



Altona City Soccer Club Newsletter

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Presidents Corner

We are at the half way mark of yet another remarkable season. It is with deep regret that Ted Moody Facilities Executive and Altona City Facilities Cleaner has resigned due to continuing ill health. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ted for all his efforts under very difficult circumstances at Altona City. We wish Ted all the very best with his health and hope that we continue to see him around the club supporting his beloved Altona City.

Marie Fonua and Tony Cassar will be sharing the Facilities Executive position. Many thanks to Marie and Tony for putting up their hands to take over this vital role within the club. Famasi Fonua will take over the cleaning of the club.

We extend our deepest condolences to John O Gorman who was Altona City physio for many years whose mother recently passed away. We wish John and his family our sincere sympathies for their loss.

Ehab and I recently attended the Hobson's Bay City



Council Soccer Review report that was conducted in early 2006. There seems to be many discussions about soccer facilities and services within the council but to date not a lot more than the maintenance of the grounds has been evident. We still have not heard about the outcome of the Light Grant that we put in early in 2008. We continue to live in hope that soccer will get improved facilities.

By now, all players should have received their tracksuits and socks. Shortly players will be receiving their shorts and finally their playing strip. Altona City Soccer Club Executive apologises for the inconvenience that the continuing distributor/manufacture issues have caused in delaying the distribution of the club merchandise. I must admit the tracksuits look very professional and it is great to see the players enjoying wearing them and representing the club so well in so many ways including appearance. A big thank you to Donna Sagor who has gone to a lot of effort to prepare the merchandise for distribution to the teams and players and to Andrew Sagor who has lost many a nights sleep and I am sure has hundreds of white hairs as a result of the dramas associated with this.

Summer League preparations are zooming ahead with an abbreviated 16-week competition commencing on October 25 with a four-week break over the Christmas New Year period. From 2009/10, it will be a full 22 week



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home and away 22 round program. 96 Summer Zone coaches are due to be appointed and each zone will have a part time Zone Technical Director/Co-ordinator. The Summer Zone competition is a development program for elite players and coaches. I have been nominated as the Western Zone Summer League Project Leader.

With this added new responsibility plus a very demanding job and as my third two year term as President is coming to a close I would like to let you all know that I will not be renominating for election to the position of President of Altona City Soccer Club for 2009. I also personally think it is time to move on, as it has been a very rewarding but grueling SIX years. Therefore, I ask you to think about nominating for the position, as the Annual General Meeting will be here before you know it. Altona City has come a very long way since 2002 (11 teams with no girls teams then and now 25+ teams, 3 girls teams, great success with Goal kick and Small Sided Games and most importantly never ending any year in debt as had occurred in the past) and it still has many opportunities to develop even further. I promise I will give as much support to the new incumbent as required as I have learnt and valued so much about the game, the politics, the dramas and most of all the people who put so much of their heart and soul into the club.

Patricia Josipovic
President

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Team Photos

Team Photos will be taken on Sunday 20th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th July. These dates have been chosen to coincide with home games. As well as Team Photos, Kangaroo Photos will be taken action shots through out the day.

As these are **team photos**, it is requested that all Team Members make themselves available on the day, even if they are not purchasing photos.

Please see you Coach or Team Manager for further

details and Photo Order forms. A Photo Schedule will be posted in the club Rooms and on the Website once time slots have been confirmed by the Coaches.

Sub-Committees

Last months newsletter touched on the Executive Committee Structure. This month, we will have a look at our sub-committees.

We have several sub-committees. These currently being:

- Facilities
- Sponsorship and Marketing
- Finance
- Coaching

This month we will look at two of the sub-committees.

Facilities

The Facilities Sub Committee is made up by:

- Tony Cassar/ Marie Fonua – Facilities Manager (Executive Committee)
- Tony Cassar – Grounds Manager
- Sash Radevski – Maintenance
- Famasi Fonua – Cleaning (Club Rooms)
- Tony Mucciacciaro – General Member

Together, the above members are responsible for:

- Grounds – Marking of pitches and liaising with the council for Grounds Maintenance
- General cleaning of the grounds and club rooms
- Facilities and Equipment – Balls and general training equipment

The Facilities Sub-Committee does a huge amount of behind the scenes work around the club. So far this year they have built interchange benches on the middle and bottom pitches, and constructed a fence to restrict vehicle access behind the middle pitch goals (safety). These are just two items that come to mind.



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Finance

The Finance Sub-committee consists of:

- Joanne Mucciacciaro – Treasurer (Executive Committee)
- Marie Fonua – Canteen Manager

Together the above members are responsible for:

- Canteen
- Registrar
- Player database

Finance is an extremely important portfolio that has been managed well. However, this portfolio is badly in need of more volunteers. All and any help will be welcomed.

Sponsorship and Marketing

The Sponsorship and Marketing Sub-Committee is made up of:

- Andrew Sagor – Marketing and Sponsorship Manager (Executive Committee)
- Joe Gerada – Merchandise Coordinator

Andrew and Joe took on a huge job this year with the re-kitting of the whole club. This re-kit not only included tracksuits, but socks, shorts and playing strips. Andrew and Joe, along with the tireless efforts and support of Donna Sagor, have overcome some huge obstacles to get the club kit to us. I would have to agree with Patricia that Andrew has probably gained a few (more) grey hairs (and lost a few as well) over the last couple of months.

The Sponsorship and Marketing Team are responsible for:

- Media Liaison
- Public Relations
- Marketing and Sponsorship
- Merchandise

The Club is always looking for new sponsors and has several packages available. Two of the packages that the club offers are below:

1. Sponsorship boards around ground including artwork \$1500.00
2. New training strips approved for 08. Playing top, shorts and socks with the sponsors name on them. Package per team 16 players \$880.00
3. **FOR AN EXTRA \$620.00** (\$1500.00 combined inc \$880.00) Sponsors name, including artwork, on the tracksuit.

All sponsorship is to be administered through the Club. This is to ensure that all monies are accounted for and correctly administered.

Please contact Andrew Sagor for all sponsorship enquires. E-mail: addcorp@alphalink.com.au

M : 0411 851 500

Coaching

The Coaching Sub-committee consists of:

- Ehab Botros – Coaching Executive (Executive Committee)
- Kevin Ladd – Coaching Director
- Roger Borg – Ground Roster/FFV Registrations

This sub-committee has the thankless task of identifying coaches for the season. The coaching sub-committee spends hours tracking down and sorting through many, many coaching applications before interviewing and finally appointing who they believe are the most appropriate coaches to teams.

The Coaching sub-committee is also responsible for developing Coaches. This is achieved by monthly coaches meetings and other development activities through out the year.

If you are interested in a coaching position, or know of someone who is interested, get in touch with Ehab or Kevin.



Ground Marshals

Thank you to all those who have been volunteering as Ground Marshals for each game. Game Marshals are an important part of keeping our Club a Family Club.

Remember that the Ground Marshal for the game should:

- meet the Game Referee at the Referee's Room prior to the game
- escort the referee to and from the field prior to the game, at half time and at the conclusion of the game

Altona City Soccer Club – Linesman Codes of Behavior

Attached to this newsletter is ACSC's code of Behavior. This code has been adopted from the FFV. A reminder that bad sportsmanship or behavior will not be tolerated.

Presentation Day

The Club Presentation day is fast approaching. With this in mind, the Executive Committee is seeking volunteers to form a Sub-committee to organize and run the day.

If you are interested in helping out, get in contact with

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Congratulations!!!!

Congratulations to Nicola from the U/12A's. Nicola has been chosen as a reserve for the Victorian Primary School Girls side.

Well Done Nicola.

Linesman

Thank you to all who attended the Linesman Information Evening. I think that all who attended took something away. Some general information will be available for reading in the clubrooms in the form of a folder and laminated sheets. PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE this folder from the clubrooms. If you would like a copy, contact Dave Williams via email:

ACSCnewsletter@viginbroadband.com.au

If you have any other ideas for Information evenings etc, please forward them to Dave on the above email address.

Notices

Position Vacant

Fundraising/Events Co-ordinator to plan family, team, player, club events throughout the year. If you are interested in finding out more about this role, please contact Andrew Sagor on addcorp@alphalink.com.au or 0411851500.

Ladies Night

See attached flyer.

LADIES NIGHT



PLACE : ALTONA CITY SOCCER CLUB
DATE : 2nd OF AUGUST 2008
TIME : 6.30 PM
COST : \$40.00 PER HEAD

ALTONA CITY SOCCER CLUB - CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

Players Code of Behavior

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- **Play by the rules**
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- **Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.**
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- **Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.**
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- **Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.**
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- **Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether your team or the opposition makes them.**
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- **Treat all participants in your sport, as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.**
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- **Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.**
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- **Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.**
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.**

Parents Code of Behavior

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- **Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.**
- **Encourage children to participate, do not force them.**
- **Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.**
- **Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.**
- **Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.**
- **Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.**
- **Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.**
- **Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.**
- **Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.**
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.**

Officials Code of Behavior

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Spectators Code of Behavior

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.