

July 2007 **Pitchside**

The Parkfield Youth FC Newsletter



The Season in Perspective

Now we are at the end of the season it is time to reflect on what has been, in the main, a very successful season for us. We continue to run a mixture of teams of all ages with some competing regularly for trophies and some where the emphasis is more on enjoyment and fun. The U11 and U12 boys continued their fine form with the U11 team winning the County Cup. The U13 girls' team also showed what a good team they are by reaching the County Cup Final and the League Cup Final, and winning their League Championship.

Review of finances & subs

At a recent executive meeting the club treasurer Malcolm Andrew presented the club's year end financial statement. Although the club is in a healthy financial position generally, last year the club ran at a loss due to investment in the club house, pitches and also as other costs have increased across the board. It was agreed that one reason for the loss was the limited support the club has received helping to maintain the premises and also at fund raising events. In the light of this the Executive agreed that subs would have to rise to £100 and be payable in one go for the older players to prevent defaulters.

Changes to the Executive Committee

A new Executive Committee was sworn in at the AGM recently and is as follows;

Chairman	Steve 'Harry' Harrington
Secretary	Alan Witham
Treasurer	Malcolm Andrew
Youth Development Officer (boys)	Ali Jobe
Youth Development Officer (girls)	Kay Cresswell
Parent Rep co-ordinator	Tara Millbery
Registrations and Subscriptions Manager	Ali Jobe
Merchandising Manager	Steve Lee
Website Manager	Peter Gibbons
Catering Manager	Louise Harrington
Fixture Secretary (11-a-side)	Alan Witham
Fixture Secretary (7-a-side)	Scott Cotter
Results Secretary	Wayne Green

Dates for the diary

Training finishes	Week ending Saturday 28 July
Last day to sign players	23 August (11 a-side), 22 September (7 a-side)
Training restarts	Week starting Monday 27 August
First game	Sunday 9 September for 11-a-side teams

Boy's tournament

The boy's tournament on 9/10 June was thought by many to be the best one the club has ever run. Both days were attended by large crowds and the new computerised control programme assured that results and tables were updated faster than ever to keep the tournament moving. Everything from the gate, programme, catering, pitches to referees went well. The U11 team that got to the final played one of the most exciting penalty competitions seen when they won in the final after missing their first three penalties with the opposition scoring their first two out of five!

Preparations for the new season

Preparations for the new season are well under way. All managers should now have their player registration cards for completion, all the teams have their County affiliation for 2007/8 and all 11-a-side teams have been entered for their respective County Cup competitions. The Club plans to continue with its long term policy of gradual pitch improvements and has been delighted with the beneficial effects of the work carried out so far. It is also the Club's intention to invest in permanent goals for the 7-a-side pitches so that assembling goals on a cold and wet Sunday morning will hopefully be a thing of the past! (still got to put the nets up though).

Roll on – Roll off subs

Next season the 11-a-side games will feature roll on and roll off subs as in the small sided games. At the time of writing clarification of this change to the rules is still required – so watch this space!