



TIGERS TALES

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WELCOME TO THE 2012 SEASON



TIGERS: 2011 open men Minor premiers and Premier League relegation/advancement winners

Back Row (L to R) : Tom Brittle, Matt Chapman, Drew Anderson, Mitch Minors, Scott White, Jack Yeates, Chris Ceccato, Jonathon Newman, Brendan Browne, Joey Amato, Dave Hardy

Front Row (L to R): Andrew Poetschka, Philip Couch, Ryan Gemmola, Luke Webster, Derek Dowie (coach), SabinoRagno, Josh Bellamy, Matt Dowie, Matthew Thompson (captain)



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome Back! And thanks again for supporting our great club. If you are new to our club I would like to personally welcome you to Tuncurry Forster Football Club – the Family Club!

The committee for the 2012 season is a dedicated bunch of people who are “committed” to making yours and/or your child’s football experience a pleasant one.



This year as a bonus to families who are registering 3 or more players we are offering a 10% discount off the entire amount a small saving but a saving nonetheless.

The committee for the 2012 season is a dedicated bunch of people who are “committed” to making yours and/or your child’s football experience a pleasant one. The 2012 committee and contact details are as follows:

- **President - Amanda Chapman** Ph: 6555 9372/ Mob: 0447 106 593
- **Vice President – Grounds/Wet Weather Co-ordinator - Dave Stewart**
Mob: 0488 931 806
- **Secretary - Sharon Bryce** Mob: 0409554231
- **Treasurer - Kev Chapman** Mob: 0407 275 081
- **Registrar - Vanessa McCarry** Mob: 0421259 440
- **Director of Coaching - Scott Fletcher** Mob: 0412 308 643
- **Canteen Supervisor - Merv Burton** Ph: 6555 8269/ Mob: 0417 682 668
- **Gear Steward and FMNC Rep - Geoff McCarthy** Mob: 0419 484 273
- **Sponsorship - Tim Barber** Mob: 0408 649 726
- **Junior Players Rep and Child Protection Officer - Chris Williams**
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- **Web Coordinator – Stu Ireland**

As well as these people we have general committee members **Jonathon Newman, Dave Hardy and Derek Dowie**. We still have some committee vacancies so if you are interested in joining please see a current committee member for details.

There are some exciting changes to football this year. These include:

- The age a child can start. Any child can register as long as they are turning 5 before December 31 in the year they register. This means that a 4 year old can now play however this child would have to remain in Under 6’s for at least 2 years.
- Promotion of a Girls competition – an Under 15 Girls competition has been underway for the last 2 years and is generating more interest. This year FMNC is considering an Under 14 and Under 16 girls competition so girls are not forced to play seniors straight away.
- Age reduction for seniors – any player that has reached the age of 15 is eligible to play in the senior competition.
- Under 18 players can play up and down into the senior competition or premier league competition with no restrictions.
- There is no age restriction on playing up in grades – the previous ruling stated that players could only play 1 year above their age group. This restriction has now been lifted and players can now play in the competition that best suits their ability.
- Storage – some of you will have noticed the storage container that now adorns the grassed area near the car park. This container will provide much needed storage for our gear. It is hoped that this container will soon be painted and the club logo put onto it to give us some ownership.
- Grant Applications – this year our club has applied for funding to fence the Stewart parade side of the fields.

This is for safety – to prevent children having to run on to the road to retrieve wayward soccer balls. It is expected that this funding may be through mid season if we are successful in our application. Council has already agreed to the erection of this fence.

WHERE DOES MY MONEY GO?

REGISTRATION FEES

Football Mid North Coast set a fee which we have to pay for them for each registered player to cover their administration fees and insurance. The club adds a small fee to this to enable us to be able to subsidise the cost of apparel and gear.

WEEKLY MATCH FEE

The weekly match fee being charged this year is:-

\$2 per week per players 6-7 years;

\$3 per week 8 – 14 year olds

\$4 per week per player 15 -17 year olds and

\$7 per week for seniors.

This money is collected by your team manager each week and handed in to the home canteen.

NOTE – MATCH FEES ARE NEVER TO BE HANDED IN TO ANY OTHER CANTEEN.

The excess money from Regos and Match fees goes towards items needed by the club and used by the players.

For example:

LINE MARKING- this costs the club about \$500 in paint every 2-4 weeks for all the fields to be marked.

GEAR- Soccer balls vary in price. Training balls cost from \$20.00 for size 3's to around \$25.00 for size 5's. This is per ball.

Match Balls vary in price from about \$30.00 to \$80.00

Cones cost about \$2.00 each

Each junior team is given a certain number of training balls, cones and a match ball at the start of each season.

At the end of each season we are lucky to get half of those back - they get lost or damaged.

GOALPOSTS & NETS: There are costs involved each year in the installation and removal of the mini field posts every year – thankfully volunteers help out to keep the costs down

Nets – 1 mini field net costs about \$70.00. Nets for large fields cost about \$150 each.

COACHING: TFFC allocates funds each year to contribute to the cost of coaching courses and resources. These are made available to all coaches in the club. Last year the club paid for coaches to do the FFA, Grass roots, Junior Licence courses and/or Youth Licence courses and provided coaches with DVD's on Small Sided Games and session planning. The Club ran coaching development sessions for junior age groups throughout the season.

This year the Club will assist in funding even more coaches through the FFA courses, ensuring that our club has the highest number of accredited coaches possible.

ADMINISTRATION COSTS: Luckily these are kept relatively low as volunteers keep the club going but we still have to pay for things such as printing, postage, general stationery items etc.

AMENITIES: Although a Council run ground, we are responsible for the cleaning of the amenities and surrounding areas - cleaning and the endless supply of toilet paper cost us about \$2000 pa.

UNIFORMS: If your child was enrolled for the first time last year they would have received shorts and socks to play in. All new enrolments are provided with gear.

All other gear is available for purchase at a reduced cost.

The costs of running a club of this size are endless but if after reading this, you would like more information - please don't hesitate to talk to a committee member and they can arrange to get you some extra information.





Dave Stewart
Vice President/Wet weather co-ordinator



WET WEATHER

GREAT LAKES COUNCIL SPORTING FIELDS

Great Lakes Council inspects Sporting fields at lunchtime on Friday during rain events. If the fields are closed on Friday they are not reopened until the next inspection on Monday and a recorded message is put on the Great Lakes Council Sporting Field Hotline – 6555 9200.

Great Lakes Fields are:

- South St Tuncurry
- Boronia Park
- Lake St
- Nabiac Showground
- Pacific Palms
- Bulahdelah

GREATER TAREE CITY COUNCIL SPORTING FIELDS

Greater Taree City Council may conduct field inspections up to and including Saturday Mornings.

Greater Taree fields are:

- Hallidays Point
- Omaru Park
- Wingham
- Tinonee
- Old Bar
- Lansdowne
- Moorland

Dave Stewart our wet weather coordinator will be kept fully up to date on the state of these fields.

The website www.footballmidnorthcoast.com will also display as many up to date field closures as possible and **2RE radio** – 100.3FM will announce field closures from 7.00am on Saturday morning.

Referees can also close fields on the day of play if they think the fields are too dangerous to play on.

If you are unable to get an answer with regards to a field from any of these sources please call Dave 0488 931 806 or Amanda 0447 106 593. **DO NOT CALL THE RADIO STATION**

Competitive Washed out games will be rescheduled and played within 4 weeks of the washout by the home team.

Rescheduled games are to be made through the club secretary (Ph:0409 554 231) who will notify FMNC.

No- competitive and hub games are **NOT** rescheduled.

CHILD PHOTO PERMISSION

All parents are asked to sign a form giving our club permission to publish photos of your child on both the website and in local media. If you did not sign this form your child will be unable to be photographed. To ensure that their photo

does not accidentally get published we will ask parents to make sure their child is not on the field whilst our photographer is at the grounds taking photos and that they are not present for the team photograph. Co-operation is appreciated.

MUSTER DAY

Muster Day will be held on Tuesday March 6 at the South Street Sporting fields. It is here you will find out whose team your child is in, who will be coaching (sometimes requires a parent volunteer on the day) and when training will take place. Please try to attend on this day and we will attempt to make it as quick as possible

Under 6's – Under 7's – 4.00pm – 4.30pm

Under 8's – Under 9's – 4.45pm – 5.15pm

Under 10's – Under 11's – 5.30pm – 6.00pm

Your coach will discuss with all parents at Muster Day – which day and time is the most suitable for the team as a whole. (This does not always suit everybody but attempts to suit the majority) If you cannot possibly make the training session set down by the coach please see a committee member and we may be able to change your child into a different team that trains on a more suitable day or make other alternate arrangements.

EMAIL

One of the best tools of communication today is email. It is how information is distributed to the largest number of people at the same time. This is done using distribution lists and using the blind carbon copy feature so no one else can see your address. Even if I have sent you an email before can you please ensure that you send an email to me at

amanda.chapman@gtcc.nsw.gov.au so that we can confirm the correct address for communication during the season .

CODE OF CONDUCT

TFFC Inc complies with the Australian Sports Commission Code of Behaviour. This code outlines rules for players, parents, coaches, teachers, administrators, officials, the media and spectators. Anyone breaching these codes may find themselves fronting a disciplinary committee. Players are also given a TFFC Code of Conduct. This code adopted by our club is based on the above Code of Behaviour and emphasises what can happen as a result of bad behaviour. If you feel that someone is in breach of the codes please contact a committee member. If you think a Committee member is in breach of the code contact Football Mid North Coast on 6557 7733 (Taree office), 6585 0351 (head office) or via email fmnc_inc@bigpond.net.au.



Coaching director

Scott Fletcher

COACHES

TFFC values very highly the people who put their hand up at the start of each season to coach a team. The club would like to once again thank ALL coaches from the 2011 season and we would like to welcome you back this season.

New teams usually do not have a coach already allocated to them so the club needs someone (Mum, Dad, Uncle, Aunt, Big brother/sister etc) to step up and take on the job.

This may be daunting to some people as they think they have no idea what to do – but this is normal!

As a club we offer what we believe to be the highest level of support to junior coaches of any club in the region.

TFFC will provide all coaches with written and DVD coaching material as well as coaching sessions to help you on your way. Anything that you as a coach might need we will try to get. TFFC has also been recognised for its focus on player development with the awarding of a major sponsorship for 2012 by S2S (Secrets to Sports), a multinational sports software company. S2S, in conjunction with Football Federation Australia (FFA), has developed an online football coaching tool, that allows registered coaches and players full access to a comprehensive video library of football skills and practices for use both at home and on the pitch. S2S is the FFA preferred training tool, and features in the FFA National Football Curriculum, the blueprint for the development of football in Australia. "A sponsorship like this is fantastic for our club" said TFFC Coaching Director Scott Fletcher. "It allows the club's coaching department to access the S2S training library, with over 1750 FFA approved videos of training sessions to ensure all TFFC coaches will be able to provide state of the art training sessions for our players." The programme has been endorsed by coaches and associations across the world. "Even better is the fact that with this sponsorship every TFFC registered player will have full access to the programme" Jonathon Newman, TFFC's first grade coach said. "This means that players can follow the teams training programmes at home, but also be able to choose skills practices for themselves. The potential for this programme to dramatically accelerate individual player development is awesome." For TFFC to have full access to the programme for all players, managers and coaches, the sponsorship is worth in the vicinity of \$3000.00. With its Academy, heavy emphasis on player development and entry into the FMNC Premier League, full access to the S2S programme for all TFFC players moves the club further along the pathway to FFA Accredited Club status.

Additionally last season we also purchased training packs that can be borrowed by teams during the season – these packs include speed ladders and poles, additional cones, small nets and other accessories.

TFFC is committed to actively supporting all coaches looking to increase their knowledge and skills through the FFA's coaching courses (Grassroots Certificate, Junior, Youth and Senior Licences) – the club has allocated funds to assist with the cost of these courses.

Coaching junior football can be one of the most rewarding and satisfying things you may ever do.



***Premier League Coach
Jonathon Newman***

PREMIER LEAGUE

Tuncurry Forster Football Club continues to prepare for its return to the Football Mid North Coast Premier League in 2012, with the negotiation of an extended major sponsorship deal with the Bellevue Hotel in Tuncurry. When asked about the club's recruitment strategies for the 2012 Premier League season, Fletcher said that TFFC was expecting to retain the bulk of last year's Minor Premiership winning side, and was looking to its under 18's to boost the squad and make competition for First Grade places very keen indeed. Last season the club fielded two very talented under 18 sides, with both making the semi finals, and impressing the TFFC coaching staff immensely. "There are a few former players returning for the Premier League tilt", Fletcher said, "and we have been sounded out by several players from other clubs around the district - any new players will be warmly welcomed" he added. "With the establishment of our junior Academy in 2011, and it's expansion from under 12's to under 15's in 2012, we are hoping that in the years to come, Premier League will become the apex of the TFFC player development pathway".

2012 TFFC First Grade coach Jonathon Newman has recently completed the Asian Football Confederation/Football Federation Australia Advanced "C" Licence coaching course, and said "the course has been great, with game centred training techniques the main theme. Having such experienced coaches on the course has been fantastic too, a great opportunity to learn and build some great links to NBN League clubs in Newcastle. This means that players keen to move on to a higher level of football can be fast-tracked through TFFC, with scouts and coaches from the Newcastle clubs all expressing an interest in coming to see the talent on hand at the club".

TFFC senior men have begun pre-season training with Jonathon Newman and Dennis Christiansen (formerly the Forster Tuncurry Hawks fitness trainer) with a focus on improving football fitness levels over the next four weeks, then moving into game centred training from then on. Trial matches are being slated for the final weekend in February, along with other matches in March and early April. The season proper is due to start on 21/04/2012. All interested players are welcome to attend training and trial matches, so please contact Scott Fletcher (0412308643) or Jonathon Newman (0434902171) for further details. Training is being held at the club's home ground in Stewart Parade, Tuncurry on Tuesdays from 6.15PM.

This is a very large commitment for our club and requires the club to lend it alot of support. Part of this support includes the provision of ball boys on Saturday home games. If your child is over 11 and interested in being a ball boy for the season (they will be provided with a hat and shirt as well as food and drink on the day) please contact Scott Fletcher on 0412 308 643. The club would love to see as many people as possible at home games this year – please show your support. A draw will be emailed out as soon as it is available.

JUNIOR SIX-A-SIDE COMPETITION

This year we are planning to have a non-competitive six-a-side competition. It will include three age groups of players aged 10yrs and 11yrs, 12yrs and 13yrs, 14yrs and 15yrs combined. The comp will start on Wednesday the 8th of February around 5.30pm at the Tuncurry fields.

We are also looking to organize a competitive round robin style weekend, where organized teams are nominated into a tournament similar to GBW or the Viking Challenge, but for juniors.

For more information please contact Scott Fletcher 0412 308 643.

ACADEMY SQUAD



Last year TFFC trialled an academy style training program for ages 12 and 13. This program provided players with footballing abilities to improve their skills with and against players with the same hunger and desire. These players learnt to develop their skills using the same program as regional and state representative players.

We are looking to open this training program to ages 11 through to 15, as we feel these age groups have boys and girls with ambitions for a higher level of football that Saturday football cannot provide alone.

This year we have three Youth licenced coaches and a qualified coaching instructor, committing their time to the program. We are determined that this "Academy program" will grow in the coming years to develop this areas representative players.

2011 we had a squad of twelve players, In 2012 we expect that the squad will grow to thirty plus players. Games have already been organised in Wyong, Lake Macquarie and Newcastle and there is the possibility of other games to be held in the Northern areas.

For more information please contact Kev Chapman 0407 275 081.

SEASON COMPETITION

The season commences on Saturday April 21st (the last weekend of the school holidays).

Grand Finals are scheduled for:

Junior – **Saturday 8th September**

YD-1, Ladies and Local Mens – **Saturday 15th September**

Premier League – **Saturday 22nd September**

REFEREEING

Our competition could not continue successfully without referees. This year will see a dramatic shortage in referees due to a number of reasons. FMNC in partnership with our referees are looking to hold a number of FFA level 4 Accreditation Courses during the off season and before the start of the 2012 Football Season. Successfully completing this course before the 2012 season enables the participant to begin refereeing in 2012. Anyone can do it - mums, dads, aunts, uncles and even grandparents. This is a great way to participate in the sport and also earn some extra cash for the weekend.

Anyone 14 years and over is able to wear black and whites and referee Saturday Games. People aged under 14 can complete the course and be instructing referees for non competitive fixtures.

The Referees are asking for expressions of interest from people interested in doing a Referees course in February-March 2012.

If you are interested please contact Jim Weir on 65554537.

Referee payments

Regional Premier Leagues		Juniors			
	Centre	Line	SSF- 6-7 - NO FEE		
1st Grade	\$70.00	\$35.00	SSF - 8 - 9 \$10.00 no centre		
Reserves	\$50.00	\$25.00	SSF - 10 – 11 \$15.00 no centre		
All Age A	Centre	Line	Centre	Line	
Mens	\$57.00	\$28.00	12	\$20.00	\$11.00
All Age B	Centre	Line	13	\$22.00	\$12.00
(ladies)	\$52.00	\$26.00	14	\$22.00	\$12.00
Over 35's	\$52.00	\$26.00	15	\$27.00	\$15.00
			16	\$27.00	\$15.00
			17	\$36.00	\$19.00
			18	\$36.00	\$19.00

2012 SPONSORS

Last year we had over 400 registered players, the largest south of Port Macquarie. Without the support of the local community we would not be able to function and their support is very much appreciated.

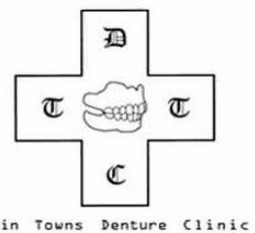
We would like to thank all our sponsors for 2011 and look forward to ongoing support in 2012.

Please support the sponsors who support your kids

New sponsors are always welcome. If anyone is interested in sponsoring this great club please contact Tim Barber on 0408 649 726.

The sponsors for 2011 include:

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