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Chairman's Corner

The past month has been fantastic for football, both in Wellington and at Petone FC. Not only were we treated to Premier League football as part of the Football United tour, but closer to home our Men's first team, Grant Plumbing Petone, came up against Miramar twice in a week. Despite a 2-3 loss in the first game at David Farrington Park (after leading 2-0), the following week they came from 0-2 down at home to secure a fantastic win 4-2, courtesy of a hat trick from veteran striker Paul Whitmarsh.

Two very important milestones were also reached last weekend when David Lane made his 250th 1st team league appearance, and Paul Whitmarsh (currently the Central League golden boot leader) made his 200th 1st team league appearance - Congratulations to them both on a fantastic achievement.

It didn't end there with both our Tall Poppy Petone Women's teams securing promotion for 2015. This is a significant result for women's football at PFC and a great boost for our strategic plan with the overall goal to have a team in the Central League within five years.

The players have worked hard to get this result and have been well supported throughout by Sam Morrissey, coach of the Women's first team, and Paul Martin, Reserve Team coach. Sam is a great example of what this club aspires to. Starting here as a junior himself, Sam came through the grades reaching the Men's first team and is now heavily involved in coaching – both at junior level and senior Women's level. This month we take a look at the next generation of coaches, with Michael and Sam Pickering co-coaches of our 13th Grade Settlers team.

The month ended with a special event to recognise and celebrate the magnificent

contribution that John Bradbury has made to Petone FC over a 60+ year period. During the evening, we unveiled 'The John Bradbury Lounge' and I know John was very humbled and very grateful for the wonderful support. Congratulations once again John.

Don't forget the Petone FC Raffle is due to close so all tickets and money need to be back to the club. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year so your support is vital and much appreciated.

Craig Deadman
Club Chairman



A word from our Sponsor

Petone FC welcomes Tall Poppy Real Estate as our women's football sponsor.

Aaron and Michelle Pont were present at the recent launch of the Women's Development Strategy – a five year plan to see Petone competing in the Central League and returning top level women's club football to Memorial Park. So if you are looking to sell your property, Tall Poppy can sell your property for an unbeatable low fee capped at only \$10,000 (+GST). For more details contact Aaron Pont on (04) 210 7876, or visit their website www.tallpoppy.co.nz

Developing coaches for the future

This year the 13th Grade Settlers have extended their coaching team to include the experience of Sam and Michael Pickering, both first team players for Petone FC. According to Michael the team is full of talented footballers who have the potential to go on and achieve great things for Petone, or even higher levels. 'The technical abilities of these 13 year olds are great', says Michael. When he thinks back to when he was that age Michael says that the difference in the skill level of the players is 'huge'.



Working with the players this season, alongside co-coach Terry Baker, Michael and Sam have seen the players develop their team philosophy and feel the players have all been receptive to the advice and skills they have taught them.

This year the team secured a sponsor, Financial Association of NZ (FANZ), which saw them kitted out in team jackets. On the field the season started well, but the team struggled for consistency. Since then, 'they have worked hard' says Michael 'showing great passion and desire to work as a team, producing many pleasing results.' The team qualified for the top Travel League after the first round, and have carried on their success by qualifying for the final round in Travel League Group 1. At the end of the season they will head off together to the Douglas Villa and Taupo tournaments.

Michael and Sam have both enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to the remainder of the season. They also encourage other senior players to get involved with junior teams. 'If we can keep nurturing and developing the talents of these players then in a few years we will see many of them playing in our first team', says Michael.

A blast from the past

If you haven't managed to flick through the match programmes for our Men's Central League and Capital Premier teams lately, you can check them out on our [website](#).

Each programme takes a look at players from Petone's past in *Where are they now?* July saw Maureen Jacobson and Grant Turner interviewed.

Maureen joined Petone in 1993 and in the six years that followed, she captained the Petone Women's first team to five Central League Championships and a Wellington Division One championship in 1999. Maureen also went on to represent New Zealand more than 60 times and captained the team in many of those games. Starting her career at the age of 10, Maureen stopped playing competitively 30 years later and is now still living in Wellington, but her football is pretty much confined to that of a spectator. Read the full interview in the [5th July programme](#).

Grant Turner joined Petone FC in 1969 also as a 10 year old and made his debut for the first team at the age of 14! Grant's passion, skill and commitment – along with his determined attitude – also saw him represent New Zealand. A highlight of his career, Grant played 71 times for New Zealand and scored 19 goals, and he saw each appearance in the All Whites shirt as a special moment. Like many young footballers, Grant had idols – one of which was Kevin Keegan, who he actually got to play with in a game in New Zealand. Grant provides some interesting insights into football in New Zealand and at Petone in the [July 27th programme](#).

Junior Update

Junior Prizegiving

The end of the season is quickly approaching and with that comes the opportunity to celebrate our successes. The junior prizegiving will take place on the evening of Friday 12th September for Grades 12-14, and Saturday 13 September for First Kicks – 11th Grade. A roster of times will be sent to coaches soon. The format is



the same as previous years with a time allocated for each grade during the day. On the Saturday teams are invited to the gym after the presentations with each player receiving a BBQ sausage and drink. There will also be sausages and drinks on sale for siblings and parents on the day.

Gear return

Once the season is over all Petone shirts need to be returned to your coach as quickly as possible. For coaches, gear bags and balls can be returned at prizegiving. These will need to contain all playing shirts, discs, first aid kit and other equipment handed out at the beginning of the season. Other dates for gear return will be advised soon.

October Fun Football Holiday Programme

We are currently planning a Fun Football Holiday Programme for the first week of the upcoming school holidays (29 September – 3 October). This will run from 9am-3pm each day and full information will be on our website in the next two weeks. Please register your interest with Angela Eglinton (angela.eglinton@gmail.com).

Show your support

FIFA U-20 World Cup

The FIFA U-20 World Cup is coming to New Zealand next year and is a fantastic opportunity to see some of the future greats of football from around the world. Keep your eye out for a great offer which not only gets you some excellent seats next to your mates, saving you 25%, but also means our club gets 5% cash back. Full details will be arriving in your inbox any day now. Tickets are limited so make sure you get in early.

Premier League Pass offer

But wait there's more! The EPL starts up again this weekend and New Zealand Football have teamed up with Premier League Pass to deliver an exciting fundraising initiative aimed at directly benefiting our football club.

For every subscriber to Premier League Pass for the 2014/15 season referencing your club's name, NZ Football and Premier League Pass will give 20% of the subscription

fee back to the club. All you need to do is register [here](#), select the unique code specific to the club you would like to assist and proceed to PremierLeaguePass.com to subscribe. Our code is PETONEFC

THE  PUB QUIZ!

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT IN AUGUST!
KICK-OFF FROM 7PM.
FUNDRAISING FOR PETONE FC WOMEN'S FOOTBALL.
THE SPRIG & FERN, 146 JACKSON ST. PETONE.



Upcoming events

Every Tuesday in August Petone FC is running the Sprig & Fern Quiz – get your team together and come on down from 7pm each week.

- 30 August: Final game for junior season
- 6/7 September: Western Suburbs junior tournament
- 12 September: Junior Prizegiving (Grades 12-14)
- 13 September: Junior Prizegiving (First Kicks – Grade 11)
- 20 September: Senior Prizegiving
- 20/21 September: Douglas Villa junior tournament

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