



September 2013

## Chairman's Corner

Well that's the season over for another year, and what a year it has been. For many of the 'older' players in the club I suspect the bodies are breathing a sigh of relief! While for others, including the junior players - the focus now shifts to tournaments.

After starting the season not being able to practise due to Wellington's severe drought, we were grateful when the new artificial turf was officially opened. This facility has showcased some fabulous football this year and none more so than recently when we had one of the largest crowds for some time at Petone to watch the Wellington Phoenix play Grant Plumbing Petone Men's team. Some of the Phoenix players returned to Petone last weekend as part of the Junior Football Festival Week -and were swamped for autographs and photos by players from First Kicks through to the 13th grade.

Last weekend we also celebrated some of the successes of the club with the senior prizegiving. Congratulations to all of those players and club members who were nominated and won prizes this year - well done! We now look forward to celebrating the success of our juniors at their prizegiving next week.

With the end of season now upon us, it is a good chance to acknowledge those who have supported you throughout the season. I would personally like to thank everyone at Petone FC for their support and hard work - from the coaches, parents and players through to those on our junior and management committees. A special thanks also to our Community Partner - Vodafone, and also our sponsors whose contribution plays an important part in our club's success. Whilst for some the hard work is over for the season, for others it is just beginning with many young players out to impress for the U19 squad. We will keep you posted on dates and times of their games, as I am sure they would appreciate some of that well-known Petone support on the sideline.

Good luck to all of those involved in tournaments in the coming months.

Craig Deadman  
Club Chairman

## A word from our sponsor - Strike Entertainment

Dion and the team at Strike Entertainment in Lower Hutt have a long association with Petone Football Club and are proud to support the Petone Women's teams. Located at 399 Hutt Road, Strike Entertainment offers a great range of activities including bowling, laser strike, arcade games, pool tables, plus Jonny's Kitchen has an amazing menu to whet your appetite.

With the season all but over, now is a good time to think about your team get-together. So talk to the team at Strike about their 'end of season' special which includes bowling, laser strike, food and drink from \$20pp.



Dion would like to extend a huge thanks to all the players, families and friends who have supported Strike throughout the season, and remind everyone that it is not too early to book for your Christmas function.

Give them a call to book (568-3168), visit their website [www.strikenz.co.nz](http://www.strikenz.co.nz) or see them on Facebook!

## Bridging the development gap between Petone Juniors and Seniors



The U17 boys league was introduced by Capital Football following the move of 15-17th grades to College Sport, to assist junior players with the transition into the senior game. After a slow start, the league has now taken off and this year Petone had two U17 teams playing in the A & B divisions, with boys aged between 14-17 years.

A key component to the success of this development programme at Petone has been the commitment and support from senior coaches, Mark Foster (1st team), Chris Sambrooke (2nd team) and Chris Hosnell (3rd team)

who have given players game time in the Club's senior Men's teams. This year has seen 12 players make senior club appearances.

Although the U17 season has finished, the natural progression for these players is the end of season National U19 competition in Napier at Labour Weekend. Introduced over 30 years ago, Petone has entered each year as a way to develop the club's youth and showcase our top players. Petone is keen to repeat its success of 2008 at this year's tournament and the club is lucky to have Mark and Chris as coaches of the U19's. Selection for this year's team is currently underway and the coaches will use the Ivan England tournament and the Upper Hutt U19 tournament in early October in this selection process. This year sees the introduction of an U19 development team which will also attend the Upper Hutt tournament.

Wayne Benson takes over this year as team manager from Ray Bell who has contributed enormously to the smooth running of the team over the past several seasons. According to Wayne, he has 'some big shoes to fill' but has benefited greatly from Ray's leadership and support. As with many tournaments, it is always a costly exercise to attend so Wayne and his team of helpers have been working hard fundraising throughout the season with BBQs and raffles, including the \$100 raffle - organised by Steve Minogue.

The U19s have started with the first of the Ivan England qualifiers followed by the Upper Hutt Tournament on 12 and 13 October, and culminating in the big trip to Napier for the National Youth Championships on 26-28 October.

## Senior Prizegiving

A big thank you to all who joined us on Saturday night for the 2013 Petone FC Prizegiving. It was a fantastic night with a few laughs, great music and special thanks must go out to Chris Greenacre for coming along, giving us all an insight into what it is like to be a professional footballer, handing out awards and putting himself in harms way.

Congratulations to the following people who picked up the Club Awards:

### **Tony Hilton Memorial Trophy for Golden Boot**

Joint Winners: Richard McLay, Steve Robinson, Alex Kerfoot (16 goals)

### **Armani Cup for Team of the Year**

Petone Pure

### **Best and Fairest Player**

Daniel Clarke

### **Pam Pickering Trophy for Women's Best and Fairest**

Jodie Agent

### **Most Promising Player**

Cameron Blair

### **Rolf Stephan Cup for Most Improved Player**

Nick van Driel

### **Rixon Cup for Sportsperson of the Year**

Angela Eglinton

### **Footballer of the Year**

Daniel Clarke

To see the complete list of winners please visit [www.petonefootball.org.nz](http://www.petonefootball.org.nz)

## **Junior Prizegiving**

Below are the dates and start times of the junior prizegiving for 2013. More information will be sent out shortly.

### **Friday 13 September**

12th Grade - 6pm

13th & 14th Grade - 7pm

### **Saturday 14 September**

First Kicks - 8:30am

7th Grade - 9am

8th Grade - 10am

9th Grade - 10:45am

10th Grade - 11:45am

11th Grade inc Girls Only - 1pm

## **Spotlight on 12th Grade Football at Petone FC**



The 12th grade this season, similar to last year's 11th grade, had a slow start to the season with the grounds out and no fields to train on, but the new turf gave them an advantage in the wet season, according to Andrew Joe, Grade Manager.

This year Petone fielded four 12th grade teams - with teams playing in Travelling A (Settlers), Travelling C (Nomads) and two teams playing in the Hutt Valley grades (Travellers and Wanderers)

The Travelling A Settlers topped the first round with 7 wins and a draw, 29 goals for and 3 against, a great result.

Under the coaching of Guy Smith and Sam Morrissey, and help from Tom Randles they have showed that they have the ability to play a fast short passing game of

attractive football and all players have been keen to develop their skills.

The second round proved to be tougher, with mixed results throughout the pool.

The Travelling and Hutt Valley teams continued to improve throughout the season.

All squads have shown a strong commitment and will have a mix of teams entered in the Western Suburb's, Douglas Villa and the Taupo tournaments this year. Andrew commends the players for having such a great attitude and he says it was great to see the effort from these keen young footballers.

## **Petone FC Supporter's Club Raffle**

The Petone FC Supporters' Club Raffle was drawn on Saturday 24 August. Congratulations to all of the winners - below are the ticket numbers and the teams who sold the tickets.

### **1 - HeliLunch for four**

Ticket: 50738

Sold By: 13th Grade Wanderers

### **2 - iPhone or Galaxy S4**

Ticket: 58561

Sold By: Mighty Masters

### **3 - MGP Scooter**

Ticket: 57166

Sold By: First Team

### **4 - iPad Mini 16gb WiFi**

Ticket: 53731

Sold By: 11th Grade Wanderers

### **5 - iPad Mini 16gb WiFi**

Ticket: 57004

Sold By: First Kicks

### **6 - Dinner at Hippopotamus**

Ticket: 58602

Sold By: Mighty Masters

### **7 - Family Dinner and Bowling at Strike**

Ticket: 58960

Sold By: Chuggers

Thank you again for your support!

**Key dates for your calendar (see Petone FC website for more details)**

### **7 Sept**

Western Suburbs tournament

### **8 Sept**

Western Suburbs tournament

### **13 Sept**

Junior Prizegiving - 12 - 14 Grades

### **14 Sept**

Junior Prizegiving - First Kicks - 11th Grades & Girls only

**21 Sept**

Douglas Villa Tournament

**22 Sept**

Douglas Villa Tournament

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