

# Striker



Newsletter of the Swan Hill Soccer League

Date: Christmas 2012



The Swan Hill Soccer League Committee would like to wish all past & present players, parents, volunteers and supporters a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The Committee:

**Allison Lewin** - President **Gino Salvo** - Secretary  
**Sue Fox** - Treasurer **Paul Smith** - Vice President  
**John Piper** - Life Member  
**Dave Coward** - FFV Zone Development Officer  
**Tony DiPalma** **Joseph Pino**  
**John Fitzpatrick** **Andrew Stanyer**  
**Tammy Baldwin** **Annette Mitchell**  
**Chris Lahy** **Chrissie Stewart**

The Committee would like to thank:

- All the parents for supporting their children to play soccer, for assisting during the competition, taking on roles as coach, team manager and washing the strips, assisting with setting up in the morning and cleaning up at the end of the day. To provide this assistance allows us to provide a valuable sporting program for our community.
- The referees who without their participation each week we would not have any games. In particular we would like to thank the main referees - Chrissie Stewart, Taenitia Bell and Matt Smith.
- Trevor Lewin was vital to our competition in ensuring our grounds were aligned and marked properly for our Saturday and Bendigo Amateur Soccer League, as well as other soccer events involving schools competitions.
- All those involved in Junior Futsal this year and in particular Marg Smith.

The Committee would like to congratulate Tony Di Palma (Open Women) and John Fitzpatrick (Seniors/Reserves) for their commitment to coaching the senior teams. They were also well supported by Glen Matthews (Women) and Joseph Pino (Seniors/Reserves) as well as a number of supporters who ensured everything was in place each week so the coaches and players only had to concentrate on the game.

A special thank you to John Fitzpatrick who will be standing down as coach in 2013. The Committee wishes him all the best for his upcoming marriage.



The Swan Hill Soccer League aims is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for the Swan Hill and District Community to enjoy the game of soccer whilst providing a pathway for talented players to progress.

## 2012 Achievements

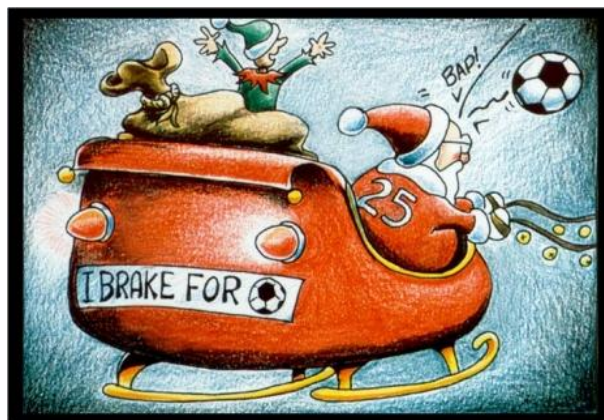
- 229 children played Saturday Soccer
- A Seniors, Reserves and Open Womens Team competed in the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League competition
- Commencement of the Sunraysia Academy of Sport in Swan Hill with 14 players ranging from 9-13 years participating.
- Futsal Competition - Junior, Senior Men's & Women's involving 316 adult & junior players
- Victorian Champions League - 8 players ranging from U13 - U17's represented Loddon Mallee Football Club (Lightning) in the State Wide Victorian Champions League.
- Two Swan Hill Soccer League representative teams
  - U12 & U13 Boys competed in the 2012 Football Federation Victoria Challenge Cup in Bendigo.
- Four Swan Hill Soccer League players were represented in the Bendigo U12 & 16 Girls teams in the 2012 Football Federation Victoria Challenge Cup in Bendigo.

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- Two Swan Hill Soccer League representative teams (U12 & U13 Boys) competed in the 2012 Country League Football Association Championships in Wodonga
- Two Swan Hill Soccer League Futsal representative teams - U12 & U14 Boys competed in the 2012 Football Federation Victoria Futsal Club Championships in Bendigo.
- Two Swan Hill Soccer League representative teams (U12 & U15 Boys) competed in the 2013 Football Federation Victoria Boys FC in Bendigo.
- The U12 Boys presented as the 12B Runners Up in the 2012 Football Federation Victoria Futsal Club Championships in Bendigo under the coaching direction of Ken Pinchen.
- Junior Certificates in Coaching were completed by 12 coaches.
- The Bendigo Amateur Soccer League Family Award Went to the Lewin Family - Allison, Trevor, Christopher, Benjamin and Anthony.
- Chris Lewin named in the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League Men's All Star Team.
- Natalie Von Wirtz Matthews named in the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League Women's All Star Team
- Maggie Smith awarded Bendigo Bank Academy of Sport "Girls Football Athlete of the Year".
- Sue Fox awarded Football Federation Victoria (FFV) Volunteer of the Year
- Brenton Hayward awarded Football Federation Victoria (FFV) Referee of the Year.
- Brenton Hayward awarded Football Federation Australia (FFA) Referee of the Year
- Brenton Hayward announced as a match official for the 2012-13 A-League Competition. Brenton was a past Swan Hill Soccer League player and referee.
- Paul Smith awarded the Sunraysia Academy of Sport 2012 Football Program-Contribution Award and the Sunraysia Academy of Sport Overall Award - 2012 Allan Hassell Contribution Award.
- Brent Mitchell selected to play with Melbourne Youth Football Club in an U19 Youth tour of Germany in 2013
- Maggie Smith selected in the Victorian U13G Futsal Team in 2012 and Victorian U14G Futsal Team in 2013.
- Swan Hill Soccer League was well represented in the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League Vote Count.

- www.swanhillsoccer.com website receiving 2,572 hits in August, 3,933 in September and 2,128 in October

**Congratulations to the Swan Hill Soccer League Committee, Players, Parents, Volunteers and Supporters. If it wasn't for everyone working together we would not be able to provide these opportunities to engage our young people in the fantastic sport of soccer (Football - The Beautiful Game).**



### 2013

In 2013 the Swan Hill Soccer League would like to deliver similar achievements as highlighted for 2012 but as well as increase the number of junior players, commence training sessions pre the winter competition, develop winter training and work with other user groups to improve the facilities at the Ken Harrison Complex.

The Committee will be advertising interest for coaches, referees and players in both the Swan Hill Saturday and Bendigo Amateur Soccer League competitions.

The **Swan Hill Soccer League Annual General Meeting** will be held on **13th February 2013** and we would like as many parents to attend as possible not only to show support and assist the committee but also to consider becoming a committee member and help further develop soccer in Swan Hill for 2013. Details of the Annual General Meeting will be advertised and posted on [www.swanhillsoccer.com](http://www.swanhillsoccer.com)



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## **COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

2012 Football Federation Victoria Challenge Cup in Bendigo.

### U 12 Boys

Ethen Pinchen, William Hampton, Josh Stanyer, Corey & Baden Grey, Colby Mitchell, Ethan Fox, Jaz & Harley Lahy, Nathaneal Jones, Liam Baldwin, Tafi & Tafara Mhindurwa, Quinn Bruckmann, Eddie Hommelhoff

Coach - Ken Pinchen

Manager - Tammy Baldwin

### U 13 Boys

Cooper Fox, Anthony Lewin, Nick Higginbottom, Jack Dickinson, Madison Houlihan, Maddison Mitchell, Scott Smith, Tara Thomas, Megan Williamson, Ethan Griffiths, Lochi Matthews, Archie Bissinella, Paris Lahy

Coach - Tony Di Palma

Manager - Sue Fox

### Bendigo U12 Girls -Swan Hill Players

Annie Bissinella, Bella Howison

### Bendigo U16 Girls- Swan Hill Players

Natalie Von Wirtz Mathews. Maggie Smith

## **COUNTRY LEAGUE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

2012 Country League Football Association Championships in Wodonga.

### U12 BOYS

Zachary Warne, Colby Mitchell, Jaz Lahy, Quinn Bruckmann, William Hampton, Joshua Stanyer, Baden Grey, Harley Lahy, Tafadzu Mhindurwa, Tafarara Mhindurwa, Annie Bissinella, Corey Grey, Tiger Caruso, Liam Baldwin

Coach - Jason Caruso

Manager -Tammy Baldwin

### U13 BOYS

Anthony Lewin, Maddison Houlihan, Angus Op't Hoog, Archie Bissinella, Paris Lahy, Megan Williamson, Nick Higginbottom, James Brown, Cooper Fox, Tara Thomas, Joshua Grigg, Jack Dickinson, Anthony Lewin, Madison Mitchell

Coach - Tony DiPalma

Manager - Sue Fox

Swan Hill Soccer League appreciates all the work in getting the teams to the Championships and would particularly like to thank Ken Pinchen, Tony Di Palma, Jason Caruso Tammy Baldwin, Allison Lewin, Sue Fox, and all the parents.

## **FOOTBALL FEDERATION VICTORIA FUTSAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

### U12 Boys

Coach: Ken Pinchen

Ethan Pinchen, Josh Stanyer, Scott Smith, Liam Baldwin. Jaz Lahy, Zac Warne, Darcy McGregor

### U14 Boys

Coaches: Tony Di Palma/Paul Smith

Anthony Lewin. Paris Lahy, Maggie Smith, Tara Thomas, Tom McGregor, Jack Dickinson



## **JUNIOR CERTIFICATE IN COACHING**

Junior Certificate in Coaching - Chris Lewin, Ben Lewin, Martin Jones, Damian Howison, Ken Pinchfin, Paul Bissinella, Warrick Grey, Daniel Kunst, Tarin Tants, Shane Holmes, Garry Foster and Jason Caruso.

## **SUNRAYSIA ACADEMY OF SPORT**

Coach: Dave Coward FFV Zone Development Officer.

Assistants: Paul Smith, Jason Caruso, Tony DiPalma Annie Bissinella, Archie Bissinella, Anthony Lewin, Liam Baldwin, Megan Williamson, Tara Thomas, Zachary Warne, Jaz Lahy, Tafadzu Mhindurwa, Tafarara Mhindurwa, Tiger Caruso, Scott Smith, Jai Wright, Darcy McGregor, Jeremy Sharkey, Joshua Stanyer

## **VICTORIAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

Swan Hill Soccer League Representatives:

U13 Girls - Annie Bissinella, Megan Williamson

U15Girls - Tara Thomas, Maggie Smith

U17Girls - Isabella Salvo, Natalie Von Wirtz Matthews,

U14 Boys - Archie Bissinella

U17 Boys - Jordan Lahy

## **FOOTBALL FEDERATION VICTORIA BOYS FC 2013**

Football Federation Victoria Boys FC in Bendigo

### U12 BOYS

Scott Smith (Injured), Jaz Lahy, Harley Lahy, Liam Baldwin, Tafadzu Mhindurwa, Ethen Pinchen, Nathanael Jones, Daniel Hughes, Hamish McGregor, Darcy McGregor, Zac Warne.

Coach: Paul Smith

Manager: Tammy Baldwin

### U15 BOYS

Tyson Fox, Cooper Fox, Ben Lewin, Anthony Lewin, Maggie Smith, Justyn Moser, Brayden Young, Brock Baldwin.

Coach Sue Fox.





## FAVOURITE 2012 NEWSLETTER PHOTOS







