

SOUTH CROYDON

FOOTBALL CLUB

ESTABLISHED 1969

PREMIERSHIP REUNIONS

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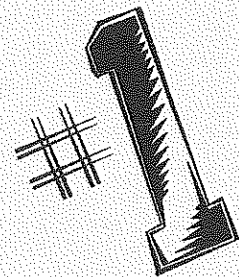


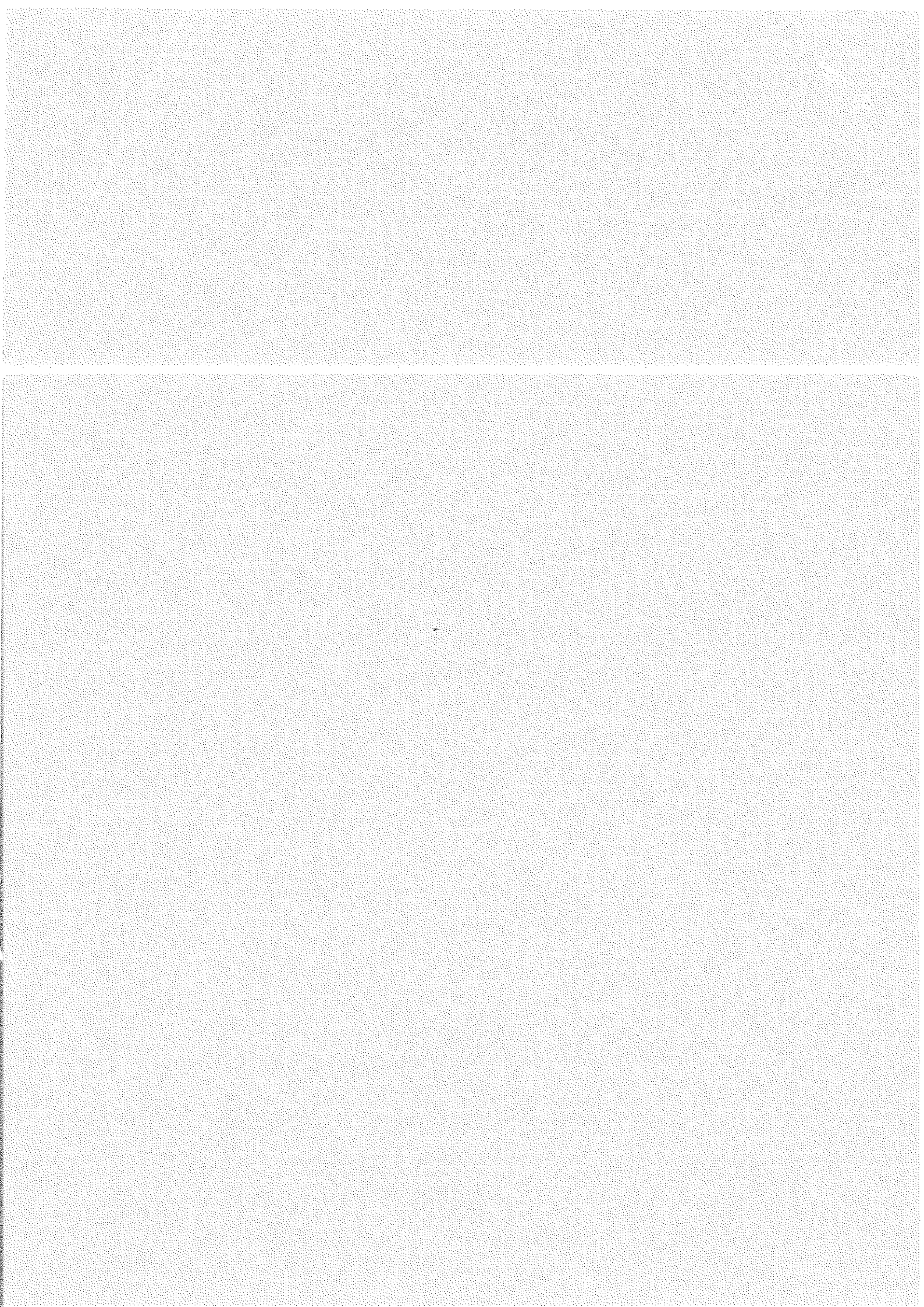
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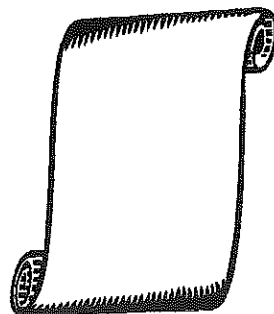
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HONOUR ROLL

Year	President	Secretary	Senior Coach
1969	R. Cock	G. Woods	G. Burns
1970	G. Hall	G. Woods	B. Whitney
1971	G. Hall	E. Wright	B. Whitney
1972	R. Dickson	E. Wright	D. Stephens
1973	R. Dickson	E. Wright	D. Stephens
1974	P. O'Callaghan	S. Larpent	K. Green
1975	P. O'Callaghan	R. Roach	K. Green
1976	D. Stephens	R. Millichamp	K. Green
1977	D. Stephens	P. Everett	R. Nikolson
1978	B. Whitney	P. Everett	D. Busby
1979	B. Whitney	Mrs L. Day	D. Busby
1980	B. Whitney	Mrs L. Day	D. Busby
1981	B. Whitney	Mrs L. Day	D. Craig
1982	B. Whitney	Mrs L. Day	D. Craig
1983	B. Whitney	Mrs L. Day	C. Judd
1984	B. Whitney	Mrs L. Day	C. Judd
1985	B. Whitney	Mrs L. Day	R. Goodman
1986	B. Whitney	Mrs J. Hall	R. Goodman
1987	K. Green	Mrs J. Hall	A. De Wolde
1988	K. Green	Mrs M. Reynolds	C. Judd
1989	K. Green	Mrs M. Reynolds	P. Mason
1990	R. Goodman	Mrs M. Reynolds	K. Collins
1991	R. Goodman	Mrs M. Reynolds	K. Collins
1992	R. Goodman	Mrs M. Reynolds	K. Collins
1993	R. Macey	Mrs M. Reynolds	P. Gibb
1994	R. Macey	Mrs M. Reynolds	P. Mason
1995	K. Wheeler	G. Armstrong	K. Cattle
1996	K. Wheeler	G. Armstrong	T. Parish
1997	K. Wheeler	P. Summerton	T. Parish
1998	K. Wheeler	Ms M. Gibb	T. Parish
1999	K. Wheeler	Ms M. Gibb	G. Taylor
2000	K. Wheeler	Ms M. Gibb	G. Taylor
2001	K. Wheeler	Ms M. Gibb	R. Buttfield
2002	K. Wheeler	Ms M. Gibb	R. Buttfield
2003	P. Macdonald	Ms K. Hope	R. Buttfield



AN INTRODUCTION FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well what an honour as President of the South Croydon Football Club to be asked to write an introduction piece about the 1973 Premiership reunion.

I was a young lad of 18, it was my first year as a senior player in 1973. It was an extremely exciting year for the Club on and off the field.

On the field we had our most successful year ever. In 1973 we had 4 teams make the finals and seniors and under 17's playing grand finals. This was due to good recruiting and that we also had 7 players come through from the under 17's to the seniors. We had excellent role models on and off the field, such as – Darryl Stephens; Kevin Green; Rod Roach; Ron Smith; Harvey Westworth; Jeff Moss; Kevin O'Connell; Bernie Whitney; Bob McCluskey; Barry and Norm McClare; Tom Wilson – just to name a few!

Who could forget one of Darryl's articulate, uplifting, sole inspiring speeches. Or one of Mossie's monster marks or Stiffy's lightning dashes down the wing or Ronny Smith's piston legs moving at 8000 revs per minute. Or having the honour of playing with the toughest and fairest man I have ever seen play football – Norm McClare. Or Graham Woods carefully doting and caring about his young proteges in the 2's.

Or who could forget Rod Roach in the 2's being carried off the ground at the old Boronia ground, kicking the winning goal after the siren.

Or Gary McFarlane in Lilydale's change rooms, after the grand final win, trying to open that magnum bottle of champagne with his teeth and doing so. Or his great thirst for tomato sauce.



Or the huge crowds that turned up at the basketball stadium at Cheong Park to hear Dennis Allen's band play.

Or some humble words of wisdom in the Mudlarker penned by Don Macklin, who was our mild mannered reporter.

The steamy mornings down at Eastfield Park bagging horse manure or the fun we had delivering phone books. Or Les Allen telling us to sign "the book".

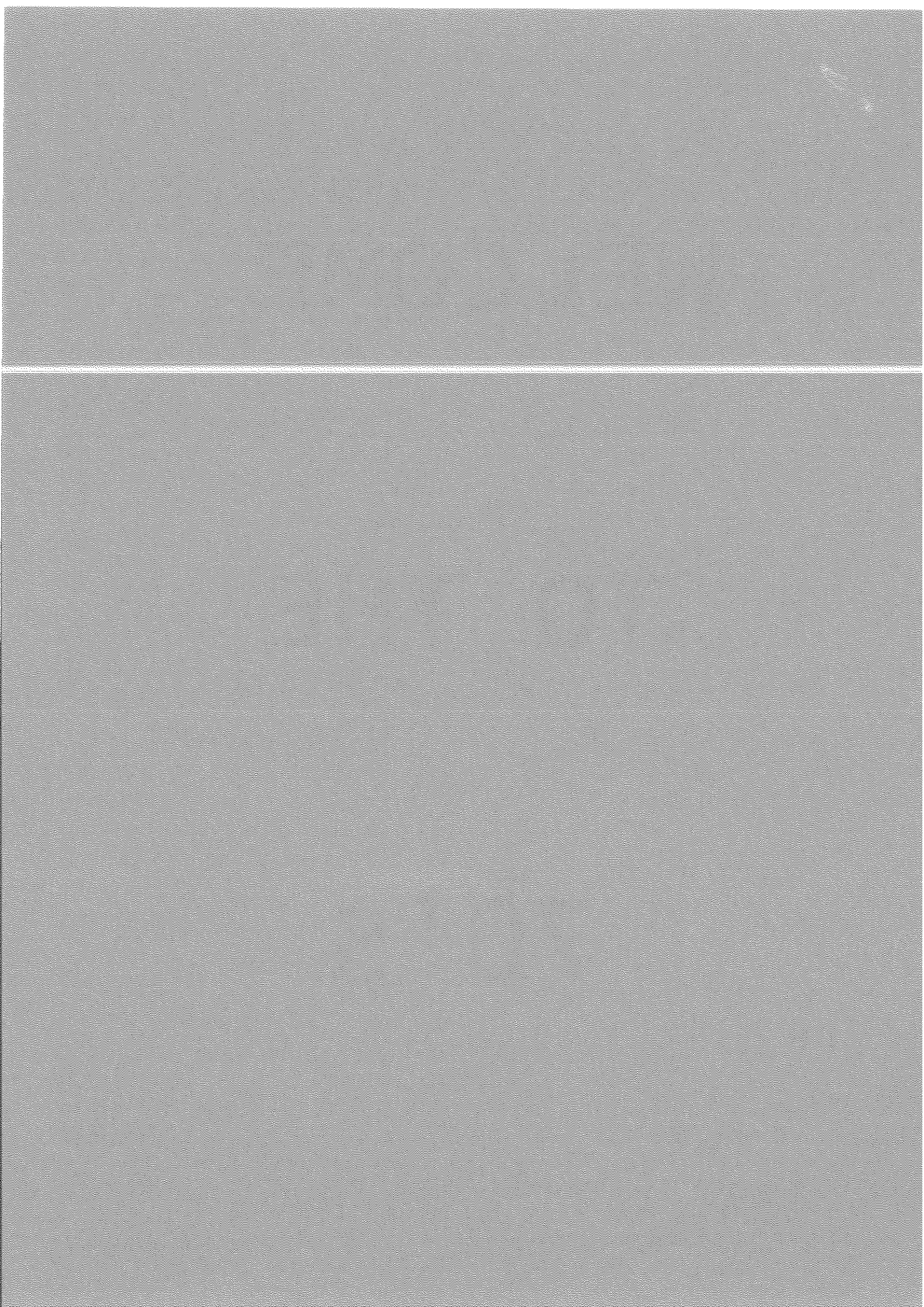
These were the many and varied individuals and groups of people that pooled their skills, expertise and resources to make the club a great club. These men and women who led by example, established the rules for the success of our Club in the following decades. As President of the South Croydon Football Club I will be endeavouring to carry on this tradition. I for one, like many others will never forget the joy and the pride that these people gave to our club – from the loyal supporter to the fearless Premiership player.

PMAC.

WELCOME

TO THE

70'S



FOR ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 1945

We are survivors: Consider the changes we have witnessed. We were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees and the PILL. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball-point pens. Before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes....and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be? In our time, closets were for clothes, not for “coming out of”. Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls names Jean and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent and Outer Space was the back of the Outdoor theatre. We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages. We were before daycare centres, group therapy and suntan parlours. We never heard of FM radio, tape-decks, VCR's, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, wordprocessors, yoghurt and guys wearing earrings. For us, time sharing meant togetherness...not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hammers and nails and software wasn't even a word.

Back then “Made in Japan” meant junk and the term “making out” referred to how you did in your exam. Pizzas, McDonalds and Instant coffees were unheard of.

In our days, GRASS was mowed, COKE was a cold drink and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office. We were certainly not before the different sexes were discovered, but we were definitely before unisex and “operations”. We made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was naïve enough to think you needed to have a husband to have a baby.

No wonder our kids don't understand us!!

LIVING IN THE SEVENTIES

A LOOK AT THE EARLY YEARS OF THE SOUTH CROYDON FOOTBALL CLUB

As the song "Living in the Seventies" was being belted out by the Skyhooks the South Croydon Football Club was looking for its niche in the Eastern Districts Football League. This was in a time when there was only 1 umpire, no interchange and only 3 divisions in the E.D.F.L. South Croydon made its debut in 1969 and performed creditably with 3 wins.

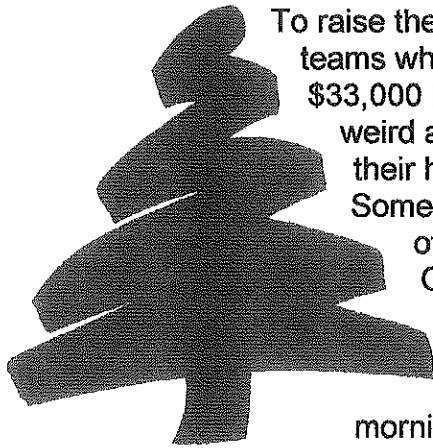
The Club looked forward to providing a sound base for both players and supporters. The close proximity of Croydon, East Ringwood and Bayswater clubs meant that it was not going to be easy. This together with the primitive conditions available at Cheong Park and a ground that had no drainage or watering facilities. It was also going to be hard to attract quality players. So bring on the seventies.

The Seventies produced about a 50 to 55 per cent wins against losses. The first 2 years reaped in 5.5 and 6.5 wins followed by a vast improvement in '72 and then the all-conquering season in '73, which provided us with our first senior flag. This year was memorable for many things, not the least being our 5 games against Upper Ferntree Gully which resulted in a total winning margin between the 2 clubs of 14 points, 1 drawn game and 1 intervention by the Supreme Court prior to the finals. This grand final win was exceptional in the minimal amount of years it took to achieve this honour. (In comparison I believe that Montrose had to wait 30 years for it's first flag).

1974 saw us play in 2nd division and just like today it was pretty tough and rugged, but the players were up to the challenge and finished 4th, beaten by Ferntree Gully in the 1st semi. 1975 saw the retirement of some of the stars that had served the club so well and we could only return 6 wins. After that we remained about the 8 wins a season from '76 to '78 and then again reached the finals in 1979 only to go down to Bennettswood in the 1st semi.

It would appear from looking at the results in the middle of the seventies that we were just filling a space in 2nd division but this was not an accurate reflection of how the club was going as it was during this period that we were shunted to Hughes Park (a bog heap) and then to Town Park (another bog heap) whilst the council were refurbishing Cheong Park. The facilities at both these venues were virtually non-existent so any fundraising activities and socialising was carried out in a very poor environment.

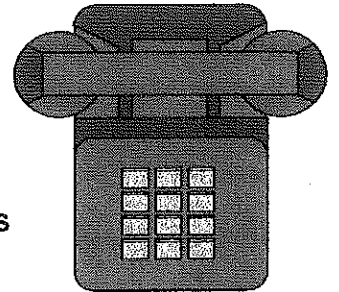
Whilst all the above was going on the Club also began fielding juniors in the early seventies and some of these players went on to become very good footballers and committee men for the club and also included our current president – Paul Macdonald. The junior section of the club has always been very well run and deserves all the success that has come their way.



To raise the necessary capital to field the senior and junior teams which was about \$5,000 in 1970 and increasing to \$33,000 by 1979, the committee came up with many weird and wonderful ideas to relieve supporters of their hard earned in the most painless manner.

Some of the more notable ideas included the felling of a large cypress tree in Mt. Dandenong Road. Geoff Hall, a plumber, who convinced the owner of the tree that he had experienced tree fellers at his beck and call, instigated this. Imagine the shock of the said owner then one Sunday morning about 20 players armed with handsaws, axes, shovels, etc. descended on her front yard and somehow removed the offending tree. It raised about \$50 for the club (big money in those days) and cost the poor woman heaps in cups of team and soft drinks.

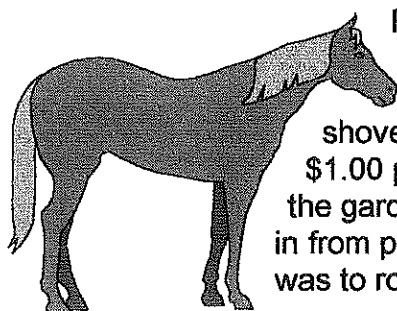
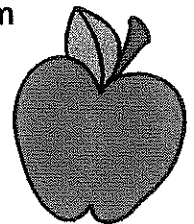
We then progressed to the delivery of telephone books after winning a contract through Australia Post. Great money raiser for the club but it sure was hard on the worker's cars and utes. Another setback on the deliveries was the number of dog attacks and the sooky la las who weren't too pleased with our method of delivery which included walking as little as possible down pathways and hoisting the books as far as you could throw them onto front verandahs.



We were also in the liquor trade, bottling and marketing our own brands of wines, South Croydon Rough Red and South Croydon Table White. From the people who do have some recall of the day the bottling was carried out, it appears we had a very fine day. The above wines are now a very much sought after item.



With the experience gained in packaging and marketing we went into the wholesale fruit market. Not content with the whipping we were copping from Shepparton in a pre season practice match (we were poor travellers in those days) our president, Peter O'Callaghan, organized through the local Shepp. farmers to buy a semi trailer load of apples to be delivered to South Croydon where once again players and committee came to the fore to bag and sell the apples. The advertisements said \$3.00 for 44lbs in a bag (equivalent to about \$60 in today's terms) which was ok. on the surface but who got 44lbs? We did not have scales and we bagged them up in mainly used plastic bags of varying sizes. Some had previously been used to carry chemicals!



Packaging seemed to be an important part of our fundraising as it was organized to visit the local trotting track at Eastfield Park, the track in Scoresby and the dairy in Ringwood to shovel up the horse manure, bag it and then sell it to the punters for \$1.00 per bag. It appears that the seventies were the beginning of the gardening craze that is still doing well now. We had orders coming in from places as far apart as Belgrave and Mount Waverley. The idea was to roster players on about every sixth week which doesn't seem too

bad, but when you front up at 8a.m. and finish around 2p.m. the players had enough of that s... and put the thumbs down to that fundraiser.

Over the years we have had the carnivals, horse racing, mini-lotto and other fundraisers and whilst they were great for building a strong foundation for the club it also created a strong work ethic amongst the players and committee and brought many laughs and enjoyment to the participants. With political correctness as it is today we would not be able to carry out some of those fundraisers and that's a shame. They certainly beat the old chook raffle.



We were lucky during this period of time to have many wonderful players and committee people and I just thought I would name a few that pushed the club in the right direction.

Rodger Fountain	Been here since the beginning and together with Chris have become club stalwarts. Rodger was also a very adaptable player before becoming a trainer.
Graham Ratcliffe	Same as the Fountains. Nobody has put in as many hours serving the club.
Harvey Westworth	Started in 1969. Legend in his own mind.
Darryl Stephens	Premiership Coach and ex President
Kevin Green	B. & F. Great player, ex President
Ian Stevenson	B. & F. Will anyone surpass his 17 possessions in 1 quarter.
Jeff Moss	B. & F. Mercurial footballer, not a bad cricketer.
Jim Jamieson	B. & F. Top South Croydon identity.
Don Busby	B. & F. Excellent coach.
Mick Holloway	B. & F. Was to become South Croydon's top goal sneak.

Many others deserve mention such as Norm Wright,
 Joe and Judy Pantry
 Brian and Lorraine Day
 Marion and Brian Reynolds
 Graeme Woods
 Les Allen
 Peter Gibb
 Peter O'Callaghan

It is because of these people we can safely hand over a sound club to the eighties.

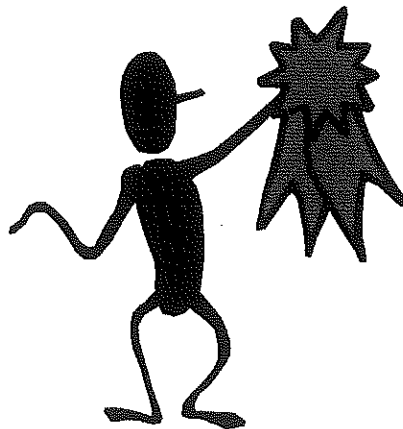
Bernie Whitney

BEST AND FAIREST

Seniors

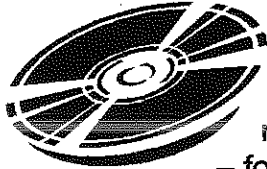
Reserves

1969	C. Hall	R. Cavanagh
1970	M. Hartley	R. Trenfield
1971	J. Moss	R. McCluskey
1972	L. Loutit	R. Stewart
1973	K. Green	M. Trott
1974	L. Stevenson	R. Walder
1975	J. Jamieson	P. Branch
1976	K. Green	N. McClare
1977	R. Baldry	R. Roach
1978	D. Busby	A. Sheehan
1979	M. Holloway	



FROM THE MUDLARKER

In 1973, South Croydon Football Club reached the highest pinnacle in its brief career. The toil, sweat and disappointments throughout the year, culminating in that glorious moment on the 15th September at 5.04 p.m. when the siren pierced the electric atmosphere at the Lilydale Football Oval and South Croydon were premiers.



The Social Committee would like to hear from anyone who has, or who knows where we could procure an old radiogram (preferably in working condition), but not necessarily – we have some brilliant electricians in the club – for us to use to have a bit of a hop at the clubrooms at casserole Nights and other informal functions held in the clubrooms.

The annual grudge match between the fathers and sons (commonly called the Also Rans) will be held next Sunday. Stars such as Custard Cuskelly, Trevor I'm Cold Frost, Dead Latch Norm Wright, Frank (The Stack Pie) Mitchell, Brian Night and Day, Ian the Tank Ward, Rod the Body Kempton. The game will be umpired by the envy of the Massage Parlours Fingers Lester (it's a draw) Wright. Goal umpires are those dashing debbs of the Bingo Nights, Princess Margaret Frost and Queen Elizabeth Cuskelly. Timekeepers are the ballerinas of the shopping sprees Cheryl Caton and Fay Doutch. The dads will be coached by Kevin (Do It My Way) Green.

P.S. Fathers please refrain from all SINS common to their age on the Saturday previous to the game.

Twas Friday the 3rd on a run we did go,
A hard one I'm sure, twice up and down Alto,
Graham, Sanks and me we all did fine,
But for old Pete it was the end of the line,
He was a tryer, had guts and was known to be fit,
But his old heart decided it was time to quit.
To the people at South memories will always flow,
He'll go down in the history books alongside Greeny, Harvey and Co,
Dedication he had and I couldn't follow his trend,
You see he trained five nights and then played all weekend,
And after all that he wasn't satisfied then,
For old cars and motor bikes he had a special yen,
And in 73 when the flag was ours and there was singing in the streets,
Daryl took the credit but a lot must be Pete's,
Slogging it out at training when giving up was given a few hints,
It was Peter who kept them hard at their sprints,
Another great pal in the days at Cheong Park
Was there on Thursday nights, after.
Fred Banch cooked sausages while for the team players did wait.
The players thought it was ok but to Pete it was just great.
In the early days at South when in control was Bern,

Tripping up umpires was Pete's game when their back was turned.
 And try as players might, get off the ground they'd shout and plead,
 Giving up or losing just wasn't in his vocabulary.
 They say a dog's a man's best friend and I've got no doubt,
 We've been together a long time and now I'm without,
 But when playing, thoughts of giving up, losing or not helping a team mate in
 a blue,
 I'll only have to do one thing Pete....think of you.

"Jammo"

Humour and Philosophy

Marriage is like a bridge – you don't need a partner if you have got a good hand.



For Sale - Urgent must sell

One Used Runner. Name Gary "Lightning" Andrews, fastest runner in the East. (Nick name BOZO).

Exp in V.F.L.	Nil
V.F.A.	Nil
N.F.L.	Nil
E.D.F.L.	1 quarter
Time spent on the ground	1 quarter
Messages delivered	Nil



Best offer or will trade... one runner who won't for one that will.

*Did you hear about the Irish Tug of War team –
 They were disqualified for pushing.*

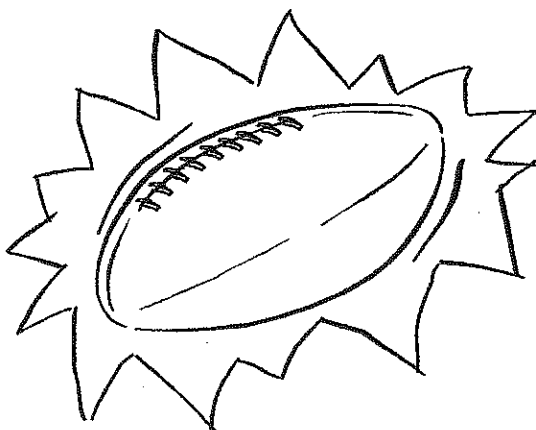


IRISH COACH whose side was playing very poorly (like South) said to them at half time – that they should sit on the fence and watch themselves play.

WANTED – Any girls wishing to become members of our CHEER SQUAD for the finals (along the lines of Carlton's Blue Birds) please phone

GOAL KICKERS

1972	J. Moss	63	1973	J. Moss	55
	T. Pratt	39		W. Dawson	42
	P. Banch	38		R. Smith	34
	D. Stephens	28		I. Loutit	31
	W. Dawson	23		G. Jones	30
	I. Loutit	23		D. Stephens	25
	R. Smith	22		P. Banch	18
	M. Cooke	18			
	D. Curry	17			
	G. Jones	17			
1974/75	W. Dawson	32	1976	B. Deith	23
	D. Stephens	29		D. Stephens	19
	B. Deith	27		K. Green	13
				D. Rorison	12
1977	B. Deith	30	1978	M. Pond	32
	R. Baldry	23		D. Busby	28
	D. Gibson	13		B. Deith	21
	L. MacDonald	11		R. Baldry	20
1979	M. Holloway	40			
	R. Baldry	35			
	D. Busby	18			
	B. Deith	15			

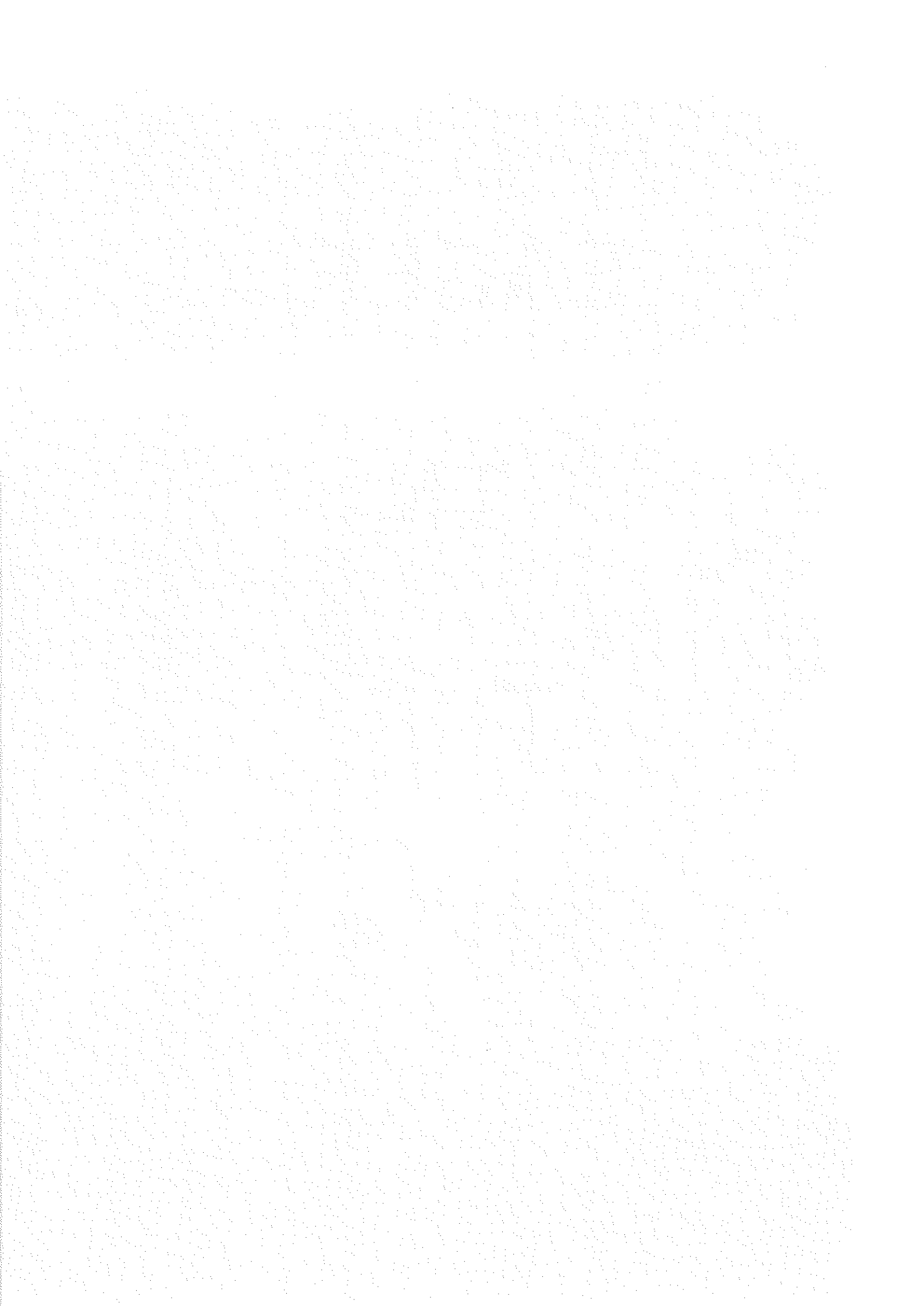


EAGER

IN

THE

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WINNERS VERSUS LOSERS

**THE WINNER; IS ALWAYS PART OF THE ANSWER.
THE LOSER; IS ALWAYS PART OF THE PBOBLEM.**

**THE WINNER; ALWAYS HAS A PROGRAM.
THE LOSER; ALWAYS HAS AN EXCUSE.**

**THE WINNER; SAYS, "LET ME DO IT FOR YOU".
THE LOSER; SAYS, "THAT'S NOT MY JOB".**

**THE WINNER; SEEKS ANSWERS FOR PROBLEMS.
THE LOSER; SEEKS PROBLEMS IN EVERY ANSWER.**

**THE WINNER; SEES A GREEN NEAR EVERY SAND TRAP.
THE LOSER; SEES TWO OR THREE SAND TRAPS NEAR
EVERY GREEN.**

**THE WINNER; SAYS "IT'LL BE HARD, BUT IT'S POSSIBLE".
THE LOSER; SAYS "IT'S POSSIBLE, BUT IT'S TOO HARD".**

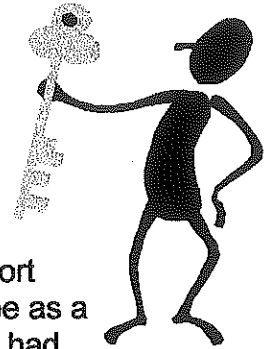
**THE WINNER; SAYS "WHAT CAN I DO FOR THE CLUB!"
THE LOSER; SAYS, "WHAT CAN THE CLUB DO FOR ME".**

BE A WINNER NOT A LOSER!



SOUTH CROYDON FOOTBALL CLUB IN THE 80's

Arguable, the 80's could be said to have been the S.C.F.C.'s coming of age. It was the decade where the Club progressed into first division of the previously named E.D.F.L. on 2 occasions winning 2 premierships in 2nd Division along the way – one in 1983 and other in 1988.



This was an astounding achievement for such a young club with a short history. Something that all those involved with the club – whether it be as a player, a supporter, a committee person or whatever – the “Bulldogs” had achieved remarkable well and made a name for themselves in a short space of time.

The new clubrooms were opened by President Bernie Whitney in 1980 and what a remarkable achievement by the club. I'm sure many people contributed, along with the City of Croydon, to the construction costs of these fine clubrooms which, to this day, are well above the standard of some first division facilities.

The Club experienced finals football in 1980 under the coaching expertise of Don Busby. Whilst not making it through to the big one, the young South Croydon side would benefit from the experience. Who would ever forget the Bruce Deith “spekky” in the goal square at Bayswater oval on a heavy finals day.

Club characters continued to emerge through this era and many had their opportunity to express themselves fully as ‘player review’ dominated the social calendar.

The new coaching appointment of David Craig in 1981 brought valuable talent and playing experience to the club. Recruiting of various experienced players also started to emerge. Mixed fortunes were experienced over the next 2 years although finals exposure was again enjoyed in 2nd division up at Coldstream in 1982. Just one final was available before elimination but something was building in this young side that would pay dividends later.

A recruiting cue bought Colin Judd to the club as coach for the 1983 season. Colin also brought with him a wealth of talent from the then VFA and a super season was ahead. The club was dominant all year in all grades from seniors, reserves, eighteens and sixteens. Three premierships were experienced in that season with only the 18's missing out in a close fought grand final.

This meant that the club was not promoted to 1st division E.D.F.L. for the very first time. We look on the powerful Vermont's, East Ringwood's, East Burwood's etc and this is where we found our feet in the eastern competition. A new standard was set and also expected if you wished to be a part of the S.C.F.C. – something that we all aspired too for such a long time.

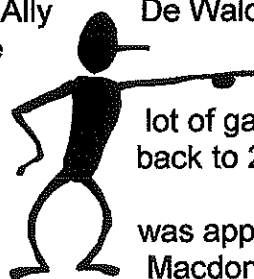
After a successful 2 years under the Judd regime including a heavy influx of VFA players, the club appointed a new coach in Ross Goodman who had a wealth in talent, and experience, in the VFL, VFA, SFL and EDFL.

The club found the going tough in the next 2 seasons although it made a name for itself in 1st division and commanded respect from opposition teams. Who could ever forget the last game battle against Croydon for relegation, which the Bulldogs won, and it was like winning a final. The build up was immense and everything that was asked of the players was offered.

Survival in a tough standard of football is probably the most positive attribute of this club in the 80's. EDFL football was highly regarded in both the metropolitan and country football leagues at the time.

Notable wins against the 'league powers' and solid training sessions at the trotting track were highlights of these seasons in the highest standard of football in the east of Melbourne.

In 1987 the club appointed Ally senior coach. This was the which still remains the in its short history. Not a and relegation moved us



De Waide from ex-Hawthorn fame as club's 4th year in 1st division, club's most successful period lot of game success came in this season back to 2nd division.

Local player Phil Mason season with Paul Recruiting for the assault on this season was prolific with many talented players coming to the club for the first time.

was appointed as coach for the 1988 Macdonald as reserves coach.

The 1988 season was successful and the club dominated the division. After a minor falter in the 2nd semi, the club regrouped and went forward with quality victories in the preliminary and grand finals.

The club moved back into 1st division for the 1989 season. After losing several players for various reasons, team success went missing in this season and relegation again loomed. This seemed to be an emerging pattern at South – after winning finals and being promoted, we lost players and went up to a new standard with a weakened contingent. Nevertheless, the character of the red, white and blue always remained – even in defeat.

It was time for a new breed to take us into the 90's and launch future success – again from 2nd division – at the start of the new decade.

Phil Mason.

BEST AND FAIREST

Seniors

Reserves

1980	J. Jamieson	L. MacDonald
1981	M. HicKelton	M. Hill
1982	D. Craig	R. Wadsworth
1983	D. Smith	R. Long
1984	C. Judd	H. Westworth
1985	J. Jamieson	D. Busby
1986	C. Judd	R. Wild
1987	P. Mason	P. Weston
1988	G. Paxton	W. Nelson
1989	J. Alderdice	H. Westworth



MOST NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED

P. Mason	269	M. Holloway	224
G. Madden	208	E. Setches	206
H. Westworth	168	M. Smith	166
J. Jamieson	152	R. Fenton	140
P. Gibb	140	G. Spencer	138
M. West	123	S. Latchford	121
D. Mason	118	B. Gibb	116
G. Egan	114	B. Ratcliff	109
B. Deith	108	G. Millard	104
M. Hickleton	102	G. Gibb	101
D. Stephens	100	Lucas Davies	100
B. Macey	100		

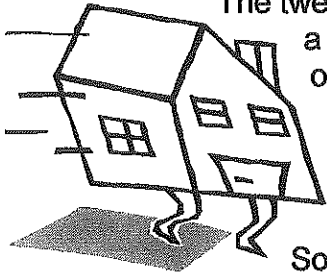
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CHALLENGE

IN

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The twenty years prior to the nineties had certainly set South Croydon as a very respected Club in the EDFL, not only for their performance on the field, but also for the excellent club administration and the very good facility at Cheong Park. A credit to all the members who worked so hard to build what is still better than most clubrooms.

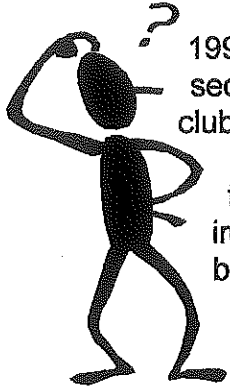
South Croydon enter the nineties with a new President "Ross Goodman" and a new senior coach "Kevin Collins". A strong combination that would not accept being back in 2nd division. Right from the word go, plans were put into action to get the club (which was still very young) back into 1st division. Peter Gibb was appointed reserves coach and Norm Osbourne under 18's. At the completion of the home and away games, you would have to say that the club was very satisfied with the season to date, having the seniors 2nd on the ladder, the reserves 1st and the u/18's 4th, we were knocking on the door of first division again. However, the finals proved to be a stumbling block with all teams going out in the prelim. Very disappointing for everyone at South that they were not able to finish off a great year. No doubt Benny and Collo had already set the bar higher for '91.

1991 saw Ross Goodman heading a committee structured very similar to the previous year. Kevin Collins Senior Coach, Harvey Westworth, Reserves coach and Lee Barkway, U/18's coach. After the disappointment of 1990 everyone was primed to make 91 a bigger and better year for the Bulldogs. Under Collo's guidance the seniors showed a lot of commitment throughout the season, winning 12 games, 1 less than 1990. However in contrast to the previous year, they performed to their ability in the finals to progress from the 1st semi, to win the flag. A very successful year with the U/18's also winning the grand final and the reserves finishing fourth.

1992 saw the club back for another crack at first division. As seems to be the norm the club lost senior players after winning the flag. This always makes it hard when you go up a division. However, with Collo still in control and Benny at the helm, South managed to win 5 games (unlucky not to have won more) this was enough to consolidate our position in 1st division.

1993 turned out to be a crisis year for the Bulldogs. Ron Macey was elected President and was immediately faced with the problem of the club having quite a large debt. Over the previous years, the club's major fundraiser, was running "Bingo" nights. This was very successful until poker machines were introduced into Victoria. With no money and a large debt, Ron took action straight away. At pre-season training he addressed the players and informed them that all payments would be cut by 50%. The reaction to this was that many players took off in their cars not to be seen at South Croydon again. Kevin Collins the coach, was also a casualty of this action. Peter Gibb was

enticed back from a coaching stint at Croydon to take over the senior job. With a depleted player list and a small band of loyal senior players, Peter certainly had the job in front of him to compete in 1st division. It is now history that we only won 1 game and were relegated to 2nd division. There is no doubt that this was a major turning point in the club's history, as the following year would prove.



1994 was always going to be a real challenge for the club. Ron Macey in his second year as President was joined by Phil Mason as senior coach. Phil, a club legend and prior successful coach of the club shouldered a lot of responsibility to arrest the slide that we were in. Still behind the eight ball financially and the lack of quality players proved it to be a mission impossible. The seniors did not win a game for the season and we headed back to 3rd division where the club started in 1969.

Season 1995 saw another change at the top. Brian Lamont was appointed president and Keith Cantle senior coach. With a further exodus of players the writing was on the wall for a tough year. The seniors won 2 games beating Ferntree Gully twice. The reserves 3 games and the u/18's 5 which included two forfeits. The senior coach threatened to quit twice in the first half of the season, and the president did quit at the half way mark. The season finished with South hanging onto a spot in 3rd division by 4% from the team they beat twice during the year, Ferntree Gully. It's interesting to note that Ferntree Gully are still in 4th division some 10 years later. Some people believe that had South dropped to 4th division that year the club may not have survived.

1996, Kevin Wheeler remained president having taken over from Brian Lamont mid season '95. Ross Goodman was elected vice president after a couple of years off the committee. The club appointed Tas Parish as senior coach for season '96. Still in the red the committee had the view that the club should concentrate on the local players and in particular the group of young guys coming up through the U/18's and also promising players from the junior club. The seniors and reserves finished with a 50/50-win loss ratio for the year. The U/18's did not record a win. However, the appointment of Rod Butfield as U/18's coach mid year was a significant factor in '96 being the first year that the club had made a positive move back towards our goal. That being 2nd division.

'97 and '98 seasons were very much along the lines of '96. Tas Parish was still senior coach and the committee stayed much the same. The seniors and reserves finished just outside the four. There were signs of improvement as each season unfolded.

Season '97 gave us the opportunity to witness the future players of South Croydon in action. Rod Butfield and his U/18 team who did not win a game in 1996 finished the home and away season with 13 wins to be 2nd on the ladder. They beat Knox in the 2nd semi, but unfortunately lost to the same team in the grand final. Tas and Rod's coaching certainly had the club back on track.

Tas Parish elected not to coach in '99 and the committee went searching for a coach to finish off his good work, in particular someone to guide the wealth of young talent at the club into senior football. After interviewing some 6 to 8 applicants the committee decided to look further afield and approached Gavin Taylor who was duly appointed. Norm Osbourne coached the reserves and Rod Buttfield continued to coach the U/18's. The seniors finished the season losing the 1st semi. The reserves were defeated in the grand final. However, a year that the club took another step towards our goal – 2nd division, and also blooded a number of young players of the future.

The nineties no doubt produced some highs and some lows. A 2nd division premiership in '91 was definitely a high. Almost falling to 4th division in '95 was the worst position the club has been in, in its short history. On the positive side the late nineties have been good for the club in general. There is now money in the bank and players primed to reap the reward for sticking with the club during its lean years.

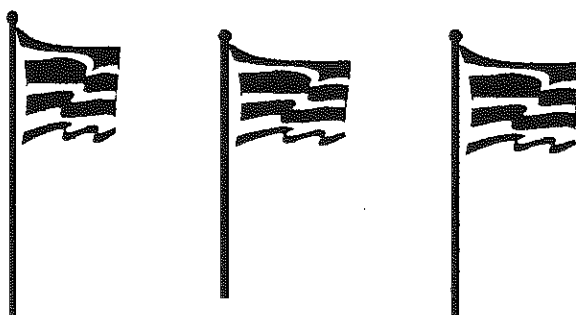
South went into the new millennium with high hopes, having acquired a small number of senior players over the '99 and 2000 season. Losing the preliminary final to Knox in 2000 after being 10 goals up was a great disappointment for the club. Particularly for Gavin Taylor who had brought the club so close to its goal.

2001. Having appointed three new coaches, Rod Buttfield – Senior Coach, Stephen Quon – Reserves and Gay Meyers – U/18's. What a success story the year turned out to be. Rod, in his first year as senior coach, almost the perfect record. Only one loss to Kilsyth. And winning the flag against Templestowe. Stephen Quon, first year as coach – a flag against old rival South Wantirna. Gary Meyers also a first year coach – a flag also against South Wantirna.

Three senior flags for the club 'What a day and what a celebration' that night (and the rest of the week). Three premierships were a just reward for the dedicated group of coaches, committee and players who had contributed many hours of their time, which started back in 1996.

A positive to come out of the nineties was the young players who have progressed through from the very strong junior club. They have definitely been a highlight, as they are now leaders at the club and are a credit to all those who have worked so hard for the future of South Croydon.

Kevin Wheeler.



BEST AND FAIREST

Seniors

1990 P. Preston
1991 G. Paxton
1992 R. Fenton
1993 M. Thomas
1994 g. Maddern
1995 P. Mason
1996 T. Jones
1997 B. Gibb
1998 L. Davies
1999 c. Philp
2000 S. Adams
2001 L. Davies
2002 G. Smith

Reserves

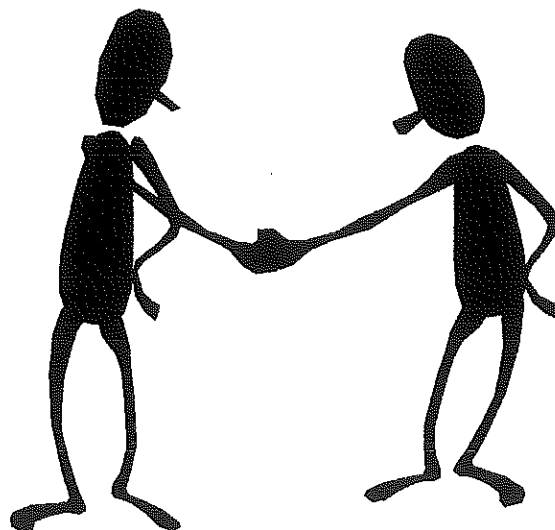
D. Glare
S. Thomas
M. Thomas
D. Barber
L. Thomas
M. Merrett
L. Thomas
C. McGrath/S. Quon
S. Quon
M. Slade
B. Crapper
T. Philp
B. Gibb

LIFE MEMBERS

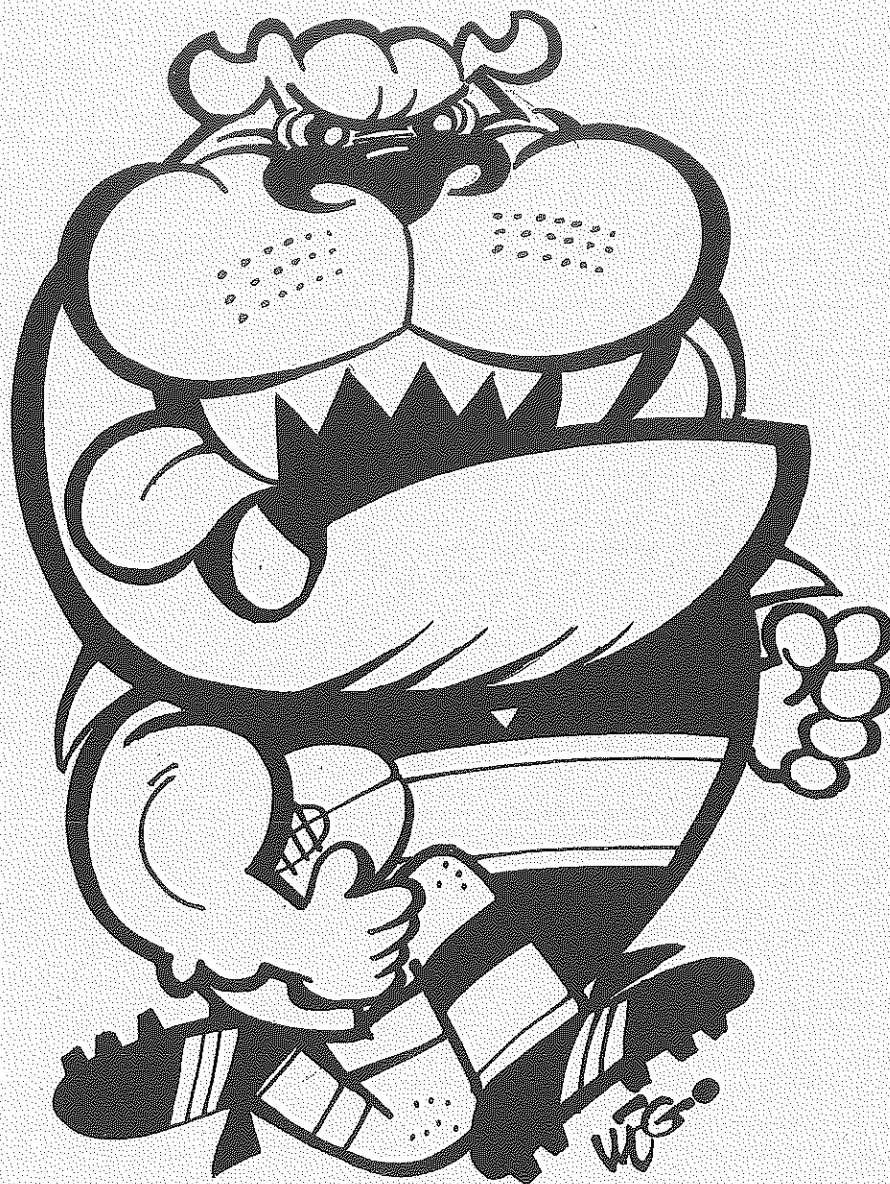
P. O'Callaghan
B. Reynolds
H. Westworth
Mrs M. Reynolds
P. Gibb
M. Holloway
P. Mason
G. Maddern
P. Macdonald

E. Wright
B. Whitney
G. Ratcliff
R. Fountain
Mrs J. Pantry
Mrs L. Day
B. Wild
R. Goodman
K. Wheeler

J. Pantry
K. Green
D. Stephens
Mrs C. Fountain
J. Jamieson
R. Dickson
E. Earl
R. Rose
J. Stone

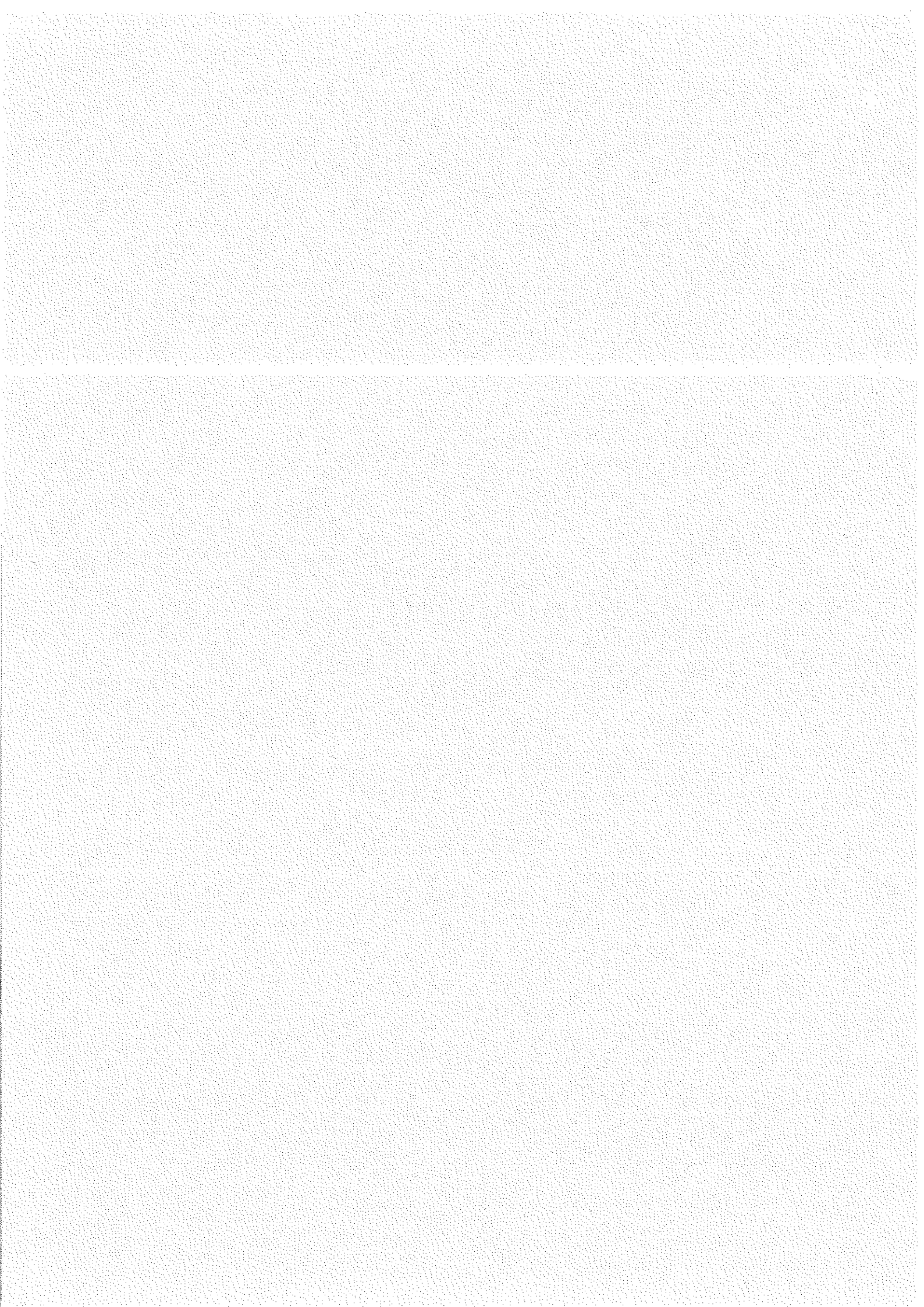


THE BULLDOG



ROUND 17

16TH August, 2003



PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



Well done to the under 16's, the under 14's and the Veterans for making their respective Grand Finals. Congratulations also to Steve Duke and his marvellous committee of dedicated hard workers. This committee and their coaches are amazing. They keep churning out top class players, year in year out, which is a huge benefit for our Seniors. All you have to do is look at our senior side and look at the quality of the person and player which makes me and the senior executive very proud to belong to South Croydon Football Club.

Phil Mason and his team of Veterans have made it to the Grand Final undefeated and one more win on the board will make them undefeated champions. The Veterans this year have done the club proud with their discipline, team efforts week in, week out. They have swept all before them in the Yarra Valley Football League. Well done to Wayne Nelson for winning the goal kicking award for the League. We will wait with baited breath to see who wins the comp. Best and fairest – the hot tip is that it is going to be a South Croydon player.

This weekend under 16's are playing Croydon at Vermont at 2.00 p.m., under 14's are playing Boronia at Donvale at 12.00 and the Veterans are playing North Croydon at Silvan 2.00 p.m.

We wish all the teams in the Grand Finals best of luck.

Last Saturday over at Knox it was a wonderful day with the under 18's showing the way with a hard fought win. The 2's just followed on with the example set by the Colts and played one of their best games for years. Then out came the first 18 and absolutely demolished Knox. To Rod and Ian well done. Rod's coaching skills were second to none. When you look at the facts – Rod was superb and out coached, Kevin Collins, who has the honour of being a first division premiership coach. Well done Rod! The club and supporters should be very proud of the effort done by these men on Saturday because I know I am!

Well done to Lucas Davies in chalking up his 100th game in the Seniors and the week before Brett Macey.

Grease Night last Saturday was a great rocking affair. Congratulations and many thanks to the social Committee, especially Sharon, Tanya, Kinsie, Andy Enders from the Veterans who kindly arranged and installed the lighting system –which was fantastic. Kathy and Steve Howell, also from the Veterans, who donated the prizes. A big get well to the phantom who swallowed a 50 cent coin, which was stuck in his throat and a big thank you to the guardian angels who took him to hospital and watched over him until he recovered.

One of the big highlights of the night was Cheryl and Dick Rose's dancing skills shown on the dance floor. Many thanks to their great effort in running the bar on Saturday night.



This Friday night at the Bird and Bottle we have the reunion of Darryl Stephen's 1973 Premiership Team and if anybody wishes to attend please see Darryl. What an amazing effort by these blokes. It is not very often you get to play in 2 grand finals in one year, two weeks in a row. I can still hear the celebrations 30 years on! Friday night should be a huge night. There will be legends from the club there and no doubt they will tell you what it was like "living in the 70's"

Don't forget everyone Vote Count will be after the Mulgrave game – Saturday night back at Cheong Park. BBQ Tea.

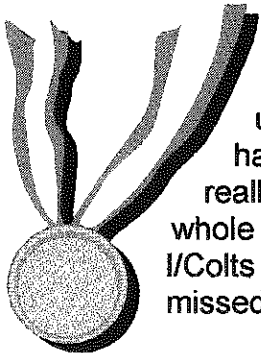
Thursday night before the Mulgrave game the Kennel Club have their \$2,000 final drawer. Good luck to the winner!

Presentation Night 4th October – see Cheryl for tickets.

PMAC

GARY'S GASBAGS

As this is the final newsletter of the year, I would like to start off by thanking all personnel that have helped the Colts throughout the year (in no particular order) –



John Stone (Head trainer), Alysha and Pat (trainers), Billy (anything), Kath (food), Terry (goal umpire), Mick and Rod (boundary umpires), Gary T. (funds), ladies in the canteen, mums and dads that have taken a job on Saturdays, club committee and the last 2 who have really been a great help all year and not just to me and the Colts but to the whole club in general John Dinnell (team manager, stats and anything else //Colts needed) and Paul McConnell (assistant coach and runner). If I have missed anyone I am sorry, class yourself in the mums and dad area above.

The Colts themselves have been very good so far this year, considering at the start of the year we were (and still are) struggling for numbers. There have been a number of games where we had the bare 18 players and they have worked really hard to win games against sides with 24 players. The quality of players and young men in this team ensures the club has a bright future as long as we keep these players at the club.

Currently the colts are third on the ladder and as long as we beat North Ringwood today and Mulgrave next week we should finish second. We can't go out of the final 4, finishing 2nd will give us a great springboard into the

finals. The next 2 games are must wins for the colts. For those interested the finals are to be played at Boronia.

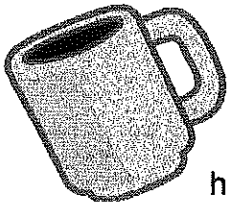
The development of players this year has been good with Stoney, Nick, Luke and Ando all having a run in the 1's. There are a few more colts players with the potential to make the 1's over the next year or so.

It's been a disappointing year for the club, going down to 3rd division next year. The seniors had chances throughout games to win them but just couldn't. the long term future looks very bright with such a young senior side, as long as we keep our current list and recruit well and all players, committee and supporters work hard over the next 6 months our stay in 3rd division will only be a short one.

Go the Colts in the finals.

Watch out in 2004, be careful of a wounded bulldog.

Gary Meyers.



FROM THE JUNIOR PRESIDENT

Where to start? It has been another big season for the juniors and I can hardly believe this Sunday will see it come to an end for another year.

Once again we have two teams competing in grand finals. Both teams have put in a lot of hard work over the year and have certainly earned their places. Your support for the under 14's at Donvale (12.20p.m. start) and the U/16's at Vermont (2.30p.m. start) would be greatly appreciated.

Our non-competitive teams (U10 and 11) showed great improvement through the year. With many first year layers and bare minimum numbers, both sides struggled on the scoreboard most matches, however their endeavour and willingness to learn from their coaches will stand them in good stead for next year.

The U12 team also had many first year players. They had a few wins along the way and will be much better next year after getting a season under their belts. They also showed great improvement throughout the year and demonstrated that when they listened to their coach and played to the team plans they were a very competitive team.

The U13's stepped up to A Division after winning last years B Division flag. They quickly learned a few lessons, particularly that they must play 4 quarters of football to win in A division. The final round saw them beat Norwood black

very comfortably, turning around a 4/5 goal loss in round 1. This was a great effort and saw them finish 6th for the year. Having shown they can be competitive at this level, we are looking for this group to take the next step and play finals as U/14's. This is something they can do if they commit themselves to the task.

After dropping back to B Division, the U/14's had an excellent year losing only two home and away games and finishing second on the ladder. Numbers were boosted this year with a few of last years U/14's coming back to their right age groups and a couple of new recruits fitting in well. These extra numbers have made all the difference for Shane and the boys, with team mates ready and eager to come on if players do not follow the game plans. They now face Boronia in the grand final after beating them during the year and in the semi final. We wish them well in a game they can win as long as they follow the coach's instructions.

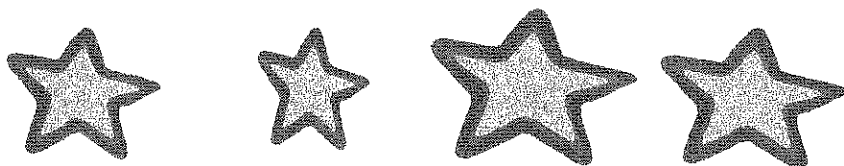
The U/16's fronted up after winning last years A division flat as U/15's and had another excellent year going through the season undefeated. This was a fantastic effort from Noel and the boys and they are to be congratulated. Unfortunately, after 23 winning games on the trot they went down to Croydon in the semi final. They did however, bounce back to beat east Burwood in the preliminary final to face Croydon in a replay of last year's grand final. They certainly have the ability to win if they play their normal hard running game, good luck!

Congratulations to the following boys who were invited to train with various representative teams – Chris Lea (U13 EFL rep. Squad), Troy Hancock (U14 EFL inter league team), Luke Markovic, Evan Panozza, Matt Jones and Russell Farrell (U16 Eastern Rangers squads). Luke made his way to the early Vic Metro U16 squad and both he and Evan have also been training with the Eastern Rangers U18 team. Well done to all.

Finally, our thanks go to everyone at the senior club who have helped out this year, from Rod and the boys who came to training through to the senior committee who were so supportive during our ground difficulties earlier in the year and those who just came down to watch.

We are very lucky to be in a position where the Junior and Senior club work so closely together. Talking to many other clubs, this would appear to be almost the exception and will stand us in good stead as we all work to get the Bulldogs back to a position of strength.
Hope to see you Sunday at Donvale and Vermont.

Steve Duke
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THE MAGOO REVIEW

ROUND 12 VERSUS BORONIA
AT: TORMORE RESERVE

IT HAD BEEN A TOUGH SEASON COMING INTO THIS ROUND WITH ONLY ONE WIN ON THE BOARD SO FAR BUT THINGS WERE STILL LOOKING O.K. ON PAPER WE HAD A STRONG SIDE WITH PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE AND A TOP GROUP OF YOUNG PLAYERS.

THIS WEEK WE GOT AWAY WITH A GOOD START DOMINATING PLAY IN THE FIRST QUARTER AND ALTHOUGH IN ACCURATE IN FRONT OF GOAL WE SHOWED WE WERE DESPERATE FOR THE BALL.

THE SIDE LOOKED POTENT UP FORWARD WITH BRETT MACEY AND BOMBER DOMINATING THE HALF FORWARD LINE AND WITH BERTA AND WHITE DOG DOING WELL IN THE MID-FIELD THINGS LOOKED PROMISING.

A GREAT EFFORT IN THE SECOND QUARTER INTO THE BREEZE ALLOWED US TO GO INTO THE BREAK WITH A GOOD LEAD.

AFTER THE HALF WE CAME OUT PUMPED UP AND BLEW THE GAME APART WITH INSPIRED RUN AND ATTACK ON THE BALL.

(HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WAS BOMBERS LEFT FOOT GOAL WHICH WAS DRILLED FROM 65 METRES.)

WE SET UP A LEAD OF ABOUT 7 GOALS AT THE FINAL BREAK AND WERE CONFIDENT OF GOING ON WITH THE JOB.

UNFORTUNATELY WE STARTED TO TIRE IN THE LAST QUARTER AND PROBABLY A LACK OF BEING IN WINNING POSITIONS THIS YEAR SHOWED AND WE ALLOWED BORONIA TO STORM HOME WITH 5 UNANSWERED GOALS BUT TO OUR CREDIT WE HAD DONE ENOUGH WORK EARLY TO GET THE WELL EARNED VICTORY.

(BOYS DON'T PANIC IN THIS SITUATION AGAIN JUST ATTACK THE FOOTY HARDER.)

SCORES _____ :	SOUTH CROYDON	BORONIA
	<u>9 - 11 65</u>	<u>8 - 10 58</u>

BEST PLAYERS: ASH DUNCAN, RYAN VERNON, KEVIN (BOMBER) TILLBROOK, LUKE MILNER, SCOTT (HARDBALL) McCALL AND BRETT CRAPPERS KICK-INS.

ROUND 13 VERSUS MONTROSE
AT: CHEONG PARK

THIS WAS A SHOCKER OF A GAME.

AFTER A TERRIFIC AND SPIRITED WIN THE WEEK BEFORE I WAS FULL OF CONFIDENCE THAT A SIMILAR BOIL-OVER WOULD BE ON THE CARDS AT HOME.

DURING THE FIRST QUARTER WE HAD PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO SCORE BUT OUR CONFIDENCE UP FORWARD WAS MISSING AND THE OPPOSITION TOOK EVERY CHANCE THEY GOT.

QUARTER TIME WE WERE DOWN BY 6 GOALS AND IT ONLY GOT WORSE FROM THERE. WE GOT SMASHED ALL OVER THE GROUND BY A COMMITTED AND HARD WORKING OPPOSITION AND THEY EMMBARRASSED US SEVERELY.

IT WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PICK BEST PLAYERS TODAY AND IT WAS MOST UNCHARACTERISTIC OF THE RESERVES TO GO DOWN WITHOUT A WHIMPER.

(THE RESERVES WORST LOST IN 6-8 YEARS.)

SCORES _____ :	SOUTH CROYDON	MONTROSE
	<u>2 - 9 21</u>	<u>24 - 16 160</u>

BEST PLAYERS: KEVIN (BOMBER) TILLBROOK, LUKE MILNER, LEE BAKER, BRETT MACEY AND MICHEAL (ALBY) LITOVKIN.

ROUND 14 VERSUS DONCASTER
AT: SHARK PARK

AFTER GOOD NUMBER TO CHOOSE FROM IN THE PAST MONTH FOR SOME REASON THIS WEEK WE GOT STRUCK WITH THE INJURY/ILL/MISING IN ACTION BUG THIS WEEK AND BY KICK-OFF WE ONLY HAD EIGHTEEN PLAYERS. (INCLUDING A MULLET FROM THE UNDERS)

THIS COULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD THING BECAUSE EVERYBODY KNEW THEY HAD TO PERFORM TO THEIR BEST ALL DAY FOR A WIN TO BE POSSIBLE.

WE JUMPED OUT OF THE BLOCKS WELL AND KICKED 4 GOALS IN THE FIRST QUARTER TO LEAD BY 2 GOALS.

S.O.G. WAS DOMINATING IN THE CENTRE AFTER BEING ELECTED CAPTAIN THRU THE SCISSORS-PAPER-ROCK METHOD PRIOR TO THE GAME.

THE MULLET WAS ON FIRE UP FORWARD AND EVERYTHING WAS LOOKING ROSEY. DURING THE SECOND AND THIRD TERMS DONCASTER CHIPPED AWAY IN A TIGHT GAME AND MANAGED TO WRESTLE THE LEAD OFF US BUT WE WERE RUNNING HARD AND GETTING PLENTY OF THE BALL.

COME THE LAST QUARTER WE WERE STILL IN THE GAME AND RAN IT RIGHT OUT TO THE END TO GO DOWN BY 2 GOALS IN A FANTASTIC EFFORT FOR A SIDE WITH ONLY EIGHTEEN PLAYERS.

<u>SCORES</u> :	SOUTH CROYDON	DONCASTER
	<u>9 - 6 60</u>	<u>10 - 12 72</u>

BEST PLAYERS: GREAT TEAM EFFORT GOT US \$230 ON THE BAR,
 PLUS TRENT MA-SIER
 PLUS STEVE (THE MULLET) ANDERSON.

ROUND 15 VERSUS LILYDALE
AT: CHEONG PARK

AGAIN NOT OUR BEST GAME FOR THE YEAR BUT THIS WEEK WE KEPT PLUGGING AWAY ALL DAY TO GO DOWN IN A SPIRITED EFFORT.

I DON'T RATE LILYDALE RESERVES AT ALL AND IT SEEMS ALL THEY WANTED TO DO TODAY WAS VERBALLY WHINGE AND MOAN AND ABUSE OUR PLAYERS. FROM THEIR COACH AND HIS WHINING ASSISTANT ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE WATER BOYS THEY JUST KEPT GOING ALL DAY.

UNFORTUNATELY FOR US THE HAD US ON THE SCOREBOARD SO WHAT CAN YOU DO? STILL THERE WERE SOME GOOD 4 QUARTER EFFORTS FROM OUR PLAYERS AND WE GAVE EVERYTHING WE HAD BUT IT JUST WASN'T ENOUGH THIS WEEK.

<u>SCORES</u> :	SOUTH CROYDON	LILYDALE
	<u>11 - 2 68</u>	<u>18 - 17 125</u>

BEST PLAYERS: TRENT MA-SIER , CAM DOUEAL, MATTY HANLON,
 DANIAL (TOAST) WILLIAMS
 AND RYAN (7-6) CLIFF.

ROUND 16 VERSUS KNOX
AT : KNOX GARDENS RESERVE

TODAY WAS LOOKING LIKE IT COULD BECOME AN UGLY DAY FOR THE RESERVES. THE RESERVE SIDE HAD NEVER WON AT KNOX GARDEN RESERVES IN THE HISTORY OF THE 2 CLUBS.

WITH THE LATE WITHDRAWALS OF DEAN CAPOBIANCO AND MICHEAL FLATLEY OUR RESOURCES WERE STRETCHED TO THE LIMITS WITH ONLY 19 PLAYERS.

AS THE STORM CLOUDS CIRCLED OVERHEAD THE UMPIRE BLEW THE WHISTLE TO START THE GAME AND THEN IT HAPPENED.

TAP DOWN, CENTRE CLEARANCE, KICK, MARK, GOAL. (OH-NO) THEN AGAIN

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TAP DOWN, CENTRE CLEARANCE, KICK, MARK, GOAL. (OH-NO)

NOW IT WAS ONLY THREE MINUTES INTO THE GAME AND IT ALREADY LOOKED LIKE A FLOGGING WAS ABOUT TO OCCUR!

BUT WHO WAS GOING TO GET THE FLOGGING?

WELL KNOX OF COURSE.

DID YOU THINK KNOX KICKED THOSE GOALS?

OH YOU HAVE LITTLE FAITH IN THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE MAGOO'S.

WELL AFTER HOLDING SWAY FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OLD MAN KINGY TOOK A GRAB ON THE SIREN ABOUT 65 METRES OUT AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE GROUND.

HE WENT BACK DELIBERATELY AND WITH 18 KNOX PLAYERS, THE COACHING STAFF, THE PRESIDENT, THE CANTEEN LADY AND MASSUER ON THE MARK HE SENT A

SPIRALLING TORPEDO PUNT THRU THE CENTRE OF THE BIG STICKS AT POST HEIGHT TO GIVE THE DOGGIES A 5 GOAL QUARTER TIME LEAD.

DIDN'T EXPECT THAT DID YOU!

WELL DURING THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS IT WAS MUCH OF THE SAME AND AT ONE STAGE I LOOKED UP TO SEE WE HAD A COMMANDING 7 GOAL LEAD BUT THE JOB WASN'T OVER.

WE GOT TO THE LAST QUARTER AND HELD SWAY FOR THE FIRST HALF OF IT BUT WE BEGAN TO TIRE AND KNOX GOT A SNIFF OF IT AND CAME CHARGING HOME WITH SOME LATE GOALS BUT THE JOB HAD BEEN DONE.

WE HELD ON TO WIN BY A GOAL AND ACHIEVED THE IMPOSSIBLE VICTORY.

IT WAS THE BEST WIN I HAVE EVER PLAYED IN. (INCLUDING FINALS)

HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE \$400 BOUNTY.

SAME AGAIN THIS WEEK AGAINST NORTH RINGWOOD.

LETS GET BLIND AGAIN.

SCORES :	SOUTH CROYDON	KNOX
	<u>9 - 10 64</u>	<u>8 - 10 58</u>

BEST PLAYERS:

BRAD (S.O.G) O'BRIEN, MATT MEYERS,
DANIAL (TOAST) WILLIAMS, MATT (OLD MAN) KING,
DEANO COLWELL, RUSS UREN, SHANE PEMBERTON,
RYAN (40 YEAR OLD) CLIFF, TRENT (FIFTY CENT) SIER,
JARRYD DAISCH, STEVE BRIDGMAN, BRETT CRAPPER, CAM
DOUEAL, ALBY MANGELS, SHANE KEARNY,
MICHEAL (NO SHOWER) KING, BRETT (PIGSY) MACEY &
MATT VERNIERS.
AND DON'T FORGET THE COCROACH DID O.K.

STEPHEN QUON
RESERVES COACH

GREASE IS THE WORD...IS THE WORD...IS THE WORD

A fab time was had by all at the Grease Night last Saturday night.

Shaz had the idea from the start and did a great job getting it organised and making it happen on the night. Thanks heaps.

Thanks also to Connie, Simone, Tania, Cindy, Kathy, Louisa, David, Michael and PMAC for their help.

A big thank you to Andy Edis for putting up the lights and Gary Davey from Lighting Lab for providing them.

Thanks to Steve Howell for the chocolates which went down really well as prizes and to Connie for providing the spirits for the raffle.

Thanks to Phil 'Vince Fontain' Mason for being cool and judging the dance off.

Congratulations to all those who dressed up for the occasion – you looked terrific. Some gender bending **really** made it fun.

The Vince Fontain Dance Off was won by –

1st Prize - PMAC and Kathy
Runners Up - Dick and Cheryl Rose

Best dressed prizes – all four girls!!

1st Wayne Buttfeld
Tania Rose

Runners Up Cheryl Rose
Daniel Hammersley.



Thanks again to all.

VOTE COUNT

The Vote Count for Under 18's, Reserves and Seniors will occur on Saturday 23rd August after the Mulgrave game commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the clubrooms.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation Night 2003 will be held on 4th October starting at 6.30p.m. sharp at Dorset Gardens. Cost \$35.00 covers 3 course meal and D.J. Drinks at bar prices available from 6.30 p.m.

The presentations commence at 6.30 p.m. continuing until 8.30 p.m. This will enable all attending to give their full attention to the speeches and presentations.

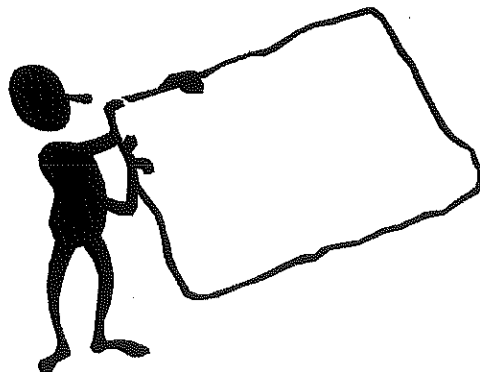
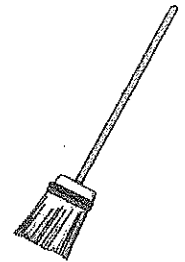
Dinner will start at 8.30 p.m. along with our favourite D.J. John. Music and dancing will continue until midnight.

CLEANING ROSTER

To all those senior, reserve and colt players who cleaned out the change rooms on Thursday night a big thank you!

KAREN AND DARRYL

Footy season is nearly finished so we won't be around as much to watch your antics. However keep up the good work and give those cricketers something to talk about. Thanks for the laughs.



SPONSORSHIP FOR 2004

The Club is looking for more sponsors for the 2004 season. So if you know of any sponsorship opportunities (family, friends and employer) who may be able to assist the Club next season (i.e. ground signage, player sponsorship, provision of goods and services etc.) please advise Paul Macdonald.

South Croydon Veterans Football Club



Premiers: 1999, 2002

Match Report: Semi Final Sth Croydon Vets V Mt Evelyn, Sunday 3rd August – at Silvan Football Ground.

The 'knock-out' final for the right to play in the 'big one' took place at Silvan last Sunday. We were up against our last game opponents in Mt Evelyn.

Windy conditions - although sunny - greeted us at the small Silvan ground but importantly the surface was fine. Good football and a spectacle was tested all game because of the conditions.

South started with the wind and it was all out attack. Early possession sent the ball forward but conditions made ball control difficult as did the pressure applied in general play. South won most of the play but could not convert on the scoreboard. Mt Evelyn pushed forward on several occasions only breaking through for 2 minors for the quarter. At the other end South could only manage 1 major in 6 scoring shots with most of the play – not a good return.

In the second term we managed to control play early and pushed forward repeatedly and scored a valuable goal against the wind. Mt Evelyn hit a purple patch late in the quarter and replied with 2 quick goals giving them 3 for the quarter and they held a 4 point lead at the main break.

The third term was important to hit back and regain the lead allowing sufficient margin for the last against the wind. We picked up in midfield and started to provide supply for our forwards. Bad kicking again resulted in only 2 goals from 8 attempts which really kept the opposition in the hunt. Team play started to evolve and the signs were good. A 15 to 8 scoring shot advantage by the orange break meant that we had twice the play but only held a 7 point lead...a poor return for the effort.

The game was 'up for grabs' in the last quarter as the mountain men were coming home with the wind. Not to be denied, South again worked hard early in the term and dominated play...when it counted the 'cream came to the top'. We attacked again and again and kicked 2 valuable goals giving us a 3 1/2 goal buffer for at least half the quarter. We worked the clock to perfection and retained possession eating up valuable time. Mt Evelyn hit back in 'red time' to edge closer with successive goals and after a 3rd shot missed 'behind the stick' the siren sounded a much relieved victory for the 'old dogs' by 8 points.

This victory sets up a grand final game against rivals North Croydon who won in a thriller against Chirside by 1 point. They will be keen to amend for last years loss to us in the semi. We have to be at our best to take this out because they will be pumped from their incredible last quarter effort. Our conversion rate hasn't been good all year and it needs to improve immediately – practice will make perfect.

We had many good contributors for the day in trying conditions: Beama was 'Mr Rock Solid' as was 'ever reliable' D Nelson. Coppa made a welcome return and the rest must have done him well. Dicko found touch when needed and Tommy rose to the top in the last. Well done to many others.

We need a big lift from everyone in the next game – we will be tested, make no mistake. Our application, resolve, G&D has to be at it's greatest...it is under intense pressure (which you would expect in a grand final) we are vulnerable! Keep it positive with team mates at all times! A special mention to all the guys on the bench and thank you for your patience and every endeavour will be made to get more game time for you in the 'big one' – 'stick fat'.

South Croydon Veterans Football Club

The work still needs to happen and the job isn't yet done...keep focussed.....

Thanks again to our loyal support staff – Billy world's best, Michael Fowler, John and Ronda, Dick and Cheryl, Cathy, Kingsy and Cindy and Co., and the 'water boys', Pmac and Billy.....

Thanks to our sponsors:- Wayne Nelson, Russell Long and Bruce Ratcliff

Scores: Sth Croydon 6.13.49 def. Mt Evelyn 6.5.41

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sth Croy:	1-5-11,	2-5-17,	4-11-35,	6-13-49
Mt Evelyn:	0-2-2,	3-3-21,	4-4-27,	6-5-41

Best Players Sth Croydon: Beamish, Nelson D, Maddern, Dixon, Adams, Johnson, Lind.

Goal Kickers: W Lind 1, R Brosnan 1, D Mason 1, B Dixon 1, T Johnson 1, W Nelson 1.

**Next Game: Grand Final: Sth Croydon Vets V Croydon North at Silvan,
Sunday 17th August, 2.00pm.....BE THERE!.....**

South Croydon Veterans



Football Club



**YVMDFL Veterans Grand Final
South Croydon Vets**

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North Croydon

Sunday

17th August 2003

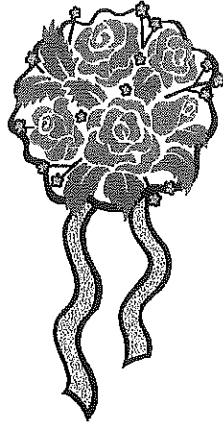
2.00pm

At Silvan Football Ground

Come up and support the Old Dogs

THANK YOU

To everyone who has given articles to the newsletter I thank you sincerely. To all those people who have offered me special articles for the reunion newsletter, a special thanks. I could not have done it without all your help.



AN EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS

To the special person in my life that has had to put up with me. He has had to put up with an incredible paper trail, has been an unpaid courier, proof reader and sounding board. He has supported, encouraged, offered suggestions been there in times of trial (computers have the habit of dying at the wrong time) I cannot thank you enough, you are my rock. I have only one thing to say to you – oooo oooo, ding, ding, ding, ding, clickety, clack, clickety, clack.

