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2021 GAME ON

PRESIDENTS REPORT

(Ange MacKenzie)

Welcome to the 2021 Season. This time last year we were still waiting to kick off due to Lockdown but thankfully all that seems to be under control for now and we were able to host Pre-Season Tournament this year since we missed out last year. Old Boys' only had the Division One team competing and while we made the final, we lost to Queens Park. Overall, it was a busy couple of weekends and was enjoyed by all that attended. Unfortunately, the Women's Pre-Season Tournament was unable to go ahead due to lack of entries.

The Old Boys' Committee has largely remained unchanged, so we assume that as a Club, you are happy with who's on board. To those who have stepped down (Frank O'Boyle, Maxine Jones & Geoff Folster) thank you for your time and hard work.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the 2021 Committee for all

their hard work so far. 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 and not just in the football season – all year round!!

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. We also welcome any help you can offer the Club at weekends, helping in the Junior space and also with the Kitchen Reno's which we are committing to commencing at the end of the season. So, any tradies out there willing to offer their services please let us know.

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. Our Donald Gray team travel to Geraldine for Chatham Cup at ANZAC weekend so good luck to them.

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Don't forget to join the Club Facebook page as cancellation notices and other important junior information is communicated there.

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Our first event for the season will be Club Day on Saturday 22 May. We have games all day with some Junior matches including the Southland United teams in the morning and all Senior teams playing at home in the afternoon. Its sure to be a good day. It's a time to say thanks to our members, supporters and sponsors for choosing to be a member of Old Boys AFC and also a chance to mingle with other members and other Clubs also. Clubrooms will be open all day and there will be food and drink specials throughout the day. Keep an eye out on Facebook for the Club Day Matches. Although Club Day is not the only time to thank our sponsors, this can be done all year round. There was a feature in the Southland Express a couple of weeks back on our Donald Gray team and their team sponsor Laker House of Travel. Also, thanks to Fulton Hogan who have donated some materials to fix the carpark – much appreciated!! Not sure

who is a sponsor? We have the sponsors board in the Club, the slide show that runs every weekend and we aim to advertise sponsors on our Facebook page too.

As usual we will be planning other fundraising events this year. While Covid put a halt to some fundraising in 2020 we were fortunate enough to receive other funding from various sources and finished 2020 in a healthy financial position which is all thanks to you and your support.

We have had some other successes already this year with some members being selected for Southland United squads and our Women's team has won their first two games of the season!!

For updates on events and Club goings-on be sure to "like" our Facebook page "Old Boys' AFC. We have previously had two Facebook pages but this year we have decided to simplify social media and just have the one page. We are also looking to introduce Instagram soon as well.

See you at the Club on Saturdays!

COMMITTEE 2021

President	Ange MacKenzie
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Club Patron	Mark Kelly
Treasurer	Hamish Low
Secretary	Reuben Lindsay
Club Captain	Nathan Findlay
Sponsorship Manager	Dave Stoevelaar
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Committee Members	Daryl Fowler, Dave Fosbender (Women's Rep)
Junior Rep	Gordon Lamont/Andrew Elder
Bar Manager	Ange MacKenzie
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Kitchen Upgrade Committee	Nic Popham, Daryl Fowler, Chris Thomas



LAKERS HOT DONALD GRAY PREMIER TEAM

The DG squad has been training since the end of January. We have a number of new faces this year including Miguel, Dave Mwangi, the two Tyler's, Jose and Eric (formerly from Winton) and Geoff Fosbender (Goalkeeper).

They have all fitted in well to the group and are absolutely adding to the quality of football being played. We completed two preseason games, one against Thistle which we won 4-3 but definitely needed to dust off the cobwebs. The second was in Dunedin against the new joint Tech & Caversham Fletcher cup side that unfortunately we lost 3-1 but felt we deserved a draw with a bit more luck.

The team with the support of the club, turned up to support our long-term sponsor House of Travel Lakers and Tony himself, by having our photo taken at Lakers to support the Covid 19 recovery of that. This was the right thing to do especially given the business decline from Covid and Tony's own personal journey with cancer. Tony is sure to make an appearance at the club this year so make him welcome and buy him a beer.

We have had the first game of the new season already after Easter against Queens Park. Unfortunately we went down 3-1, but there are certainly signs there that we can reverse that score in the future.

At ANZAC weekend we head to Geraldine for a preliminary round of the Chatham cup. That will certainly be a road trip and a half.

That's all from me, please come along and support the DG games which are being played at 3pm each Saturday.

PACIFIC RADIOLOGY WOMEN'S TEAM

Dave Fosbender is back again for another year coaching the women's team and the team are fizzing with a great start to the year.

The team has recruited several new players who are definitely adding to the skills in the group. They opened the season with a tight come from behind win against Southend before putting a lot of goals past the new Waihopai team.

Last week was a tougher contest in Gore with a few home town calls going against the team. Next up the team have a top of table clash with Queens Park. Coach Fozz says the potential is there to go all the way but is aiming for a top 3 finish in 2021.

We would also like to welcome Josie Parker and Paul Bardwell and the team at Pacific Radiology as the new team sponsor. Its great to have their continued support of the Club.



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JEFF WALKER

DIVISION ONE

The season has started well for Division One. We've had excellent numbers along during preseason bolstered by a large contingent of players coming through from our impressive junior program. It's been great to see these guys transition into the senior teams and I'm looking forward to seeing how they go this season.

A larger squad has given us some flexibility with regards to the squad and long-standing members Gordon Lamont and Scott MacKenzie have been able to relinquish their spots to players coming through.

The team played well throughout the preseason tournament but were undone in the final coming up against a slick Park team. Into the season proper and we have had two comfortable wins to kick things off. We now have a couple of weeks break before we challenge some tougher teams. If the squad plays to it's potential, then there is no reason not to expect a top two finish.

DIVISION TWO

EMOTIVE DESIGN/KELLY PROPERTY SERVICES

BLACK

The Div Two Black team are under way for another campaign and aiming for the title again. We have had some changes from last year with Frank O'Boyle injured, Michael Sollitt going in for repairs, and Mark Kelly retiring (again!). The squad has been bolstered this season by the addition of experienced players Gordon Lamont, Jeremy Dix and Eddie Peters. A win and a draw from the first two games so far but plenty to suggest we will be genuine contenders again in 2021.

DIVISION TWO

STEVE OLIVER FINANCIAL SERVICES

RED

Chris Thomas returns to the managerial duties with Geoff Folster retiring following a tumultuous 2020 season. The Red team are yet to take the field in 2021 but Chris says they have the potential to play spoilers for some of the title contenders. Watch this space!



JUNIORS THE FUTURE IS RED



A new year and a new team with Andrew Elder & Gordon Lamont taking the reigns for the junior committee. The guys are very happy with the level of registrations and are happy to welcome many new coaches to the fold this season following some retirements. Old Boys has just under 300 junior players registered this season including 17 teams in grades 9th-16th and a further 50 kids in First Kicks and Fun Football.

We also congratulate our players who have been selected for the Southland United 14th and 16th grade teams.

The first two weeks of the season have gone really well and we thank all of the parents and volunteers for their support on the side-lines.

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