



Junior Barker News

Newsletter of the
Mooroolbark Junior Soccer
Club: Issue 1 2010

Mooroolbark Junior Soccer Club

The best club in the outer east—GO BARKERS!

Season 2010

Commences weekend of April 17/18

Concludes 29th August

With catch up rounds scheduled for:

13 June, 4 July, 5 September

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Welcome!!!!

Welcome back to all our previous years players!

And a hearty welcome to all our new players for 2010!

Inside this newsletter you'll find the President's welcome information, and some important information for the coming season, including our practice match/Gala day on **March 21st.**



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

I'd like to welcome all families to the 2010 season for the Mooroolbark Junior Soccer Club. To those of you who are joining us for the first time - you're especially welcome. We pride ourselves on being a friendly club, so please feel free to talk to any of us at any time if you have any questions, queries, complaints or just want to be sociable. You will all get to know your Coaches and Team Managers during the pre-season. Some teams are still looking for people to fill those roles. It's rewarding work, so if you're interested please see one of the committee. We also have spare committee positions available this year - just speak to any of the committee if you'd like more information.

Well - that's enough campaigning. We are really looking forward to a dynamic year. Our pitches are looking better than they have at this time of year for a long time, and the early registrations have given us that bit of extra time we need to get teams and coaches sorted out. At this stage we have around 200 players registered and things are looking good. Please think about attending our season opening **Gala Day on March 21st**. It's a family day and a chance for all age groups to mix and get that important club-bonding thing happening.

Information flow can be a bit patchy at this time of year - your dedicated committee is working flat-out getting all the administrative stuff worked out. It's a huge job with FFV team registrations, FFA affiliations, player registrations, team arrangements and grading, pitch scheduling, canteen, cleaning, equipment, coaching appointments and training, team manager appointments, uniforms ... you get the picture. They are a small and dedicated group, and sometimes there simply aren't enough hours in the day to deal with every matter as quickly as we may like. Please be patient - as the season gets underway the stress levels will reduce and the procedures will move more smoothly!

The junior age groups and competitions have changed slightly (again) this year.

We are now operating four-a-side SSF for **Under 7's**. This will run similarly to the popular U6 and U8 structure last year, and we will be intending to break up into squads of youngsters and 'veteran' players to keep their attention and development moving. We'll also continue the fantastic monthly local Gala days with the other local clubs.

Grading has and will be carried out at all competition age levels. This is not to foster a special 'elite' squad at any level - it is to ensure that all our players are placed in an appropriate competition for their knowledge, skill and commitment level. We believe this is extremely important to ensure that all players get as much out of the experience as they can.

Under 9's will run in a seven-a-side competition on a quarter sized pitch. Goals are introduced at this level, and they play an inter-club competition with no formal ladder.

Under 11's will be playing a nine-a-side comp. on a half sized pitch. After Under 11, we move to Under 12 and above playing the traditional game on a full pitch.

We have a number of very strong **Girls** teams in the older age groups (go girls!), and we are trying hard to continue that right through the club. At the moment we almost have enough girls to get the Under 12 team over the line. If anyone out there knows of any girls of the right age who might like to try out the game, please let us know - now! We'd love to give them the chance.

Once again, we have decided to offer uniforms to ALL players, including the youngsters who may not really need it. The kids love looking like the 'big players', and it really helps to foster the club spirit that we want to develop. They're the best looking teams on the grounds at the Gala Days, too!

Our sponsors are an important part of the club - please check out the names in this newsletter and support them when possible - so they will keep supporting us. If you know of a company or organisation that might be willing and able to chip in and become a part of "The Barkers" please let us know.

As a committee, we're feeling very enthusiastic about this season. We hope that all our families are feeling the same way. If you'd like to know more about what's happening, ask me when you see me around the club - I'll be very happy to talk to you.

GO BARKERS!!!

Ian Penman, President

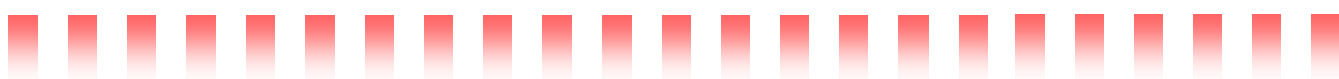
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Teams: We are currently fielding the following teams:

Under 16 Girls, Under 12 Girls, Under 16s, Under 15s (x2), Under 14s, Under 13s, Under 12s, Under 11s (x3), Under 9s (x3) and Small Sided Football Under 7s.

We are searching for some more players in the following age groups in order to either complete the above teams, or field extra teams: Under 12 girls, Under 14/15s (composite team consisting of Under 14s and 15s to be fielded as an Under 15s team), Under 12s. If you know of someone who sits within these age groups, and is possibly interested in playing soccer, please see a committee member.



YOUR COMMITTEE

As always, more committee members are always welcome. If you feel you have an interest, and wish to help in some capacity, come and see one of our standing committee members for some information.

Standing Committee Members:

President: Iain Penman

Vice President: Simon Coverley

Secretary: Julie Cunningham

Treasurer: Teresa Anthony

Registrar: Karin Fatur

Coaches Coordinator: Kevin Cunningham

Equipment: Albert Wilczynski

Sponsorship: Andrea Coverley/Louise Rees

Merchandising: Cheryl De Sensi

Council Liaison/Grants: Sue Jackson

Risk Management: Simon Coverley

First Aid: Ben Coverley/Jess Coverley

SSF Coordinator: Ash Snijders

General: Neil Bucoy, Cameron Rees

Positions still to be filled: Team Manager Coordinator, Events Coordinator, Fundraising



Practice Match Day: 21st March 2010

All teams from Under 9s through to Under 16s will be competing in friendly matches at the Junior Club on this day. Bring your gear for a fun day. Canteen will be open. Be prepared to enjoy yourselves. Details of match times to be decided.

MJSC Merchandise

We will be introducing some new ranges of merchandise for the 2010 season and going forward. Samples should be available by 21st March for viewing and ordering. Bags, caps, jackets, scarves, polos will all be available. Come and have a look and place an order.

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