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Glen Iris

GLADIATORS

Weekly Update

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PRESENTATION DAY- SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

**East Malvern RSL Club
Stanley Grosse Drive
East Malvern 3145
Map: 60A12**

The format of the evening will be as follows:

4.30 - 5.00pm	Arrival
6.00pm	President's Address
	Special Awards
6.15pm	Best & Fairest Trophies Presented
6.30pm	Under 10 Commemorative Awards
6.45 - 7.00pm	Team Trophy Presentations for Under 9s, Under 14s & Under 12s (Under 10s and 11s to remain in Function Area)
7.00pm - 7.15pm	Team Trophy Presentations for Under 11s and Under 10s.

Please make your way to the Function area on arrival. There will be a sectioned off area for the Gladiators and Parents and siblings will be asked to stand behind the players.

Please see maps on next page to see where your individual team trophies will be presented.

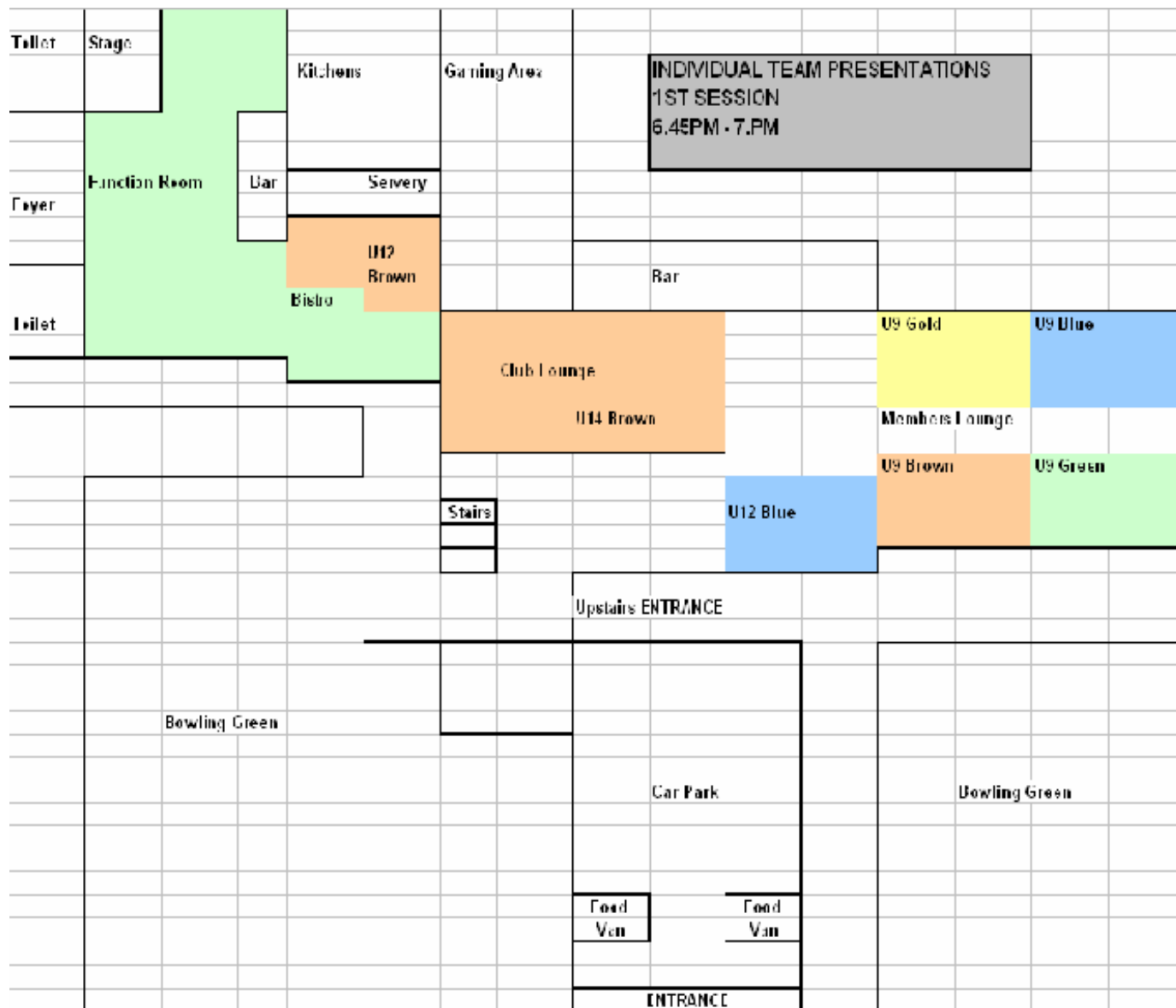
WAVERLEY LEAGUE GRAND FINALS

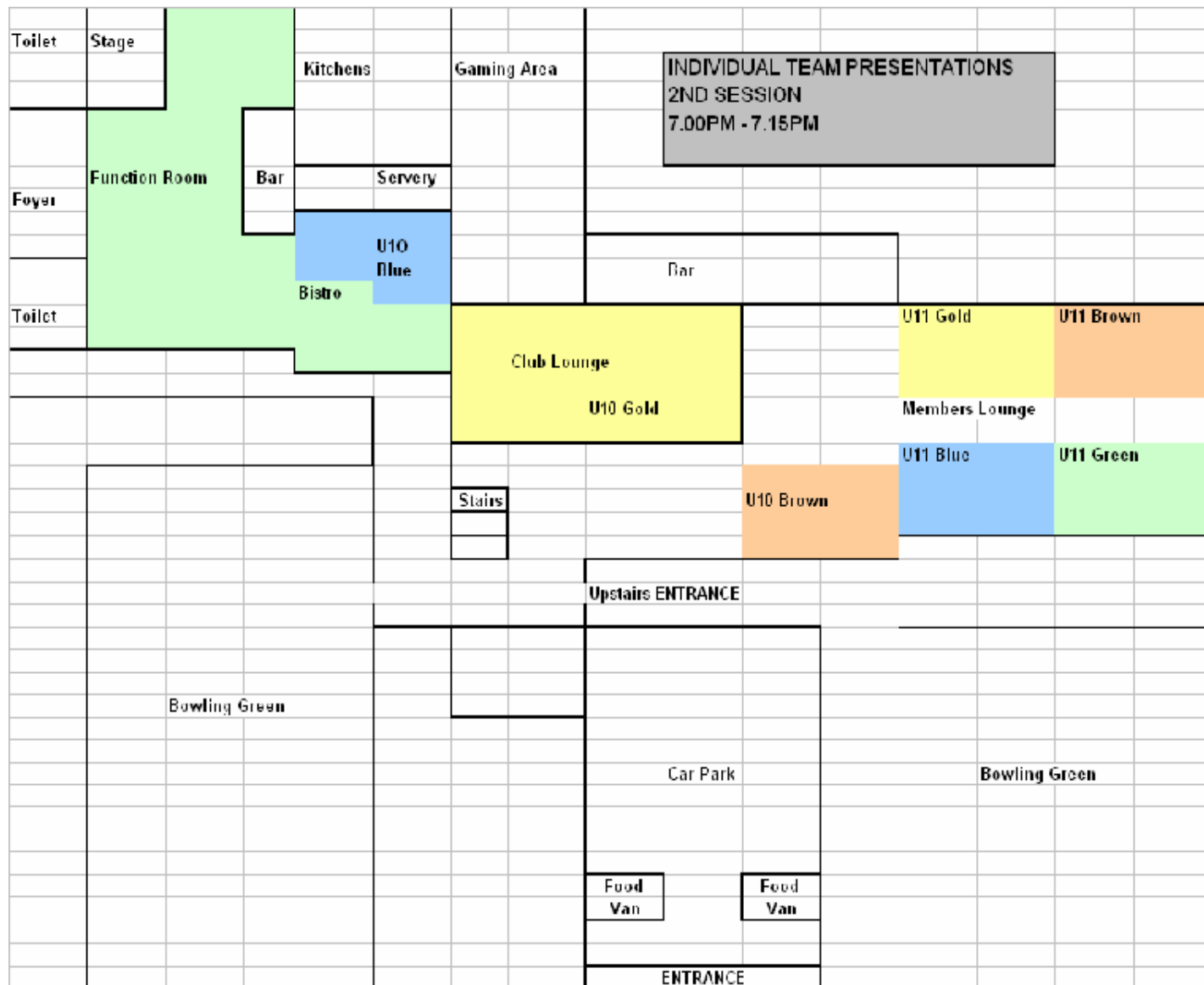
Three Gladiator sides played in Grand Finals on Sunday 2nd September - The Under 11 Blues, Under 12 Blues and Under 13 Blues (see report on page 4). Each team had a great season making it to the Division 1 Grand Final. Old foes East Malvern were too good for both the Under 11s and 13s, with the undefeated Ashy Greens taking out the Under 12 flag. Well done to all the boys (and girl) for making it so far and representing the Gladiators so well at the weekend.

See you on Sunday

David Hooper

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Melbourne Finance Under 13 Blues

GRAND FINAL

East Malvern Blue 11.9.75 defeated Glen Iris Blue 6.8.44

MANAGERS REPORT

I wasn't supposed to end like this / we were the best team all year / we played with spirit, skill & daring / we beat East Malvern twice in 2007.....but not when it mattered most!

This is what happens when a team of champions come up against a champion team.

East Malvern Blue are a great team who work for each other / who work at the little things / who lift under pressure and this shows with 3 straight premierships!

We could learn a great deal from this loss – maybe we don't need to / maybe we are happy with the spirited & free manner in which we play football. Is winning the objective or is participation & enjoyment of more importance? I believe we have nearly got it right and after some soul searching & minor structural adjustments to the development of our teams, tactics & attitudes we may find that winning is the bonus (not the focus).

Our team were terrific this year and deserve the praise and gratitude of all parents – we all had a terrific ride through the season with our children.

On match day we started well but couldn't nail it on the scoreboard. Our players began to miss targets, to fumble, to give up the ball (turnovers) too easily. We tried the fancy easy little things. We didn't tackle and pressure the opposition. We weren't positive, daring or direct enough. When under pressure (in finals) keep it simple, keep the ball your focus then look up and long for options. The hard work was left to only a few and these players were gallant but outnumbered in the end – to their credit they did not give up either.

A Grand Final loss is difficult to accept / 2 Grand final losses in a row is very difficult to accept / 2 Grand final losses in a row to the same team should be impossible to accept. Let's get over it and now consider what we will do about it over the next 6 months!

It's no wonder that I love cricket season.....

Thank you to all the parents who pitched in this year to make my Team Manager's job a difficult one (instead of very difficult) – joke. After 3 years the boots have been hung up, the email is shutting down & the armband is faded – green pasture here I come.

Results from Waverley League Grand Finals

U11-1	East Malvern White	8.16 = 64	Def	Under 11 Blue	3.7 = 25
U12-1	Ashburton Green	17.9 = 111	Def	Under 12 Blue	4.6 = 30
U13-1	East Malvern Blue	11.9 = 75	Def	Under 13Blue	6.8 = 44
