



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009

The Glen Iris Junior Football Club had over 400 players pull on a "Gladiator" jumper this year with 18 teams registered in the YJFL which makes us one of the largest community based junior clubs in the country. We are committed to providing all players with an opportunity to play football with equal game time to enhance the development and improvement of football skills and to promote attitudes of good sportsmanship, fair play and enjoyment.

ON FIELD REVIEW

With Stonnington council's new policy on training on the ovals we again hired out the Hawthorn Hockey Club facilities for 3 weeks for our pre season training, which allowed our players and coaches to meet and get ready for the season ahead.

TEAMS

We were pleased to field the following teams in season 2009:

- Four X U9's (Tackers)
- Three X U10's
- Three X U11's
- Three X U12's
- Three X U13's
- One U14's
- One U15's

FINALS

This year, of the 14 sides eligible to play finals, we had nine sides participating in the finals, with 5 sides making the Grand Final and three sides winning the premiership, of the 5 sides that missed out on finals all the teams had a healthy win / loss ratio.

Whilst we all strive to participate, succeed and enjoy finals success, it is certainly not the sole focus of the Club – it remains a community focused club clearly intent on encouraging as many kids as possible to play and develop their football. We remain a Footy Club intent on enjoying our footy at all costs not winning at all costs. The real measure of success is determined by how many players return to play at the Gladiators next year.

BEST & FAIREST

At the end of the season the YJFL present best and fairest awards for each division within each Age Group. Congratulations to Sam Guest (U11) and Harvey Hooper (U12) on winning the B & F in their divisions and also to the following Gladiators for their performances this year. Well done on a great season.

Ned Walmsley U15 (2nd)
Tom Havers U14 (eq 5th)
Charlie Koren U13 (5th)
Louis Randles U13 (3rd)
Julien Beard U13 (eq 6th)
Ed Vickers-Willis U13 (eq 5th)
Harvey Hooper U12 (1st)
Tom Kerr U12 (3rd)
Samuel Barnet U11 (3rd)
Sam Guest U11 (1st)
Patrick Kerr U11 (3rd)
Jonathan Aujard U11 (eq 6th)
Maximillian Curtis U10 (eq 5th)
Robert Morrison U10 (eq 6th)
Samuel Woolley U10 (7th)
Daniel Randles U10 (8th)

REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

Congratulations to

- Tom Havers (U14), JD Hayes (U14), Will Hayes (U14), Henry Harms (U14), Ben Strathmore (U14), James Midgley (U15), Mike Smith (U15), Ned Walmsley (U15) on being selected to represent the YJFL in the AFL Metropolitan Championships
- Julian Beard (U13), Marcus Brown (U12), Ned Stewart (U11) & Sam Woolley (U10) on representing the YJFL at the interleague games against Dandenong District Junior Football League.

COACHES AND TEAM MANAGERS

The club wishes to acknowledge and thank all the coaches and team managers as well as the many volunteers and supporters for their dedication, help and support with their team each week - thank you for your time and efforts this season all for the players improvement and enjoyment – well done.

OFF FIELD REVIEW

CLUB STRUCTURE

President – David Hooper
Vice President/Secretary – Alastair Hamer/ Leighton Warwick
Treasurer – Dino Cellini
Sponsorship – Jonathan Walmsley, David Long, Rob Williams
Registrar – Terry Richards
Merchandising – Kay Osborn
Fundraising – Tina Westacott
Website / Newsletter – Michelle Ioannidis
Registrar /Mouth Guards – Jenny Schure
Football Manager – Jan Gnatt
Coaches Advisor – Tim Colquhoun
Team Managers Advisor - David McMillan
Trainers Advisor – Dr George Wood
YJFL Delegate – David Hays
Risk Management – Rob Williams

I'd like to thank everyone on the Committee for their support, enthusiasm and hard work. Special Thanks to Alastair Hamer for his tireless efforts as Club secretary, Council liaison and for sorting out the many issues that arise during the course of the season. To Michelle Ioannidis for the enormous amount of time, effort and energy she puts into the club with the organization of the weekly newsletter and the website updates. To Kay Osborn for her help on the uniforms and Merchandising and to Terry Richards for his help in the registration of all players. To Jenny Gnatt whose unbelievable help and effort in the smooth running of the canteen each week was fantastic. To Dino Cellini for his efforts as Club Treasurer. To Tina Westacott for organizing the welcome drinks at the Malvern and her help in fundraising, the Happy Hour catering, the raffle and anything else that seemed to arise each week. To our YJFL Delegate David Hays thank you for your help. To John Brown and Fred Oldfield for the continued efforts working with Stonnington Council for the redevelopment of the facilities TH King & Righetti .To Tim Colquhoun who organised Paul Hudson to speak to all our coaches at the start of the season and the support to all the coaches. To David McMillan for all his help this year in working with the Team Managers and to Dr George wood for his help assisting the Trainers. To Leon Lachel for his efforts in assisting with Auskick and in his role as Tribunal Advocate. To Rod Bryan for his support in collating the games played and organizing the Team photo's. To Jan Gnatt for the amount of time and effort he puts in to make sure all teams and players are looked after. Jan is at every Training session – every Game – from setting up the grounds each week to pumping up the footy's to collecting lost property etc – the list is endless. Thank you Jan. To all on the committee and those who have support the committee in various roles and have volunteered their time, effort to assist in the smooth running of the Club. Thank you for your support, commitment and passion.

REGISTRATIONS

In season 2009 we continued to have – ON LINE Registrations via the internet which enabled members to register from Home and easier to manage and maintain for the Club. Terry Richards input was outstanding and he spent many hours entering all the details of every player onto the YJFL database.

NAB SUPERGOAL

Nick Gill Ex - Gladiator Player and Current Adelaide Crow Kicked a Super Goal during the NAB cup which resulted in NAB delivering 12 New Sherrin Footballs to Glen Iris. We thank Nick Gill for kicking straight and NAB for supporting Grassroots and Community Football.

PLAYER SAFETY & TRAINERS

Player Safety continues to be of utmost importance at the Gladiators. This year we appointed trainers to each team. We had registered trainers take up the role and a few parents who became accredited when they went to the Trainers course over two weeks mid season. Thanks to all the trainers who helped out during the season in this very important role.

TH KING RE-DEVELOPMENT

During 2009 John Brown and Fred Oldfield continued to work with Stonnington City Council about this project. GIJFC and StKevins Old Boys held discussions about the possibility of a joint proposal to improve the facilities of both grounds. The discussions continue.

AFL QUALITY CLUB

We applied for the AFL Victoria Silver Quality Club Endorsement. The Quality Club Program is a program about standards in club administration. Instituted in 2005, the program is designed to recognize and reward community football clubs for achieving a base standard of club administration through to levels of excellence

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We thank Kay Osborn for her role as “Merchandise/ Uniforms Manager” during the season. Kay Osborn did a great job on Registration Day, pre season training and during our Practice game against Camberwell fitting all our U9’s and new players with their socks shorts and Gladiator Jackets. I’d also like to thank Rob Grimwade on the new Summer T-Shirts “Gladiators 3146”, the Aprons and the Glen Iris Sports Bag. Also To Rod Bryan for donating thousands of Gladiator stickers to the club that now adorn every third car in the Glen Iris.

TEAM SELECTION AND DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL

During the 2009 football season we played all teams in the Yarra Junior Football League for the first time. This allowed all our teams to play divisional football.

A Team selection Policy has been formulated and will be implemented at the beginning of the 2009 season. The Club policy is to integrate all players in the Under 9 / 10 / 11 / 12 year groups on a friendship basis.

Beginning at the Under 13 year level one team will be selected to play at the highest level available to that team Within the YJFL. All other players will be equally distributed across all the other teams in that age group if 2 or more teams are to be formed. These teams will play in the divisions as allocated by the YJFL following input from the GIJFC. Ideally no GIJFC team will play each other.

The Selection of all teams will be undertaken by a committee Involving

- Club President
- Director of Coaching
- Past Coaches
- Present Coaches
- Future Coaches

Other members of the GIJFC community with a good knowledge of the current playing group may be invited to participate as well. Using this approach team balance, success on the field and content players will hopefully be achieved.

COACHING INTERVIEWS

Jan Gnatt and Tim Colquhoun successfully interviewed and conducted a season review at the end of season 2009. The purpose of the interviews were to find out where the club, the coach can improve to try and make sure the players/parents time at the club is a positive and enjoyable experience.

LEAGUE DELEGATES

Special Thanks to David Hays for actively fulfilling the very important role of league Delegate.

THE SEASON IN REVIEW

PRACTICE MATCH

Special Thanks To Jenny Sehure for organizing the Dentist to come along to our preseason training nights – No Mouth Guard – No Play – so organizing 400 kids to get a mouth guard prior to round 1 is a huge effort.

Thanks also to Peter Davey from Camberwell sharks for organising the annual Pre season game against the Gladiators.

JUMPER PRESENTATION / HAPPY HOURS / PRESENTATION NIGHT

Thanks to everyone that helped during our early season Happy Hours and at Presentation Night – Special Thanks to Tina Westacott, Tim Colquhoun, Rod Bryan and Paul Hermann for organising the Marquee – To our Major Sponsors Pulse Pharmacy, To Bennison Mackinnon and Andrew McMillain for auctioning the AFL Tickets and Presidents Lunch that was donated to the club by Rod Bryan and Ross Blair Holt. To Recreation for access too their facilities during the season, Thank you to the following families who donated prizes for the Major Raffle - The Wittner Family, The Aujard Family, The Irving Family, The Hummerston Family and to Kelly Thomas, Thank you all for your Generosity and Support. A Very Special Mention to Ross Blair-Holt and the ALH Group for their generous support during the season.

ANNUAL SOCIAL NIGHT

To Tina Westacott for organising our annual Social night ‘Welcoming Drinks’ at the Malvern early in the season.

WINE SALES

Thank you to Committee members Leighton Warwick and Rod Bryan who organized the Wine and the labels that we sold to Club Members through out the year. The wine was from the Limestone Coast, South Australia and was a full bodied 2004 Shiraz.

AFL PLAYERS at GLADIATORS

Thanks to Craig Kelly for inviting Matthew Kreuzer and Bryce Gibbs to training during the season. Thanks also to Tim Colquhoun for organising Paul Hudson to our pre season Coaches meeting. Thanks also to AFL kicking specialist Kevin Ball for assisting all teams with his kicking drills at training and a very Special thank you to ex GIFJC player Daniel Jackson who spoke at the Presentation Day Celebration.

SPONSORSHIP

We are fortunate to have a group of loyal sponsors with our major sponsors in 2009 being

- **Bennison Mackinnon – Andrew McMillan ,**
- **Pulse Pharmacy – Rohan Aujard**

We sincerely thank all our sponsors for their terrific support to the Gladiators – your contributions to junior football and the community is greatly appreciated.

To our Play of the Day Sponsor

- **Salco Company – Tony Witts**
- **Labelmakers Group – Rod Bryan**

Our Sporting Partners

- **Rebel Sport – Luke Hamilton**
- **Stringers Sports Store – Henry Otto**

Our Merchandise Partner

- **CB Richard Ellis (V) – Andrew Stewart**

Our Team Sponsors

- **Hyde Park Wines - Cathy & Michael Ramsden**
- **Gross Waddell – Andrew Waddell**
- **Malvern Vale Hotel – Andrew Brown**
- **Gorman Kelly – Rob Kelly**
- **Arundel Constructions – Brian Arundel**
- **Warwick Fabrics – Leighton Warwick**
- **Leasing Consultants – Rob Williams**
- **Pearson Trueman & Associates – Suzanne Pearson**
- **Interface Recruitment – Jeremy King**
- **ETM Group – David Hummerston**
- **Vitamin Me – Rohan Aujard**
- **Pearl Equipment Finance – Jonathan Walmsley**

Jonathan Walmsley thanks for your organisation and hosting the Sponsors Night at Hero's RSL.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

David Hooper was awarded Life membership in 2009.

CANTEEN

Special Thanks To Jenny Gnatt and Tina Westacott and the many Volunteers from all sides all year.

CALL TO ARMS FUNRAISER FOR CANCER
BIGGEST PIE NIGHT – FUNDRAISER FOR KIDS WITH CANCER

The Club successfully supported both Fundraisers' during the season donating over \$1000 across our 18 teams

WEBSITE / NEWSLETTER / YEAR BOOK

SPECIAL SPECIAL Thanks To Michelle Ioannidis for the enormous amount of time, effort and energy she puts into the club with the organisation of the weekly newsletter and the website updates as well as organising the Year Book. Helping out at Registrations as well as being a Team Manager.

Thank you on behalf of everyone at the club for your Outstanding Contribution.

Thanks to Peter Carlus for the Printing of the Yearbook.

MOVE TO YJFL SEASON 2009

We had all our Teams play in The YJFL this year – we the four tacker sides playing other sides within close proximity to Righetti Oval – The highlight being the Fun day with all tacker sides playing against each other over 4 ovals – with all kids playing 4 quarters and receiving a YJFL football. All other sides played for premiership points with 9 of our 14 sides making the finals.

CONCLUSION

As I mentioned earlier, success can be measures in many different ways, including the number of kids participating in this exciting, unique sport, the number of teams in the finals each year, the financial support and sponsorship, and the atmosphere around the club at social functions or at training. We should all be proud our achievements this year. The move to YJFL that has been vindicated by all sides playing sides of similar ability through divisional football. We will continue to work with Stonnington City Council on our plans for the Re Development of TH King and Righetti Pavilions.

I look forward to another very productive and exciting year in 2010

Go Gladiators

**David Hooper
President
Glen Iris Junior Football Club**