



November 2013

Chairman's Corner

As the 2013 year draws to a close, it has been great to see the football continuing on over the past couple of months. Petone FC was well represented in a number of tournaments which took place across the lower part of the North Island, including the U19 Youth Championships held in Napier over Labour Weekend. Coached by Mark Foster and Chris Sambrooke, and managed by Wayne Benson, the U19 team played some spirited football against teams from across the country, finishing third equal in their pool. Well done to the U19's and to all teams who competed in post-season tournaments. See all the results and photos on our [website](#)

As our attention turns to the 2014 season, we are very pleased to announce the appointment of Graham Little as the new Director of Men's Football for the Club. Graham joins Petone FC for the 2014/15 seasons and has an impressive record both as a player and a coach.

At a junior level, the introduction of the Advanced Football Programme, run by Tom Randles, is the start of a more intensive approach to junior development across the club, and will form part of a wider development programme in 2014. This programme was recently launched by Phoenix Captain and All Whites defender Andrew Durante at Petone Memorial.

Congratulations also to all of the Petone FC players who made it through to the 2014 Federation Talent Centres. This was a fantastic achievement and a great way to round off the year - [FTC-Teams](#)

If you are planning a break from football over the summer, I hope you enjoy the rest! Don't forget to stay in touch and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM which is scheduled for Thursday 28 November, 7pm. Good luck also to the two Girls Only League teams playing in the summer league this year. Thanks again to everyone for your support of the teams, players and Club for the 2013 season.

Craig Deadman
Club Chairman

Vodafone - Community Partnership

This season saw Petone FC announce a five year Community Partnership with Vodafone NZ. This partnership has allowed the club to commit extra resource towards critical areas such as junior development, the U19 teams, women's football, facility improvements and future turf training time. Vodafone's ongoing support will enable the continued development of home grown talent and assist with producing future men's and women's 1st team players from within the Club.

Thanks to Vodafone NZ for their continued support of Petone FC.



Celebrating the success of our juniors

Every year the Junior prizegiving presents some challenges for parents and coaches with the selection of Most Valuable and Most Improved players from their team. It is always a difficult decision and one that is understandably put out to parents for a majority vote. Yet again the prizegiving was run with military precision and many a sausage and drink was consumed from 8.30am in the morning through to 2.00pm in the afternoon. Congratulations to all the players who received awards this year, a full list of all award winners is on the Petone FC website. Congratulations also go to the following Club award winners:

Coach of the year - First Kicks-9th Grade:

Brent Hancock

Coach of the year - 10th-14th Grade:

Joe Serci

Junior Club Sportsperson:

Sam Taylor

Senior Club Sportsperson:

David Lane

John Bradbury Trophy:

Ethan Findley

Judy Morris Plate:

Richard Arkinstall

McCartney Tournament Taupo - A player's perspective



by Patrick Phegan

Each year on the last weekend of the October school holidays, the Taupo Football Club hosts the McCartney Tournament. Footballers from all over the North Island play in it, with 8-15th grade teams all playing lots of great football over two days. This year two teams from Petone Football Club - one from the 10th grade, and the 12th grade Settlers, travelled up to Taupo to take part.

My team, the 12th grade Petone Settlers, participated in this tournament for the 2nd year in a row. Last year we worked very hard through the pool games and in the end came 2nd in the 11th grade section. The weather was really horrible last year, with heavy rain and lots of wind... this year they were hoping for better! Luckily this year we had two cloudy, fine days and at times it was even sunny.

This year the 12th grade team decided to stay together. We stayed in cabins at

the Great Lake Holiday Park, in Acacia Bay.

We played 5 games in our pool. We won the first game 3-0 against Eastern Suburbs (Auckland), then we played Island Bay, we won 3-0. We then played the Chiefs (from Hamilton) & won 6-0. Our last game on Saturday was against Papakura and we won 2-0. It was pretty cool to finish the day without conceding a goal!

On the Saturday night we all had a swim at De Bretts (the hot pools), with a barbeque and dessert.

The next morning we played our final game in the pool, against Kapiti Coast United and won 3-0. So after all of the pool games our team hadn't conceded a single goal. We were feeling really happy that we had qualified for the quarter final.

We then made it to the play offs and beat Lower Hutt 4-1, conceding our first goal. We then qualified for the semi-final and after a very close game, beat Kapiti Coast United (KCU) 1-0. We had a few hours break and then played in the final against Wanganui Intermediate. It was a really tough game and ended in a 2-2 draw, so we had to finish with a penalty shoot-out and unfortunately lost 5-3.

It was disappointing to lose in the penalty shootout but we were still happy that we made it to the final and we were proud of our team performance.

Our team was awarded the runners up trophy for our efforts.

A big thanks to our coach Richard and our manager Andrew for helping our team, also to Maggie and the other Mums who helped out at the Holiday Park. It was a fun weekend!

Junior coaches have their say

Coaches play an important role in the development of all players and this year saw an increased focus on junior coach development. Ensuring all coaches feel supported and have the opportunity to develop and enhance their skills was a priority for the Club. Petone FC recently undertook a survey of its junior coaches to find out how the season went for them.

Of those that responded (62%):

- 84% felt they received good to excellent support from the Club
- 84% rated their experience as a coach as very good or excellent
- 80% said they would be happy to coach next year
- 70% indicated they were interested in ongoing coaching courses

Coaches also provided comments about the communication and indicated a desire to have Tom Randles more involved in their trainings. All of the results will be used as the Junior Committee plans for next season. If you have any questions about becoming a coach or coach development, please contact Richard Arkinstall (Richard.arkinstall@branz.co.nz) or Joe Serci (joeserci@adcorp.co.nz)

14th Grade 2013/College Football

A reminder for those boys that played 14th grade last season - the 15th grade age group is run by College Sport so you play for your school on Saturdays. However, we enter teams into a 17th grade competition on Sunday mornings so you can still play for the Club as well if you wish. The 17th grade then leads into the Club Under 19 team which has tournaments in September and October for those selected. The school will get you to register for them on Sporting Pulse, but please register for Petone, also on Sporting Pulse. The link is at the bottom of the following page - [Men's-Football](#)

Girls are allowed to play two grades higher so can still play junior football for the

Club up until they are 16. Girls College Sport football is usually played mid week. If you are keen to get involved in Women's football, then please also register using the following page and email the Club at admin@petonefootball.org.nz - [Women's-Football](#)

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