



Cashmere Wanderers AFC

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December 2007

Hi to all the Football supporters in the [[surname]] family,

This is the first newsletter for the 2008 season and while that seems a long way off, planning is already well underway for next season.

Please take the time to read this newsletter because it contains some important information including information on the restructuring of the Junior League, the summer holiday football programme plus an introduction from our new football development manager, Fred Simpson!

AGM

The AGM was held on 29th October 2007. Thanks to everyone who attended and showed their support at this important meeting. Minutes are available in the members area of the website.

2007/2008 Committee Members for Junior AFC

It was great to see so many new people put their name forward for the committee. The following people have been elected and their names and areas of responsibility are as follows:-

Junior Vice President	Caroline Mason
Secretary	Barbara Turner
Treasurer	Catheryn Faid
Gear	Sharan Jones, Linda Fitzgerald, Maria Waterson & Fred Simpson
Newsletter	Fiona Spencer
Mainland Reps	Fred Simpson, Andrew McWilliam
Results	Steve Burgham
Database	Damian Brown
Executive	Sharan Jones, Andrew McWilliam
Photos	Sarah Gribbin
Grade Managers	Midgets - Steve Burgham 7 th - 9 th Grade - Kerry Miller, Andrew McWilliam & Linda Fitzgerald 10 th - 12 th Grades Damian Brown 13 th Grade & Above - Barbara Turner Division 1 - Sharan Jones, Caroline Mason & Fred Simpson

Summer Holiday Football

5 Days of 'Coaching Drills and Fun Games' for Boys and Girls - a fun way to wrap up your Summer Holidays and help your preparation for the next season!

Venue: Somerfield Park

Dates: Week One 21st – 25th January or Week Two 28th January to 1st February

Times: Week One

10am to 11.30am	for ages 7, 8 and 9
12pm to 1.30pm	for ages 10, 11 and 12
2 pm to 3.30pm	for ages 13, 14 and 15

Week Two

10am to 11.30am	for ages 10, 11 and 12
12pm to 1.30pm	for ages 13, 14 and 15

2 pm to 3.30pm for ages 7, 8 and 9

Cost for 5 sessions inclusive: \$25-00 - Payable on arrival at first session

Please bring:	Boots & Trainers	Training Gear
	Sun Hat	Sun Screen
	Water Bottle (Full)	A Smile
	Best Behaviour	

Places are limited so it will be first in first registered so do not delay, phone your friends and book as soon as possible. Register by E-Mail with Names, phone numbers and Ages freds@cashmerefootball.co.nz, Dates and time - confirmation by return.

Registration Days

Registration will take place on Sunday 24th and Wednesday 27th February 2008 at The Cashmere Club. Times and registration details are yet to be confirmed.

Trial dates

Trials for the Mainland Junior Leagues will be held in February 2008 – please see below for further details on the restructuring of the Mainland Junior Leagues. Details of dates and times of trials will be sent out early next year, and will also be posted on our website.

Congratulations

The following Cashmere Wanderers Junior players have been selected to play in the National Age Group Tournaments in Napier in December,
Kate Inwood – 14th Grade Girls
James Gribbin & Stanley Foster-Bohm – 13th grade Boys

An Introduction to our Football Development Manager

Name: Fred Simpson

Coaching Experience:

Senior Badge Holder since 1985
NZ Football Staff Coach in a variety of roles continuously from that date until 2004.

Roles included:

Assistant Coach / Senior Coach New Zealand Women
South Island Youth Coach / Selector
South Island Regional Coach
National Age Group Coach / Coordinator
FIFA Technical Assistant Junior World Cup
New Zealand Delegate Women's World Cup
New Zealand Youth Coach Representative on numerous FIFA and UEFA courses
Senior Coach Educator
Director of Football Mainland Soccer 1999 – 2004
Mainland Football Coach of Year 2006
Senior Coach Ferrymead Bays 2006-2007
Age Group Rep. Coach Mainland, Canterbury and Southland
Senior Coach Invercargill Thistle Southern and National Leagues.

A message from Fred:

Since the Mid 1990's I have been fortunate to be able to earn a living from my involvement in Football and have had the opportunity to spend time both in New Zealand and overseas expanding my education and understanding of this great game.

I am a firm believer that with the right player preparation and environment we can develop our local game immensely and ensure even more New Zealand players can continue their education and even make a career through Football, as have Ryan Nelsen and Rebecca Smith the current captains of our National sides.

My role with Cashmere Wanderers gives me a chance to again work at the grass roots where the foundations are laid. My aim is to ensure that all members of our club, Juniors and Seniors, Male and Female, Players and Coaches are given the opportunities to reach their potential within and through our Club.

I feel confident that with my experience as a Coach, Coach Educator and Development Coach I can help any one who is willing to put the time and effort in to also help themselves.

Over the next month I will be getting my communication station and office in shape and soon after the start of the New Year will be up and running. In the mean time I will be in touch with a number of you for various reasons and to initiate various tasks. To those members I do not reach I wish you and your families **Good Health and much Happiness over the Holidays !!**

I look forward to being in touch as we move towards the start of the 2008 season. It looks like a season that promises much change and more opportunities for us all.

Yours in Football,

Fred Simpson
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Mainland restructures Junior Leagues

Major implications for Cashmere Wanderers Juniors

Proposals currently being finalised by the Staff and Board of Mainland Football will involve the expansion and renaming of the existing Junior Premier Leagues. If things go to plan it would appear that there will be a competition with the requirements of the existing Junior Premiers at 12th, 13th, 14th & 15th Grades in 2008 expanding to include 11th grade in 2009.

The competitions will now consist of a 1st & 2nd Division in each grade with 8 teams in each Division.

All entries will be Club based other than for the Nth. & Mid Canterbury combined entities. Clubs will be restricted to only one entry in each division and there will be a promotion / relegation element at the end of each season.

Entries for 2008 will in the main be based on last seasons (2007) performances & final league placings.

The 10th & 11th Grades will be qualifying grades for entry into the new leagues during the 2008 season with the 11th grade then becoming one of the new leagues in 2009. Both these competitions (10th & 11th) will be 9 a side with the transition to 11 a side coming at 12th grade.

What does this mean for Cashmere Wanderers?

Firstly we will be on our own like all other Christchurch clubs and there will be no more combined entries. Based on Cashmere's last year results, this should also mean a team in each of the 4 new 1st Divisions and the possibility of a 2nd division entry in some grades.

We will also still have to select our best possible teams at both 10th & 11th grades for 2008 to aim for entry into the 2009 11th & 12th Grade 1st Divisions.

Then we will also need a second competitive team at each grade to aim for an entry in the 2nd Divisions of the 2009 11th and 12th grades. That means at least 8 teams to be selected on merit across our Junior grades for this coming season.

A big challenge for any club, but then again we at 'The Wanderers' are looking for big challenges. We will probably be one of only two clubs with entries in every 1st division.

With competitions due to start in April we will be running official selection trials starting in February when club registration will also be held.

Any work prior to this will be preparation work only and final selections will not be made until the official trials. Obviously we will be looking for input from coaches of last season's entries in order to get an indication of the strengths of our existing players and teams.

Our first priority is to organize coaches for these entries and to this end I would appreciate contact from any coach interested in looking after one of our competitive entries. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested I would ask that you contact me as soon as possible.

As I am not yet fully in residence as such please contact me by e-mail, my address is below, please make the subject of your email "Cashmere Junior Coaching" as a reference.

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Merry Christmas from the Cashmere Wanderers Junior Committee

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