

A DAY AT THE BEACH



Last weekend was the players pre season camp at Phillip Island and it went very well thanks to the excellent organization by Coach Kris Barlow and the hospitality of the Phillip Island Football Club. Cricket and a couple of weddings did upset the overall numbers but there were still more than 40 players attending including 6 boys from the Under 19's who really enjoyed the experience. The only controversial incident was the missing doughnut from the local cricketers afternoon tea(back at the Phillip Island FC oval). Rumour has it that a tallish chap (extremely tallish) was seen in the vicinity.

It was great to see our U19 Captain and Comp B&F winner Connor McCafferty at the beach. Connor broke his ankle over the summer doing dangerous things in the water. He is itching to play footy and could be back about round 1. We hope. (see him right)



Star of the torturous beach run was Xavier Barry-Murphy (no surprise) closely followed by Nathan Henley and youngster Bryce Fisher.

PRACTICE MATCHES vs ST.KEVINS

The first Practice matches will be against St.Kevins and we/they have had massive problems in finding an oval to play on. Finally, thanks to the Rowville Football Club, we are going to play the games at the Rowville Junior ground on Stud Road (Mel 81H7) on SUNDAY 17th MARCH (Next weekend)

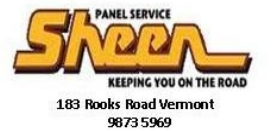
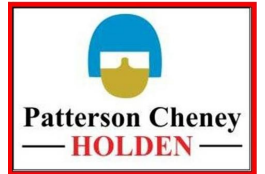
Facilities here will be very basic, so bring a chair and umbrella for sun or rain.

The Under 19 game should start about 10am.

NEXT PRAC GAME will be Sunday 24th March at MONTMORENCY



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1000 GAME DAY

Arrangements for the big day on the 27th April are progressing and it should be something to remember

- Special Commemorative Jumper
- Past Players Day Lunch, but open to non members as well.
- Auction of a Perry Fletcher 1000 game Masterpiece
- A highland Band
- Involvement of our junior Club and 100's of kids
- Vermont Champs & administrators from the past
- 1000 Game Magazine
- Photos of each Team on the day in the Jumper

AND WE HAVE'NT FINISHED YET

This is an exciting moment being the first EFL Club to reach the 1000 game mark. We have done this first because of the huge number of finals we have played .

So many people have contributed to this over the years on and off the field and we want as many as possible to get involved.

ROUND 2 LUNCH vs BALWYN

Bookings now with **Angela Miller 0400790222**. or on Line See **EVENTS** and you can pay there. Limited numbers with slightly reduced Social area. So be early. Guest speaker is the Legendary VRC Steward Mr Des Gleeson. Yes the hat may appear as well.



MORE PIX FROM THE CAMP



David Barton & Andy Ellis



Kris Barlow & Andrew Pinto enjoying players suffering

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SENIOR INTRA PRAC MATCH

Senior squad had an Intra game last Wednesday and the standard was fantastic. The Kris Barlow game plan was well advanced on last year and enthusiasm was sky high. Lots of new players from outside the Club and from our 2012 Under 19's made the event very interesting indeed. Players to catch the eye were Tom Schneider working with Simon Taylor, Adrian Gileno, Justin Van Unen and Ash Froud all looked very dangerous up forward and Ben Crowe who just looked dangerous. (to himself and everyone else)



Lachy Johns kicking with Dave Barton

Next hit out will be against St.Kevins on Sunday week.

SINO EAGLE - A RISING STAR



Luke Nolen in the saddle at Sandown

You may recall a few years back a syndicate from The Club raced a mare by the name of **Vermont Eagle** who won a couple of races up the bush. Since then she has produced a few foals, one of which was purchased by a syndicate made up of a lot of the same Vermont people.

This filly, by Casino Prince, races as **Sino Eagle** and is

trained by Peter Moody. At her first start in early February she won easily at Benalla. She went to Sandown two weeks later and finished with a devastating burst to beat a good field of fillies. Last Wednesday she went back to Sandown to take on the boys, only to suffer her first defeat. She ran a strong second, beaten around half a length.

She is showing a lot of promise and Moody has hopes that she will continue to progress through her grades. Keep an eye out for her!

VERMONT CRICKETERS IN SEMI FINAL

After finishing clearly on top of the ladder, the Senior Cricket side plays Blackburn South in a Semi Final at Vermont this Saturday and Sunday at Vermont. Winner is into the GF and loser has mad Monday. We have a few VFC boys playing with Shane Davidson and Brad Cullen in the Firsts, Kyle Emley and Andrew Preto are in the Reserves and some really old boys Neale Reid, Steve Schilling, Steve White and Andrew Curry in the Fourths. Good luck to them all. We need a strong Cricket Club and a winning one is even better.



Shane Davidson preparing for the weekend's cricket finals.

See Vermont player pix on the VFC Web site Gallery

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HOME GAME BBQ

We still need some more helpers for our famous Saturday BBQ and happy to provide Free Club Membership to anyone willing to do at least 2 home games. PLEASE ring Spiro on 0411 109726

SENIOR GAMES STATS

Last year we introduced computerised match day statistics and that was a big success. Unfortunately most of our Stats crew for various reasons are not available this year and we need some more.

It is a wonderful opportunity for a young person to get involved with footy stats that could lead to an involvement at a higher level.

So, we need a person (male or female) to take over the computer system and learn all the incredible things it can do in providing the Coach with information. Plus a couple of key board operators. **If you would like further information ring Lee Bidstrup on 98761913.**

AN ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP

Over Christmas we managed to get an Apprenticeship for star recruit Tom Schneider and now we need another for an existing young Vermont player. He has done the Pre Apprenticeship Course and is very keen to get a start. If you know of someone in this field, **please ask**. The Club is there to help any of our boys, not just with footy. An opportunity like this is life changing.

If you can help, please ring Lee Bidstrup or e-mail on lbidstrup@optusnet.com.au



THE VERMONT APP.

The App is approved and ready to go, although we have not yet been able to fully load it with info. But we will do so progressively. **You can load it now for free**. Just look for *Vermont Football Club*. In

the Apps Store. It is free after you cough up some basic info about yourself. Don't expect too much at the moment.

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