

OLD GEELONG FOOTBALL CLUB – NEWSLETTER, Q4 2010



PRESIDENTS REPORT – Jimmy Legoe

Season 2010 was an extremely challenging year for the Old Geelong Football Club and subsequently one that we can learn many lessons from. Whilst the dreaded possibility of relegation became reality, it is important to remain upbeat and look to the future as we continue to rebuild our great Club. The youth of the OGs continues to go from strength to strength with many of our eligible Under 19 players playing Seniors throughout the year (**Henry Johnstone, Sandy Nevile, Jack O'Shea, Shaw Kitchen, Cal Wood, Josh Hoevenaars** and **Don Sahlstrom**). To ensure we can bounce back quickly from an otherwise disappointing year, we must put a heavy focus on retention and further recruiting over the upcoming pre-season.

Signs were good early for the Seniors with a first round victory over Fitzroy Reds, but unfortunately the boys were only to sing our song once more for the year. A drop off in the core playing group from previous years due to injury, retirement and travel proved to be a big factor in an ever-changing and unsettled line-up. Over 50 players were rotated through the Senior side giving half of these players an opportunity to taste their first game at this level for the Old Geelong FC. **Jamie Bell** was a clear standout, playing all 18 games and securing his second Club Best & Fairest Award. Also deserving a mention for playing every game is **Henry Legoe** (R/U Best & Fairest) and **Steve Lansdell** in his record equalling fifth year as captain of the OGs. Down forward first year player **Ryan McEvoy** consistently looked dangerous, kicking 50 goals despite the limited opportunities.

It was once again exciting to see our Under 19 side progress to the finals against all odds. Having previously combined with University Blacks at this level, we decided to move to a stand-alone side for the first time in 2010. Despite just sneaking into fourth position on the ladder, **Michael Holland** (Coach) and **Rob Officer** (Captain) had enormous faith in the group in what proved to be an exciting finals campaign. After courageously holding on in the first week against Old Xaverians we were extremely unlucky not to partake in another Grand Final after being defeated the following week with a kick after the siren. **Cal Wood** won back-to-back Best & Fairest Awards for the Under 19's, whilst **Shaw Kitchen** was not far behind, whilst **Ben Skelton** had a great year down forward kicking 61 goals. The groups success is further evidence of the improvement in the stronger link between the Club and our two feeder schools and we remain confident that we can continue this recruiting trend going forward.

Our Reserves again performed well, as they seem to most years, only losing three games throughout the home and away season. This equated to narrowly missing the double chance in the first week of finals and with the team failing to kick a goal in the first half against Mazenod it was going to be a tough ask push onto a premiership. To the sides credit they came out strongly in the third quarter to hit the lead, but simply ran out of legs by game end to end the season in disappointing fashion. **Tom Slattery** won the Best &

Fairest after polling in twelve of the games, whilst **Nick O'Hare** took out second position.

Meanwhile our Club XVIII side (aka "The White Knights") had their most successful year on record to finish in equal third position at season end. Due to our poor percentage an inaugural finals campaign for the Clubbies has to wait another year. It was great to see a handful of veterans in **Mark Vickers-Willis** (Best & Fairest), **Mark Avery, James Cole** and **Hayden Burbank** take to the field on a regular basis, whilst others such as **Will Paul, Nick Casbault, Al Munro, Hamish McInnes, Bryan Grills** and **Simon O'Brien** even came out of retirement for a brief run around.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the committee members whom volunteer enormous amounts of their time to making the Old Geelong Football Club what it is. Many of these members will be sorely missed next year as they step down from their roles for various reasons - **Mark Avery** (moved interstate), **Mark Vickers-Willis** (work commitments), **Dave Taylor** (moving interstate), **Simon O'Brien** (long service leave) and **Hugo Brettingham-Moore** (study commitments). Their support and guidance over the past two years of my leadership has been very much appreciated. Whilst their roles will not be easy to fill, it gives the Club an opportunity for somewhat of a fresh start as we look to restructure our committee around **Hamish McInnes** (taking on the Secretary position) and **Michael Grefton-Watson** (moving into his fourteenth consecutive year of Treasurer).

I would also like to acknowledge the many volunteers that assisted the OGs on and off the field throughout the year (especially **Lew Officer, Trevor King, Al King, Barry Lansdell** and **Michael Grefton-Watson**). It is impossible to operate a football Club without these people and for mine they do not get the recognition they deserve. Thanks must also be given to our Club and Player Sponsors, our Pivot Club and Social Members and other anonymous donors. The costs of running a football Club are forever growing and without this financial support our Club would almost certainly cease to exist. We look forward to having you all back on board in 2011.

We have a challenging, yet realistic, set of goals that we are looking to meet over the coming 12 months and beyond. To ensure we meet these expectations we have visited our feeder schools (Geelong Grammar and The Geelong College) and are already looking to recruitment for next year. We can also get excited about the long awaited renovations of our Clubrooms, which are scheduled to commence in late November and will be fully completed mid next year.

In summary, 2010 was another great learning experience for myself, and I am fully aware there are many areas of this football Club that need ongoing improvement. Having said this, I have no doubt that we are heading in the right direction and we must maintain a hunger to ensure we do so. Bring on the 2011 season and our quest to bounce back to where we belong – Premier C Section and above!

2011 – BEWARE OF THE OGs!

2010 AWARD WINNERS



Jamie Bell Henry Legoe



Ryan McEvoy Alex Herd Henry Johnstone

Seniors Best & Fairest
 Seniors R/U Best & Fairest
 Leading Goal Kicker (Seniors)
 Most Consistent (Seniors)
 Most Improved
 Reserves Best & Fairest
 Reserves R/U Best & Fairest
 Under 19 Best & Fairest
 Under 19 R/U Best & Fairest
 Leading Goal Kicker (Under 19)
 Club XVIII Best & Fairest
 Club XVIII R/U Best & Fairest

Jamie Bell
 Henry Legoe
 Ryan McEvoy
 Ryan McEvoy
 Alex Herd
 Tom Slattery
 Nick O'Hare
 Cal Wood
 Shaw Kitchen
 Ben Skelton
 Mark Vickers-Willis
 John Forbes



Tom Slattery Cal Wood Ben Skelton



Mark Vickers-Willis Jimmy O'Hare Tom Betts

James Head Award (Best 1st Year Player)

Henry Johnstone

Peter Lemon Award (Best Clubman)

Hamish McInnes

100 Game Players & Life Membership

Tom Betts & Jimmy O'Hare

NETBALL – Annie Legoe (Outgoing President)

2010 was another successful year for the Oggette's with six teams being fielded across two competitions (the regular Prahran Netball Competition and the newly formed VAFA styled Netball Competition). Three sides managed to participate in finals actions with the girls from Old Geelong Navy taking out the Prahran Competition Premiership (see photo below).



Congratulations to all of the girls whom took to the courts this year, with a special mention to the following award winners:

OGs VAFA Best & Fairest	Courtney Wood
OGs Navy Best & Fairest	Missy Myer
OGs Green Best & Fairest	Linley Hewitt
OGs White Best & Fairest	Ella Mackay
OGs Red Best & Fairest	Anna Hawkins

Netball Clubwoman of the Year Annie Legoe

After three years as President of the Netball Club, **Annie Legoe** is stepping aside in 2011 with **Ginnie Hope-Johnstone** already appointed as her successor. The OGs Sporting Club thanks Annie for all of her hard work over recent years and welcomes Ginnie aboard as the new President.

Next year promises to be another great season for the netballers and we are always seeking new players that are keen to get involved. Anyone that fits this category can contact our incumbent Netball President (**Ginnie Hope-Johnstone**) via email at ghopejohnstone@elitesports.com.au or on 0422 188 808. The season will kick off in early March

CRICKET – Roly Imhoff (President)

At the start of the 2009/2010 season it's fair to say that there wasn't a lot of respect for the Old Geelong Cricket Club. Many of the Melbourne based teams refused to play us on our home turf and some openly showed contempt for us and wouldn't even join us for a beer. By round 5, with 1 win and 4 losses and a top team score of 89 who could blame them.

How different things are 12 months on! All teams are quick to say that it wasn't for the once in a hundred year storm that left hail damage on my car and a washed out semi final which Old Scotch won because they were higher on the ladder, that the Old Geelong Cricket Club may have won the premiership in its first year. **Tim Bayles** was runner up for both the competition's Batting and Bowling awards and our efforts with the free after match beers for the opposition have lead to a new found respect for us.

This year we have 7 home games out of 13 rounds. Two of these will be played at Geelong College, with the others at Geelong Grammar.

While there has been plenty of interest from our network we still often have to chase up the last few spots to get our team for the weekend. This usually changes after Christmas, but we'd like to get a consistent team this year so we can have a real crack at the premiership.

So if you want to be part of what could be a very special year, then now is the time to come down. Simply turn up to training in **Melbourne** (Toorak Park in Malvern from 6.30pm on Wednesday nights) or in **Geelong** (Biddlecombe nets at Geelong Grammar on Wednesday nights from 6.00pm). Call **Roly Imhoff** on 0419 003 264 or **Rob Hunter** on 0433 247 585 for more details.



PIVOT CLUB SUMMARY – Lachie Stevens

2010 was a sound year for the for the Pivot Club with the first lunch again a success with a near record 130 people turning out to celebrate the 20 and 5 year double premiership re-unions. Attendees were entertained by a very talkative **Terry Daniher** (pictured below) who provided us with great insight into his football career and opinions on the modern game. Special thanks to **Bruce Harwood** for his part in organising the 1990 contingent - it was great to see a few old faces that we haven't seen for a while at Como. The second luncheon was a quieter affair, however it too was a good day out and good way to see out the season.



Particular mention must be made yet again of **Frank and Rich Herd (Herd Meats)** and **Hamish McGowan (Angus the Bull Wine)** for their amazing support during 2010 with generous donations of steak and wine. Their ongoing support to the club is invaluable and their support is paramount to the success of these lunches. Thanks also to **Ruth Vickers-Willis** and her team at **Occasional Foods** for their catering efforts again this year, once more proving to be a great combination with Herds Meats and Angus the Bull Wine.

Membership grew this year towards 100, however we are still a way off achieving that target and hope that in 2011 we can smash through that barrier. It is a great opportunity for the old players and associates to catch up, and this great amateur Club lives off your ongoing support. Pivot Club membership is a great way to show your support without the need to go with a full sponsorship package. Without gate receipts and bar takings during the game Amateur football needs the support of its past players and associates and with admission to the game free in Amateur footy your day at Como is great value when compared to a day at a game of country, suburban, VFL or AFL footy you have to fork out \$15-25 of your hard earned. We look forward to your ongoing support in 2011 as the club looks to make the march back up the food chain.

Pivot Club subscription forms for 2011 will be emailed out early in the New Year, but if you have any queries in the interim please contact **Lachie Stevens** on 0419 305 519 or via email at lachie@lachstocktrading.com.

LADIES LUNCH

The annual ladies lunch was extremely well attended this year with a record crowd of 138 ladies packed into the upstairs area of Club Como. **Jobe Watson** and **Luke Ball** were fantastic guest speakers with a big thankyou going to **Annie Legoe** for organising the lunch. We look forward to further building the success of this event in 2011.



Thankyou to all of our paid up Members in 2010:

PLATINUM MEMBER (3)	BRONZE MEMBERS (33)
Frank HERD Peter LEMON Simon REED	Stuart ANDERSON John ARMYTAGE Chris BARNETT Adrian BELL Jo BREADMORE Jo CANTOR Roger CLEARY Henry EDGAR Matt EDMONDS Charlie FAIRBAIN Robert HAPPELL Gavin HENDERSON Andrew JOHNSTONE John KEILLOR Barrie LAWS George LEISHMAN Graham & Kay LONG Tim LOVELESS John MANTON Hamish McINNES David MIMS Michael MOORE Dougal MORRISON James NEVILLE-SMITH David O'BRIEN Archie PATON Andrew PERRY Chris RENWICK Tom SEYMOUR Chris STINCHCOMBE Chris SUTHERLAND Campbell WALKER Ian WHITING
GOLD MEMBERS (24)	GENERAL MEMBERS (23)
Mark AVERY Kerry BETTS Peter CHOMLEY Graeme GOLDSWORTHY Michael GRETTON-WATSON Chris & Pauleen HEAD Sandy HUNTER John JOYCE Trevor KING Barry & Sue LANSDELL Jimmy LEGOE Neil MACDONALD Garth MANTON Redmond MCCARTHY Jon MOLLARD Murray MOUNTJOY Guy NEVETT Andrew RAMSAY Dan RITCHIE Harry RUNDLE Deryk STEPHENS Lachie STEVENS Michael VICKERS-WILLIS Richard WHALLEY	Jim ALLEN Sal BAYLES Andrew BOSTOCK Reg BRIGHT Rodney BROWN Tony COX Sarah DAVIES Mark FORSTER Cullen GUNN Steve JONES Nik KEMP Dougal McINNES Tony MOLLARD Dave & Marina OMAN Alby PARK Nicholas POWER Chris REID Sam SHOLL Bill SLATTERY John STEPHEN Robert STEWART Mike TINSLEY Tim YOUNG
SILVER MEMBERS (28)	
Nick BAYNE Cath BELL Jock BING Chris CATCHLOVE Andrew CHIRNSIDE Michael CRAWFORD Michael DAVIS Graeme DICKSON Bryan GRILLS Bruce HARWOOD Linden HOPE Tim JACKSON Peter JONES Neil KEARNEY Bob & Rosie LEGOE Pat & Tom LEGOE John McINNES Noela MERRIN Simon O'BRIEN Lew & Di OFFICER Anthony POOLMAN Peter POWER Tony ROBINSON David ROSS-EDWARDS R.H.C SEYMOUR Rob & Jane SOUTHEY Dave TAYLOR Michael TEAGUE	

PAST PLAYER NOTES

2010 saw the continuation of Pete Lemon's "Past Player Notes". The reading base continues to grow with the editions becoming more and more frequent (at times two editions have been released in a month!). The latest edition (August 2010) can be found on the Club website (look under tab titled "The Club" and choose "Past Player News":

www.oldgeelong.com.au

Thanks to **Pete Lemon** for many photos contained within this OGs Newsletter.

SCHOOLS SUMMARY

A focus of the committee in recent years has been to strengthen the ties that the Old Geelong Sporting Club has with our two feeder schools - namely, **Geelong Grammar** and **Geelong College**. With our Club now sporting 4 football teams, 6 netball teams and a cricket side, interest levels from school leavers is continually growing. To further this ongoing interest, representatives from the football Club have held information sessions throughout the year at both GGS and GC whereby students could find out more about the Club and the various networks it opens up to them once they complete their schooling.

As a further representation of how the OGs have managed to unite leavers from both schools, we have designed the hybrid jumper shown below. The Club is in the process of sending out these jumpers to Year 12 leavers to further instill our desire to get them involved with the OGs in years to come.



JOBS LIAISON

For years the dominant teams in the VAFA have used their "Old School Network" to assist in the recruiting of players from within and outside their school, and to assist their players in gaining suitable employment. There is no doubt that the range of business connections in the Old Geelong Grammarians and Old Geelong Collegians network is as wide and varied as any other old boys network. To date however, it has not been utilised to the detriment of the Football Club, as well as the business network of the leavers of both schools who may require suitable candidates to fill roles within their businesses.

This year, the football Club is greatly interested in hearing from any person who is willing to assist the Old Geelong Football Club in its pursuit of football success and who sees benefit of having a talent pool of potential employees which comes at no expense. All opportunities are useful to us and could range from part time or holiday work (skilled or unskilled) to full time positions in all any professional field.

If you are capable of adding your firm / name to the business network we are trying to establish to make Old Geelong a more sustainable and successful Club, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Please contact **Mark Avery** on 0408 127 037 or mark.avery@live.com.au.

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Over the past couple of years we worked really hard to update our Club database. However, many contact details still appear to be out of date, so if you have changed your details recently (or believe we have incorrect details on file) please email oldgeelongfc@gmail.com with your current email address, postal address and phone number.

AGM

Reminder that the OGFC 2010 AGM will be held upstairs at **The Swan Hotel** at **7pm** on **Wednesday 24th November 2010**. Apologies to be emailed to Simon O'Brien - Simon.O'Brien@team.telstra.com.