



## Chairman's Corner

Hello and welcome to the May edition of Code Blue. I hope you are all well and didn't take too much of a battering from the storm last week. Unfortunately the clubrooms took a bit of a hit with some flooding to the office and the car park resembled an Olympic swimming pool. My thanks to Phil Pickering for clearing out the water and mess. As expected there were a huge number of postponements and cancellations on the weekend.

Our top Men's team are up and down in the Central League. One week sees a great performance and the following week we seem to lose momentum. We next face Napier who are running away with the league after winning 7 from 7. The lads also face Lower Hutt in a couple of weeks in the second round of the ASB Chatham Cup after a tight finish against Karori, winning 5-3 on penalties. Over the years we haven't had the results go away against our neighbours in the Cup, so hopefully Graham and the boys can come away with a positive result. Our Reserves have had back to back wins and are moving in the right direction in Capital Premier.

In Women's football all three teams are going well. Powerex Petone sit atop of the league in Women's Premier. Powerex Petone Reserves, after a tough start, have made moves north on the table, and the Petone Power Rangers in Div 3 are also top of the league and playing some great football.

As we head further into the season and competition gets tight it is worth remembering why we play this great game. Our behaviour as players, parents and coaches, both on and off the field, can impact on those around us and at Petone FC we pride ourselves on promoting fair play across all grades. The [Petone FC Code of Conduct](#) was developed to align with the [NZF Code of Conduct](#) and provides so guidelines to ensure everyone enjoys the game.

Recently the club held an evening with hypnotist Nigel Kennedy, The turn out was fabulous and everyone raved about the evening and how much fun they had. It was great to see the clubrooms packed and my thanks to Jodie Agent and the Women's committee for organising such a top night.

Winter is quickly approaching so I hope you all stay well and hopefully that weather last week doesn't come back for a second bite.

Happy reading!

## Men's Football

Grant Plumbing Petone currently sit 7th in the Central League.

While performances have overall been positive, the amount of missed chances to get 3 points from winnable positions has been disappointing. Dan Clarke returned from Team Wellington duty in the loss against Stop Out. Reed Collingwood has



been a fine deputy but it's great to have our number one back. We next face Napier in Napier which will be a mighty task as the Hawkes Bay outfit sit top of the league. On the weekend of May 30th-June 1st we face Lower Hutt at Fraser Park in round 2 of the Chatham Cup. It's always a match that is played with plenty of tension and drama, here's hoping we progress to the next round at the expense of our "good friends" from over the bridge.

Our Reserves have had two good back-to-back wins in Capital Premier to move upwards on the league ladder. Ryan McGlinchey has been in strong form up front and defensively things have tightened right up. Our Men's Thirds are going beautifully in Capital 3 and sit top of the tree. Further down the divisions, the Stonecutters are again looking strong in Capital 8 and in Masters football all three teams seem to be ticking over nicely.

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## Women's Football

Once again it's all pretty positive stuff in the Women's side of football at Petone FC. Although going out of the ASB Cup to Massey, Powerex Petone are trucking along nicely in Women's Premier. They sit top of the league after 5 rounds and the goals have been flowing nicely. Powerex Petone Reserves endured a tough start but have turned the corner with three wins on the bounce. Coach Paul Martin rewarded himself with a shave after their first victory of the season...it was getting a bit "hairy" there for a minute.

Petone Power Rangers also sit top of the league in Div 3. Goals again have been coming freely with both Warolyn Anthony and Kristy Whalen leading the scoring charts. The Power Rangers had their game on Sunday called off an hour before kick-off after KCU defaulted. Clearly word has got round that the Power Rangers are a force.

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## Weekly Reviews

Have you been reading these? They are turning into quite an attraction on both

our Facebook page and website. We never knew we had so many wonderful scribes at our fine club! Each week we recap what's happened results wise for the all teams.. We also have several match reports from players and coaches. We are trying to cover as many teams as possible from both juniors and seniors. We want to give a big shout out to all those that have contributed so far, it's especially great to see the Juniors getting involved (you can definitely tell when they're not happy with a loss)! If you want to be part of this entertaining feature, the more reports the better we say, let us know on Facebook, email us at [info@petonefootball.org.nz](mailto:info@petonefootball.org.nz) or tap Sam, Ang or Dan on the shoulder next time you see them.

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## **Tom's Tales - Supporting Player-centred coaching**

It was a cold grey Wednesday on the grass behind Field 4. Aidy Hornsby was taking 13th Grade Nomads. Yes Non-Travelling Nomads - how ironic.

I had spoken with Aidy the week before and he was concerned that at the weekend the team had left too many gaps between the defence and attack. I suggested to have a game and for a goal to count the attacking defenders had to be on or over the half way line.

This helped close the gaps and if possession was lost defenders were now much closer to the opposition.

Despite losing 3 - 2 on the Saturday he was very pleased with the team and their success at winning the ball.

On the Wednesday Aidy got a game going immediately five players arrived. 2 v 2 with a goalkeeper. Both teams aimed to score into the same goal. I remarked that was exactly the way we played as youngsters in Liverpool. One goal. One keeper. One target.

As players arrived they were placed into one of the two teams. Soon the numbers reached 8 v 7. At this point both teams had a keeper and an end to end game started.

These players gave everything to make the game competitive, lively and fun. Aidy moved along the touchline with words of praise and encouragement. A wonderful style of COACHING.

Sheer Positiveness.

The Game took up the session. Exactly what our young players want. I would encourage all you coaches out there to take heed of your players....."When can we have a game?" The players are right. As soon as four players arrive play 2 v 2 and add to the teams as other players arrive. Now maybe play a few rounds of Fighter Pilot or Bullrush and then get back into The Game. There may be some coaching points you want to make. Use The Game as the teacher. The Game is where the answers lie. The Game asks the questions. The Game provides the answers. Like Aidy, coach the positive.

On that Wednesday I left Field 4 uplifted.

Well done 13th Grade Nomads.

**Tom Randles**

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## **New Club Business Plan Complete**

Throughout the past 6 months, the club has worked very hard developing a new 3 Year Business Plan. This project took many hours and incorporated 16 workshops with involvement from a wide variety of club members and officials. Ray Bell was appointed project manager and did a fantastic job coordinating and facilitating many meetings and I would like to congratulate and thank him for his tremendous work. The end result is a very thorough and professional plan that will help drive the club forward. I am very pleased to advise the Management Committee have endorsed and adopted the plan and have already begun working with the document.

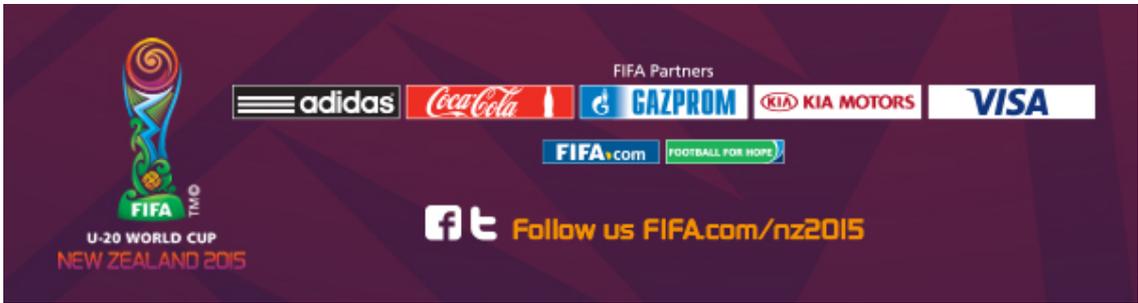
During the planning process, the project team identified 8 key areas of business and invited a wide range of club members to take part in interviews, workshops and discussions on each subject. The response from our members was great and we now have a truly inclusive plan that incorporates the best ideas and plans from those workshops. The eight key areas of business are as follows: Football, Hilton Petone Tournament, Off-field Activities, Venue, Communication, Facilities, Finance and Governance and Management. Sub-committees will be established to manage these key areas and we will be approaching members to either join a sub-committee and/or assist with specific activities. I encourage your involvement.

The [Petone FC Business Plan 2015-17 - High Level Summary](#) is an easy to read 2 page summary of the key points from the analysis and plan. There are detailed strategies and actions associated with these key points and we are currently setting priorities and timelines for the action points. There were a tremendous amount of hours and hard work dedicated to this project and on behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to thank everyone who was involved for your hard work and for your passion for Petone FC. I am looking forward to unearthing new volunteers and managing the continued growth our our club through this plan.

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## **Upcoming Events**

- 24 May: Wynton Rufer tournament (7th & 8th grades)
- 30 May: FIFA U20 World Cup games in Wellington
- 31 May: Wynton Rufer tournament (9th & 10th grades)
- 6 June: Green Bottle Day (Grant Plumbing Petone vs Lower Hutt)
- 6-17 July: Petone FC School Holiday Programme
- 11-12 July: No Junior football (School Holidays)
- Coming in July: Petone FC – Infamous Quiz Night!



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