

South Croydon Football Club - Your Community Club Bulldog Briefs... 2014

Round 6 wrap up, and upcoming events .....

Members, sponsors, and supporters,

Great day at the Kennel last Saturday where a good home crowd was able to see three wins! This was capped off by a win by the Vets on Sunday!

The U19s started the ball rolling again when they worked very hard against solid opposition to come away comfortable winners. The development squad were well below their best against a team that belied its position on the ladder. They needed to fight very hard all day to take out the points in a close contest. The seniors were on song from the outset and determined not to have lapses that have featured in other games. They were able to win every quarter - even the last term, when Knox put some respectability on their score, given we were reduced to no bench. Super effort by the whole team, but we must mention Jason Eagle's 11 goal haul - he certainly enjoyed (as we all did) number 10 and 11! Well done Jason!

Another highlight of the day, was the hosting of our major/key corporate and player sponsors in the clubrooms. By all accounts a terrific day of networking, sharing a few drinks and some laughs. It was terrific to see a full social room at half time when sponsors were joined by Kennel Club members. We thank all sponsor who were able to attend and trust you enjoyed the day and hope to see you all at the Kennel on a regular basis. Special mention goes to Mick McGary and the Waverley Fork Lifts team for bringing and displaying their superb lifting equipment around the ground. It's fair to say that those lucky enough to go up in the 'skybox' enjoyed the view!

The club's premier mid season function - Gala Ball is fast approaching on June 14 and tickets are selling fast. The Dorset Gardens venue and excellent meal surprised all that attended last year, when a great night of fun was had. Tickets are selling fast so we ask that you check out more details below and secure your tickets. Also keep an eye out for information about the first Mudlarks business lunch for 2014 scheduled for July - a great guest speaker has been secured - more news to come.

This week we play at East Ringwood when they will celebrate their 1000th game as a club. In addition we again compete for the Mason-Glenn Shield, which honours greats from each club. We need a large doggies crowd to attend and cheer our teams on as we attempt to spoil the Roos party.

### **Football - Full results**

Seniors	South Croydon			25	12	162	def	Knox		10	12	72
	1QG	1QB	Q1PTS	2QG	2QB	Q2PTS	3QG	3QB	Q3PTS	4QG	4QB	PTS
South Croydon	5	4	34	10	6	66	16	10	106	25	12	162
Knox	1	1	7	3	7	25	3	9	27	10	12	72

South Croydon

Goal Kickers: J. Eagle 11, D. Hughes 3, G. Strachan 3, A. Fraraccio 2, D. King , M. Crowle , T. Hancock , S. Cali , J. Tucker , S. Dinnell Best Players: J. Eagle, D. Hughes, D. King, G. Strachan, A. Fraraccio, R. Mallison

Knox

Goal Kickers: B. Blizzard 2, J. Murphy , R. Minahan , A. Policha , L. Williams , J. Phillips , E. Murray , S. Davis , L. Kenny Best Players: L. Williams, L. Bakes, J. Hair, E. Murray, M. Greaves, R. Minahan

Fantastic performance across the ground, highlighted by Hulk's bag and both he and Hughesy marking display. Excellent passages when the ball moved cleanly from centre clearances and other stoppages, into a terrific functioning forward line. Hard to fault the endeavour, winning all quarters including the last when we effectively had no bench thus unable to make any rotations. This week is the one we want - we owe them a couple after they convincingly beat us both times last year. So while we have some injury concerns, everyone that runs out on the park needs to be up and about from the first bounce.

Development Squad	South Croydon			8	12	60	def	Knox		7	9	51
	1QG	1QB	Q1PTS	2QG	2QB	Q2PTS	3QG	3QB	Q3PTS	4QG	4QB	PTS
South Croydon	3	4	22	3	4	22	5	10	40	8	12	60
Knox	0	0	0	2	5	17	3	6	24	7	9	51

South Croydon

Goal Kickers: Z. Toohey 2, S. Owen , M. Molnar , R. Humphrey , B. Fischer , B. McKeown , T. Bradbrook Best Players: W. Debney, B. Fischer, C. Dejager, D. Brown, M. Barnes, R. Humphrey

Knox

Goal Kickers: J. McGown 2, H. Exton , M. Wills , A. Veitch , T. Kenny , P. Tredrea

Best Players: D. Minto, M. Gregory, M. Chapman, H. Exton, J. McGown, M. Donald

The team appeared a little unsettled after forward line changes resulting from player promotion. Based on results to date we should have won this one quite easily, but we played well below our best. At the end of the day a win is a win no matter how you achieve it, but as you can see percentage is important and while we won, we dropped two ladder places. Need to get back on target with a strong performance this week. Our thoughts are with Trisso who suffered a pretty bad ankle injury with about 30 seconds to go in the game - a speedy recovery mate.

U19's	South Croydon			13	12	90	def	Knox		8	5	53
	1QG	1QB	PTS	2QG	2QB	PTS	3QG	3QG	PTS	4QG	4QB	PTS
South Croydon	5	3	33	9	4	58	11	7	73	13	12	90
Knox	1	1	7	2	2	14	6	5	41	8	5	53

South Croydon

Goal Kickers: J. Larkin 3, J. Cain 2, A. Galante 2, E. Woods 2, J. Anderson 2, R. McKernan , C. Phelan

Best Players: J. Larkin, R. McKernan, A. Galante, J. Anderson, E. Woods, F. Kavanagh

Knox

Goal Kickers: J. Pierre 2, M. Sadikin 2, M. Goodings , H. Strachan , V. Tu , J. Wylde

Best Players: J. Pierre, M. Wills, J. Walter, H. Strachan, J. Wylde, J. Hawkes

Another good game from the U19s, backing up from the terrific effort against Montrose. Against an evenly matched opposition the boys took a good early lead and maintained it throughout. A nice spread of goal kickers, with a number of multiple goal scorers. Keep working hard on the track guys - we still have some way to go with the group's overall fitness, but very pleasing to see the team continuing to improve and bond.

Vets - Rd 3	South Croydon			18	17	125	def	lef South Belgrave		3	2	20
	1QG	1QB	Q1PTS	2QG	2QB	Q2PTS	3QG	3QB	Q3PTS	4QG	4QB	PTS
South Croydon	5	5	35	7	11	53	13	15	93	18	17	125
South Belgrave	0	0	0	1	0	6	1	0	6	3	2	20

### South Croydon

Goal Kickers: J. Hutchieson 5, E. Costello 4, C. Spencer 3, S. Hammersley 2, J. Garratt , M. Hanlon , S. Lauder , T. Edmonds Best Players: E. Costello, D. Roach, T. Miller, T. Edmonds, J. Hutchieson, J. Garratt

On perfect autumn day the vets finally got to play their first home game of the season. A great South Croydon crowd was there to support the vets. From the first bounce the vets attacked as a team. South Belgrave played a tough brand of football the score line does not show how well and hard they played, they made us earn every kick and score. Overall it was a great team effort, Dale White (coach) asked before the game for a complete team effort and to play discipline football. This was achieved by all 26 players.

## Membership - Kennel Club

\$100 draw winner for Week 6 - **Damon Hindmarsh** - tireless worker behind the scenes on recruiting, part of the coaching team and all round good bloke!

Paul 'Sauce' McConnell is breaking all records for both Kennel Club and social membership. It's not too late to enjoy benefits of membership - while helping the club. Liquor licencing laws require supporters to be club members to enjoy the bar facilities in the social rooms. Without membership you need to be a guest of a member and sign the guest register on entry each time you visit to rooms. Club Membership not only gains you entry to all home games, giving you good value against 9 separate entry fees, but also covers entry requirements to the social rooms without signing in.

Supporters become club members in 2014! Full package details are available on the club website, or from any committee member.

# Sponsorship

Sponsor of the Week for Rd 6 - **Vision Corporate Interiors.** Vision is a locally based commercial furniture manufacturer and office fit out company run by a club stalwarts - the Ratcliff family. Both Bruce and Graham are club life members, supporting the club for many years. Most recently Vision have supplied all the terrific furniture to fit out the club rooms.



Please contact Bruce and Melissa Ratcliff or the team at Vision for any needs you have in this area. Click on the image for a link to Vision's website. Support the businesses that support the football club.

Sponsorship packages remain available. Please speak to Stephen Quon (0417 556 591) or any committee member if you are interested in supporting the club in this material way.





# **Thursday Nights**

Join us for dinner and player selection each Thursday - a great night is had by all! On the menu for dinner this week is steak sandwich and jacket potatoes, salads and after dinner fruit platters. Meals are excellent value at \$12. All members and their guests are welcome, however numbers are capped so help out the kitchen team by getting your order in early - as soon as you arrive.

## Social Events - key diary dates

Social function dates and preliminary details are now listed on the club website, and are also featured on posters within the clubrooms. Key social dates coming up are:

14 Jun 2014 - Gala Ball | 21 Jun 2014 - Ladies Day | 28 Jun 2014 - World Cup Party 18 Jul 2014 - Mudlark Luncheon | 26 Jul 2014 - Reverse Raffle | 23 Aug 2014 - IPod Shuffle

As mentioned above, the next big club event is the Gala Ball which was a terrific night last year - lets make this one bigger and better then before. Tickets on sale now from your social team - contact Cathy White on 0403 122 966 to secure your place/tickets now.

Dates and events are subject to change. SCFC encourages responsible drinking at all club functions.

## **Club Community News**

\*\* A couple of weeks ago we mentioned the need for all players to have income protection and health insurance (including ambulance) cover. More injuries over the last couple of rounds continues to highlight the need for all players to protect against loss of income. The club strongly recommends all players to strongly consider their own circumstances - we are happy to assist with advice in this regard if required.

\*\* Some of you may have seen the remote control esky doing a couple of circuits of the rooms over the last few days. This esky is offered as the prize in raffle being run by Damien O'Toole. A limited number of tickets at \$5 are on offer for this great prize. See Damien around the rooms or bar staff for a ticket before its drawn.

\*\* Did you know you can watch a replay of our senior game online each week? Go to the EFL's Match Footage Hub at http://goo.gl/ll2hFB and view the latest or previous games.

## Social media

Follow the club on Facebook - @South Croydon Fc, on Twitter @SouthCroydonFC, via the Smart Phone app or go to the club website (http://goo.gl/tDmb9c) for all the latest news and alerts. South Croydon Football Club Smartphone App - both IPhone and Android is available! Keep up-to-date with your favourite team's news, events, ladders and much more. Get the South Croydon Football Club Team App at http://teamapp.com/app, or download Team App directly from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. It's 100% FREE!

We need more assistance with social media at the club so if you can help let the us know. As a minimum we would like more live score updates via the phone app - all club members with the right privileges can update scores on their smart phone while watching the game.

### Merchandise

Club polos are the hot item at present. Great new design featuring our new club sponsors. Must have apparel for season 2014 - get your order in so as to avoid disappointment when the new stock arrives. For all club merchandise including polos, hoodies, scarves and player needs see Bryan King!

### This week

As noted above, Rd 7 we travel to East Ringwood to take them on as they celebrate their 1000th game milestone. We need to rain on their parade by securing wins against a club that has been our bogey team for the last couple of seasons. A win in the seniors will also bring the Mason-Glenn Shield back to the Kennel. We need all players switched on from the outset and a large number of supporters in attendance, so that our lads can bring home some wins.