.

Who is on the Old Boys' Committee you ask? As this is the first version of Far Post for 2020 its probably timely that we let you know. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for all their hard work so far this year. We are all so busy with work and family life, but you all do your bit to make sure things run as smoothly as possible.

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Old Boys' Committee	
President	Ange MacKenzie
Vice President	Nic Popham
Club Patron	Mark Kelly
Treasurer	Hamish Low
Secretary	Reuben Lindsay
Club Captain	Nathan Findlay
Sponsorship Manager	Dave Stoevelaar
Property and Infrastructure Mngr	Lance Kiddey
Football Manager	Scott MacKenzie
Committee Members	Maxine Jones, Geoff Folster, Daryl Fowler
Junior Rep	Frank O' Boyle
Junior Committee	Gordon Lamont, Andrew Elder, Michael Manson, Scott Faithful
Bar Manager	Ange MacKenzie
Newsletter & Website Editor	Ian Thomson
Kitchen Upgrade Committee	Nic Popham, Daryl Fowler, Chris Thomas

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB DAY!!!

Sat 11th July

Club will be open from 12pm. Food and drink specials throughout the day and SKY Sport on the big screen all day/night.



Junior Quiz Nite

Wed 12 Aug

Eastern Suburbs Tavern, Glengarry
7pm (doors open at 6.30pm)
\$20 per team
Raffles and Auctions
Grab a team of four and register online at www.oldboysafc.co.nz

RUGBY NIGHT

Sat 29 Aug

North vs South Match



LAKERS





PRESIDENTS REPORT (Continued)

So, any issues or ideas you wish to raise just speak to one of the Committee. You are also welcome to come along to the meetings which are usually held once a month.

With the season finally underway we again have a strong Junior Club and again have a team in each Senior Grade with Old Boys' represented with two teams in Division Two. Mixed results so far but the season has a long way to go with a finish around September.

A shout out to Southland Football also. It hasn't been an easy job for them trying to get the season up and running and trying to help all Clubs out as much as they can. There was many a Zoom Meeting discussing how the season would work for each Club as well as trying to fit in as many matches as possible to make it all worthwhile.

Our first event for the season will be Club Day on Saturday 11 July. It's a time to say thanks to our members, supporters and sponsors for sticking with us during this time. Unfortunately, due to school holidays we have no Junior games in the morning, but Junior players and families

are more than welcome to get involved. Club will be open from 12pm and there will be food and drink specials throughout the day and SKY Sport on the big screen all day/night.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club on 11 July. It's a great chance to meet other members and sponsors that you would not otherwise get the chance.

We are also busy planning some fundraising for 2020 as Covid-19 has put a hold on our usual avenues of funding. Our first fundraiser for the year is on Wednesday 12 August where the Junior Club will be holding a Quiz Night. As we are expecting a large number of teams, we have moved it away from the Club for this year and will be at the Eastern Suburbs Tavern. \$20 for a team of four but get in quick with your team as this event will be a sell-out.

We will have our annual Rugby Night soon and there will be some sporting events on the big screen each weekend in any event due to now having Sky TV on so stick around after your games and make an afternoon and maybe even an evening of it. There will be other events before the season is done so keep an eye on our Facebook page for those.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, our members, for sticking with the Club during these uncertain times as without you I probably wouldn't be writing this!

See you at the Club on Saturdays!

Club Day Matches

1 pm - Division 1

Jeff Walker Old Boys AFC vs Allan Contracting Thistle

1 pm - Women

Old Boys AFC Women vs DeVine Hair and Beauty Gore Wanderers

1 pm - Division 2

Emotive/Kelly Property Old Boys AFC Black vs Level One Queens Park Masters (VENUE TBA)

2.45 pm - Division 2

Steve Oliver Financial Old Boys AFC Red vs Wyndham Town Football Club

3 pm - Donald Gray

Lakers HOT Old Boys AFC vs Laser Plumbing Gore Wanderers



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

Its great to be back in business for season 2020. This year Coach Reuben Lindsay is joined by Jeremy Dix as assistant coach and the duo are looking to repeat last season's League winning form. Once again Donald Gray will be competed for by just four teams, but with no Southland men's team it will be one of the strongest competitions in recent memory spanning 12 matches. Kris Leatherby once again takes charge of the group.

For the team it's been a long wait as they had started preseason training back at the end of January and were fizzing for the season prior to lockdown. Post lockdown the guys completed a shortened three-week training period to get back into shape and the first week saw our youthful squad travelling to Surrey Park to play Queens Park.

A seesaw match eventually saw Park pinching a late winner to take the spoils and claim the Larry O'Rorke Challenge Cup. The guys bounced back well in week two travelling to Gore and dispatching them 4-2 with new Costa Rican signing Jose Mojica Rodriguez bagging a hat trick. All signs look positive for the remainder of the season.

Womens (Maxine)

After an unanticipated delay to the start of the football season this year, it was a rather surreal moment for the women's team when we kickstarted our football season off over a fortnight ago.

A tough first up draw saw us faceoff against Thistle, one of the strongest teams in our grade, holding them to 2-nil at half-time, final score 7-nil. The women remained composed on the day and put up a great challenge for the full 90 minutes, playing some magnificent football.

Having the bye in the second week, came at a disappointing time for the team who were amped after the success achieved in the game against Thistle, however this was a blessing in disguise with a few players sustaining niggling injuries from the first game, it gave them an opportunity to rest.

Our second game of the season and most recent Vs Southend, the women had the determination to continue to succeed as a team, with the securing our first win for the season, we did indeed! Final score 4-nil to us. The women playing some magnificent

football, we even set some firsts during the game. With a strong defensive line, the forwards and midfielders spent majority of the game in Southend's half attacking.

We have a talented bunch of ladies within the team varying in age, and they all possess their own unique characteristics. We are attracting new and young players to join our team, with our senior players within the team taking them under their wings and guiding them as we go.

The women's team is certainly showing a lot of potential and determination for the rest of the season. Now that we've got our taste of glory, the women will thrive for much more success.

This season David Fosbender (Foz) is coaching the womens team, with the help of Krystal and Lisa, we are currently managing to train two nights Tuesdays and Wednesdays with a good turnout, to work on basic skills and fitness, to make up the time we unfortunately lost due to Covid19.



Jeff Walker Division 1 Team (Stitcher)

Div 1 has not had the best start to the season losing 7-1 to Park, then 4-1 to Winton. Foz and I believe we have a very capable side when we put it all together, but that is yet to eventuate. Terry is our main striker, but he can only play half games so we are having to improvise with some young talent up front in the form of Danny and Frank, both of whom will tell you they are ex Southland players of the year.

We are also for a change Flush with Goalkeepers including Junior, Eddie, Mitch and Frank at a pinch. This is a healthy place to be in.

There are a number of new younger guys in the squad including Michael, Patrick, Jarrod and Kartic, all of whom are showing they are up to this grade and capable of meeting the challenges.

I guess this new side needs to find its Mojo , passion and hunger to win and fear of losing. I'm sure it will. We play the QP Columbians this week , and by the time this is published I am hoping for some better news from the result of that game.

Emotive Design/Kelly Property Services

Division 2 Black Team

(Nathan Findlay)

The Black team started the season with a strong squad of 20 which has seen the return of some familiar faces and new players Steve, Osmar, Zhao and Marcel. It seems a preseason loss to the Red team was just what we needed as we have performed very well since and only a narrow loss to Southend Green last week has marred a great start. As is often the case, injuries are already taking their toll but with good numbers still training we can look forward to a successful and enjoyable season. A big thank you to Kappa for supplying the new team strip for free as a competition prize - some of us can even fit the medium sized tops.



Steve Oliver Financial Services

Division 2 Red Team

(Geoff Folster)

The Old Boys Red team has come back stronger than ever for the 2020 season. After keeping the same squad together. With a massive preseason victory over the the Black team things looked good for the season. This form has continued into the Div 2 Comp with two solid wins and a draw. We are one of only three unbeaten teams in the competition. The passing at moments has been mind blowing and the banter has also been 1st class. All players have stood out this year and we look forward to the top of the table clash with Waihopai this weekend. Thanks to CT for all the hard work organising and all the lads who have refereed this year (a very thankless task). I would also like to thank our team for the continued support of the bar after the games.



Juniors



As the saying goes “Better late than never”.

The global pandemic caused the season to be put on hold for several months but although there was little action on the pitch, the junior committee were beavering away in the background. The committee needed to ensure everything was ready for when/if the season finally got underway. For example, registrations needed to be coordinated, teams needed to be finalised, kits needed to be replenished, coaches needed to be selected and training slots needed to be arranged.

Being in a state of limbo whilst in Alert Level 4, made it a real challenge but when the season finally was given the ‘go-ahead’, we were ready to roll. This would not have been possible without the efforts of Andrew Elder, Gordon Lamont, Scott Faithful, Ian Thomson and Michael Manson.

We are delighted to announce it is another record year for the Junior programme at Old Boys. We have 20 Junior teams from 9th grade up to 16th. In addition to this we have a further 46 players involved in the First Kicks and Fun Football programme.

Having 20 teams is great but it puts

pressure on finding coaches for each team. However, we are lucky at Old Boys that we have so many returning coaches year-on-year. And when we needed to fill a few extra spots we have several senior players volunteering to help. As a result, we have a full complement of top-quality coaches in place to help our Junior programme flourish.

On the field we have had strong starts from many of the teams. The three Old Boys teams occupy the top 3 spots of 12th grade. The Roar are joint top of 13th grade closely followed by the Pumas. Both the Comets and Thunder sit in second place of 14th grade with Glory sitting on top of the 15/16th grade competition.

There are no tables for 9, 10 or 11th grade competitions.

Regardless of how results are going it is just great to see the junior programme in full swing – other countries around the world are not so lucky.

We hope to see you all at the Junior Quiz night on 12 August. Get your team in quick, spots are filling up!

Frank – Junior Convenor

2020 TEAMS

Grade	Team
9th Grade	Eagles
9th Grade	Hornets
9th Grade	Cubs
10th Grade	Speedsters
10th Grade	United
10th Grade	Lightening
11th Grade	Thunderbirds
11th Grade	Panthers
11th Grade	Strikers
12th Grade	Jets
12th Grade	Madrid
12th Grade	Cheetahs
12th Grade	Tigers (Girls)
13th Grade	Pumas
13th Grade	Roar
14th Grade	Comets
14th Grade	Thunder
15th Grade	Knights
16th Grade	Stormers
16th Grade	Glory



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

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