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Green Island Junior Football Club Newsletter #2 2009

The season is well underway and although the weather so far has been pretty miserable all teams are well organised and playing some great football. This year we have a record of 22 teams with which equates to about 250 players. We also have a very enthusiastic group of about 40 Kick It kids (4-5 year olds) playing on a Friday afternoon.

Jackets

Our new junior club jackets look fantastic and teams look really smart as they head to their games on a Saturday. Please wear your jacket to your trainings and every game as they are now part of the team uniform. A huge thank you to the sponsors who contributed towards the cost of the jackets. It is our sponsors who have made it possible for our whole club to be outfitted in new jackets in the same year so please make sure you say a big thank you to your teams sponsor.

Club uniform

We suspect by the number of tops and shirts that have been dropped in to us recently that there remains a fair bit of our playing uniform out there, tucked away in drawers from previous seasons. If you have any, or know others who do, we'd be grateful if you could get it back to us – either give it to your coach or contact a committee member (our contact details are on our website)

Rugby Club Do

A huge thank you to Lynn & Matt King, Pete Cromb, Wayne Mansfield, Pete Wilson, Grant McMillan, Mark Chalmers, Rick McDonald, Trevor McCallion, Steve Barnes and Dave Milton who served at the Green Island rugby club bar from 5pm till 3am to raise \$1000 for the club. This was a huge effort from these folk and is greatly appreciated.

7 aside

After a couple of weather affected hiccups we managed to hold our first ever 2 day 7 a side, catering for players from 6th to youth grade. Once again the 7 a side would have to be a highlight of the football calendar for many junior players.

The smooth running of the 7 a side could not be made possible without a huge behind the scenes effort. Sincere thanks to the following people for all their hard work:

The junior committee, Wayne McCallion, Grant McMillan, Andy Kilsby, Rick McDonald, Kaye & Greg Fowler, Bailee Michelle, Brian Michelle, Matt King, Luis Buck, Pam Sutherland, Oliver King, Jake Cotter, Mitchell Cotter, Chris Rudd, Kevin Dunbar, Catherine Caley, John Seaton, Louise Lawrence, Lisa McCarthy, Alex, Callum & Matt Sutherland, Andrew Quigley, Andrew Gore, Steve Dungey and Heather Barton.

Also thanks to club supporters who volunteered their time to referee games including Terry Parle, Steve Archer, Steve Barnes, Nevan Trotter, Johan Koutstaal, Nic Vinicombe, Sam Brouwer, Trev McCallion, Callum Hayde and Wayne McCallion

Our 7 a side sponsors are listed on the website and we value their support. Please try to support these businesses (many of them are local businesses) as often as possible. The 7 aside is the major fundraiser for our club and all profits go towards new uniforms. Because of the success of the 7 aside and the fund raising at the rugby club. We don't plan to have any further fund raising events this year.

7 aside congratulations

Well done to the following teams for winning their grades at this years 7 a side:

7th Grade- Green Island Yellow (with Green Island Green runner-up!)

9th Grade – Green Island Gold

13th Grade- Green Island

We also had a number of teams make the semi finals

Fantastic effort from these players & coaches.

Team Photos

This years club photos will be held on Friday 7th August from 6:30pm (TBC please check on website) at Sunnyvale. The cost is \$12/ photo and needs to be paid to your coach on the night. Please ensure you bring both your playing uniform and your new jackets.

Fun Night

Our annual fun night will be held on Friday 24th July at Sunnyvale from 6:30pm. This is a fun time for teams to get together, watch a magic show and play a bit of housie. There is no cost so get together with your teammates and come along. Hot chips will be provided and drinks and other snacks can be purchased.

Website www.gijsc.co.nz

Pete Cotter does a fantastic job of keeping our website up to date, interesting and informative. Visit our website to see recent photos of the 7 aside, Saturday's draw and the previous Saturday's results, and even your old team photos. Ground locations, news, newsletters and even a link to Otago Cancel can all be accessed through our website so make sure you're looking at it at least once a week.

Saturday afternoon prize giving

We've had a number of our junior teams and their parents/guardians attend prize giving with the senior club on a Saturday afternoon, with all players receiving chips and a drink plus a presentation from a club life member or sponsor. Feedback from all has been very positive and we remind you that you are welcome to come down to the club any Saturday afternoon during the season. There are the usual bar facilities plus kitchen snacks including pies and toasted sandwiches.

The timetable is in the Coaches page in our website. If you're not sure when your team is attending see your coach.

Training and playing

We would also like to remind our players and their guardians that, when registering to play for the club, the players made a commitment to their team. This commitment includes turning up to training, and the Saturday games. Whilst, across our 22 teams, we are well represented, we have a small number who, sickness and injury aside, seem to regularly be skipping their training and even scheduling the odd activity that prevents them playing on a Saturday. Football is a game that needs to be played with full strength teams. With only about 8 weeks of football left we ask all our players and parents/guardians to support their team and coach and also respect the commitment they made at the start of the season by attending all the remaining training sessions and games they can.