

Old Geelong Football Club – General Notes No 2 12 Sep 2002

Around the Club

Geelong Recruiting. There was a very successful meeting in Geelong last Thursday night, 5 September. There were about 15 students - eight from College and seven from Grammar, along with the respective Heads of Football from both schools and some parents of the College boys. Representing the OGS were **John Manton, Gary Fawcett, Tom de Steiger, Dan Salter, Charlie Fairbairn, Matthew Goldsworthy, Greg Allen** and **David Mims** (the first seven obviously prepared to do anything for a free feed, whilst the eighth works in Geelong!). John and Salts spoke briefly about the Club and our plan to re-establish an U19s, and Tom obtained contact details from all attendees to enable us to maintain contact. The GGS students could not stay for a meal but the College students and various parents etc totalling about 25 people enjoyed a sit-down meal at a Moorabool Street pub, courtesy of **Graeme Goldsworthy** who organised the whole evening. Many thanks go to Graeme for arranging the night and for his generous hospitality.

The **Presentation Day** and drawing of the **Reverse Raffle** takes place this Sunday, 15 September at the Club rooms, beginning at 11.00am. There will be a spit roast and salads provided. We understand that, of those who have taken raffle tickets, a few are yet to return the ticket butts or the money. Doubtless they will rectify that oversight on the day. "The day will consist of a mixture with a few votes, a few raffle draws, special awards mixed through the day. We basically decided that the day had to keep rolling along without any boring bits."

From **Salts**, on the same subject:

"This Sunday is very important from a Club and Players' perspective for a number of reasons:

1. Presentation - while the season was not a great one in terms of all teams, it is important that we support the players who are privileged to receive awards on the day. Being presented a Best and Fairest trophy, Runner Up, Most Consistent, Best Clubman award, etc, is significant and an honour, and all players should be present to support their mates. If you are lucky enough to get one, I'm sure you would like the support. I know for a fact that the Seniors B&F goes down to the wire, with more than two players involved.

2. Reverse Raffle - A big day last year, all tickets are sold this year but I (Salts) still have a lot of money to collect. The more people we get there the more money is raised for the players' trip to Warnambool which **Meeky** and **Danny O'Brien** have worked hard to organise. And we also need more jumpers, footballs and training equipment for next year, so every person counts.

3. 2003 - We need to put on a good show for any prospective players thinking of coming down next year and also to make sure we keep as many current players at the Club as possible for 2003.

VENU: Como Pavilion

COST: People not involved in a ticket \$20 (preferred 5 people max in \$100 ticket)

HIGHLIGHTS: Seniors, Reserves, Club 18 presentation, Spit Roast Lunch, Reverse Raffle

Lunch and drinks (Beer, Wine & Soft) all-inclusive in raffle ticket or \$20 ticket. There may be a charge after 3pm if numbers are excessive. This cost will then be minimal e.g. \$2 cans. The more people we have the better day it will be. Demand to see you all there."

For those few unable to attend the Presentation Day, details of the **award winners**, and raffle winners, will appear in next week's edition.

A date for the club's **Annual Meeting**, which is required to be held before the end of November, is expected to be set shortly. It will probably be mid-October (Tuesday the 22nd looks a likely date). There will be a general mail-out to all Club members in the second half of September following the Awards Day, and included with this will be details and notice of that meeting.

Interesting to note that Aquinas, the club which kicked 32 goals against us about two months ago, managed to kick just one, repeat one, goal in last Saturday's Preliminary Final against St. Leos. They (Aquinas) lost.

Mentone Amateurs picked up the D1 Section **Most Disciplined Club Award** for the year, with a percentage of 90.74, and along with it, a cheque for \$1,000. The award is spread over the home-and-away season, and is voted on by the Firsts' umpires each week to cover the each of three categories: the Club's players, officials, and supporters on match day. In our case, Old Geelong's players managed to come second last in our section of 10 clubs, our officials - last, and our supporters saved the day a bit by coming fourth, giving us an overall finishing position of eighth, with 80%.

On another front, the **Bloodbank Challenge**, which was heavily promoted both in Player Notes and also at training, saw Old Geelong manage to feature less than prominently, by going from one donor to two and thereby finishing 64th out of 74 Clubs. Thirty-four Clubs had ten or more donors. The leading club had 117, second 110, third 93 and fourth 48.

Coaching. Understandably, no significant news to report on this front, except that "the feelers are out". The advertisement in *The Amateur Footballer* magazine during the finals series still has two Saturdays to run.

VAFA **Section Vote Counts** were held at Crown Casino last Monday. The Club was meant to have been represented by **Andrew Dawson** (who did not get a vote, and who had to go up to Sydney at the last minute to have dinner with Paul Roos – see earlier note relating to

coaching?), and was represented by **Hugh McCarthy**, and **Charlie Fairbairn** (who is obviously keen to pick up a free meal wherever he can get it. See earlier report.) Those to get votes for OGS were: **Hugh McCarthy** 6 (1 x 2, 4 x 1), **Matt O'Brien** 6 (2 x 2, 2 x 1), **Adrian Farrer** 3 (1 x 3), **Marty Jaugietis** 2 (2 x 1) and **Matt Goldsworthy** 2 (1 x 2). The Section winner was from Mentone Amateurs, with 19.

From here and There

Note from **Matt Stephens** in Jakarta: "I think it would be a shame if you took a break in view of how much you do for the Club. I think the *Player Notes* has been terrific, and if the management saw it as being critical, that certainly wasn't my view or that of the players I spoke to. Yes, I am back playing footy up here. Indonesia won the Asian Championships in Singapore in early August, defeating teams from China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia. We had a pretty strong outfit, with a few ex-AFL, VFA and WAFL players at the heart of the team."