



Chairman's Corner

Hello all, I hope you are well. The football season hasn't got too long to go now. Most of our teams are well into the second half of their season and starting to ask questions and making comments like "who will be the player of the season?", "who always has the dirtiest socks?" and "there is no way I'm playing a summer sport, I need a break".

On Tuesday night we had our third visit from the Wellington Phoenix. It is wonderful that NZ's premier club side do this little pre-season tour of Wellington to play local clubs. It's a chance for our players to try their wares against the big stars and a chance for fans, young and old, to watch the Nix at our home ground Memorial Park.

We have the annual Quiz Night coming up this Saturday. Hopefully we will see a great turn out for what is always a fun night. I recently found out about the prize pool on offer and compared it to the prizes you used to see on Sale of the Century! Maybe I have exaggerated a bit there, but make sure you get along to have some fun and support our club.

There are plenty of opportunities to support the club over the next few months with the juniors about to kick off a Big Goal Day in August and with James Bond back in town later this year, make sure you secure your seat at the movie night in mid-November.

That will do from me for now. Enjoy the rest of your footballing season and always remember to play hard but play fair.

Craig Deadman
Club Chairman

Quiz Night!

This Saturday in the John Bradbury Lounge we have the Petone FC Quiz. Tables are still available for teams of six. There will be some great prizes up for grabs, raffles and generally good times. Quizmasters Boyd, Dawson and McLay have been staying up late to construct a quiz that will cause both scratching of heads and pumping of the fists. It is \$10 per person. There will be a light supper served and the bar will be open. Quiz starts at 7pm, see you there!

THEY'RE BACK.

**SAM BOYD.
BENN DAWSON.
RICHARD M'LAY.**

**RECENTLY AWARDED:
BEST QUIZMASTERS IN THE
LOWER HUTT VALLEY.***

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
AT THE PETONE FC ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT,
SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2015.**

* MAY NOT BE FACTUALLY CORRECT.
** NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS.

Phoenix Tuesdays

Tuesday night saw a visit from the Wellington Phoenix to Memorial Park. On a cold, crisp night the crowd of over 500 was treated to a very entertaining game. The final score of 3-3 was a fair reflection to a match that was "a game of two halves". Petone lead 2-0 at the break thanks to a stunning finish by Sam Greene and a penalty, after he was brought down in the box, to Van Elia. The second half started brilliantly for the Blues with Van Elia scoring his second from a free-kick. Then the Phoenix started creeping their way back into the match. The Nix started knocking it round with panache and, mixed with a host of substitutions for Petone, fought back to make it 3-3. A great game on a lovely winter night! Thanks to the Wellington Phoenix for the visit, and for taking time to sign autographs and photos after the match.

Men's Football

The up and down season of Grant Plumbing Petone continues. After a barn storming win over Wairarapa and, an easy victory over Palmerston North, the momentum was halted last weekend with a loss to Miramar. This weekend the lads are at home to second placed Wests.

After a mid season funk our Men's third team are joint top in Capital 3. Our 4th team, who also contest Cap 3, are up to 7th. This is a fabulous effort from

Wayne and the lads. They have a host of changes each week and, through a mix of youth and experience, have performed admirably this season.

In Cap 8 the Stonecutters sit in second with an eye on promotion. In the



Masters arena, both the Mighty Masters and the Dreamers are looking a chance for fine finishes to their season.

Women's Football

It's hats off to Powerex Petone Reserves as they secured promotion to Women's Div 1 last weekend! The team smashed Naenae 6-1 to seal the deal. A huge congrats to the players and coach Paul Martin.



Our top Women's side Powerex Petone are almost champions too. Last weekend they squeezed past Vic University 2-1. They hold a massive lead in Women's Premier with 3 games to go. Hopefully we will be popping the champagne soon and celebrating yet another wicked season from our awesome women.

Remember you can stay up to date with results (Men's, Women's and Junior) with our Weekly Review which you will find on our website and Facebook page.

Update from Tom Randles

Player Centred Coaching or Coach Centred Coaching - where do you fit?

Progressive studies from around the footballing world indicate that randomness in football coaching of youngsters is the most successful.

Randomness indicates that the receiver of a pass cannot expect the ball to come along the same line as the previous pass nor can the receiving player expect to take each ball in the same direction. I watch many sessions where four players are placed in the four corners and the ball is passed from corner to corner and the passing player follows the pass ad nauseam. There is no correlation between these passing drills and successful passing in the Game. These kinds of drills are coach driven without the players having to make any decisions as to how he/she receives the ball and where the pass will go.

There is but ONE and only ONE passing session that is meaningful, realistic and player centred. Two teams with different bibs and a ball per team, play through each other as they pass to an end target. As they receive the ball from that target player so they repeat the process as they move from one end to the other.

Players are the sole decision makers as to who receives the ball. Different opportunities and decisions maybe offered by the coach BUT it is the players, as in the game, who make the decisions. The balls received are variable as is

the direction of moving. Passes can be long or short BUT quick pace of the pass is encouraged. If you only have five, six or seven players then get all the players to be a team and move to an end line. Then the play is reversed to the other end. Players are not static. They receive move and pass. Then PLAY THE GAME. 4v4, 5v5, 9v9. The questions arise from the game and the answers are to be found in the game.

Decision making is paramount in a young player's development. As coaches we need to develop a programme that is player centred rather than coach centred.

Remember I am here to assist and provide suggestions and support to you as a coach, and your players. Contact me to arrange a time: mobile: 027 201 5218 email: trom80@hotmail.com

Big Goal Day is coming!

Get your goal scoring boots on! During the weekend of 14-16 August Petone FC is holding a Big Goal Day for juniors to help raise funds for new playing shirts for 2016.

Players will be asked to seek pledges for the total number of goals scored in one of their games over the weekend. There are rewards and prizes for players and teams.

More information will be out soon to coaches and parents, including a sponsorship card so you can start collecting pledges.



Important dates

- 25 July: Annual Quiz Night (7pm)
- 31 July: Raffle books due back
- 14-16 August: Big Goal Day
- 29 August: End of Junior season

Mark this on in your diaries...

- 17 November: Movie night at Lighthouse Cinema Petone – Spectre (James Bond)



