

Welcome to the 2012 Season:



What a great day to start the season. The sun was shining and we were excited to see netball introduced into the junior football calendar and warmly welcome the girls into the club. Many thanks to our Junior Co-Coordinator Kate Raven and our coaches – Jordan Mc Kay, Melissa Hayes and Lisa McCabe. Please come along and support our girls during the season.

On the day both the Under 12's and 14's worked hard but were pipped on the day whilst the Under 16.5's played well and won comfortably.

A warm welcome to our coaches in 2012 - Peter Bath, Daryl Jarred, Nathan Reid, Chris Brennan, David Canny, Glen Raven, Mark Andrews, Greg Spratling, Peter Chapman, Nick McIntosh, John Ferguson and Geoff Lowe. We also welcome Neil McKechnie as a junior Co-Coordinator in 2012 and Becky Andrews as the Trainers Co-Coordinator.

In the footy the 9's and 10's both started well with good wins, and whilst fantastic efforts by all other teams over the course of the day only saw the 16.5 reserves get the points, each of the other teams all played well and in many cases unlucky to win.

It was pleasing to see the hard work that our mentors, coaches and the boys have put in over a number of seasons showing continuing signs of improvement. Many a year we have come away from games against Bacchus Marsh with thrashings, but in all games we were more than competitive and could have snatch a number of wins. The general consensus from Bacchus Marsh was how well we played and that the improvement was stark.

The boys need to realise that this is now the standard and have confidence that they can play at this level every week!!

Girls Junior Footy Team...

The Ballarat Football League introduced Girls Football in 2011 for girls aged between 13 to 18, and the Lakers are to have a side in 2012. Training has commenced on Monday nights from 4:15pm at Lakers and interested parties should contact Fiona Edwards on 0418 518 004. Note the season commences 24th June.

ASSISTANCE:

We require more volunteers for the canteen roster, especially in the later timeslots from 11:30am to 4pm. A big call out to our Under 14 and Under 16.5 families to assist. If every family did one 2 hour slot per year then the burden is more evenly shared. Please contact Julie Butler on 0417 363 172 to register your time.

Thanks to those that assisted on the weekend both in the canteen and with match day duties. We require volunteers every game to enable both the boys and girls play on the weekend, so please make yourself known to coaches and team managers and offer your assistance.

CANTEEN ROSTER - Saturday 5th May:

7:30am to 9:30am → Louise Williams, Michelle Leech, Julie Jenner, Katrina Rees & Brenda Brennan
9:30am to 11:30am → Natalie Vercoe, Lyndel Nash, Kath Davis, Shelley Murphy & Wayne Castleman
11:30am to 1:30pm → Claire Gillett, Veronica Lowe, Maree Dodd & Julie Maher (1 vacancy)
1:30pm to 4:00pm → Astrid Antrobus (4 vacancies)

TEAM MANAGERS - We thank our Team Managers in 2012:

FOOTBALL	Under 12 Reserves	–	Craig Black
	Under 12 Seniors	–	Brenda Brennan
	Warralily Under 14 Reserves	–	Steve McNeight
	Warralily Under 14 Seniors	–	Ange Richardson
	PPT Financial Under 16.5 Reserves	–	Danny & Julie McKenna
	PPT Financial Under 16.5 Seniors	–	Jenny Ferguson
NETBALL	Under 12 Seniors	–	Lisa Todd
	Under 14 Seniors	–	Lucy Loader
	Under 16.5 Seniors	–	Tash McLachlan & Lea Godson

MEALS – Saturday 28th April 2012: A reminder on Saturday we are providing meals back at the Lakers Clubrooms from 5:30pm. Meals are \$10 per head or \$30 per family. Come along and mix socially with others in the club in a relaxed and friendly environment.

MERCHANDISE: We now have some older playing jumpers available for purchase. These are ideal for training and would suit boys or girls in the Under 12/14's groups primarily. These will be available for purchase on Saturday night at the dinner in the clubrooms, cost \$25. Merchandise including bags, hoodies and track pants are still available for purchase. Contact Jodie Gilbert on 0438 301 027 or Tash McLachlan on 0417 328 465 for orders.

CONGRATULATIONS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Team Photos: Thursday 24th May from 4:30pm in the Clubrooms

Lakers Ball: Saturday 2nd June

NETBALL RESULTS:

UNDER 12's: Bacchus Marsh defeated Lakers 4 goals to 3 goals. Good start with all the girls playing well. Jordan advises that the girls need to continue to work on their passing and footwork.

Best Players: Julia Cocksedge, Sara Chatterjee and Grace Todd.

UNDER 14's: Bacchus Marsh defeated Lakers 23 goals to 10 goals. The girls endeavour was pleasing but Melissa advises that the girls need to continue to work on their passing and footwork and playing in front of their players.

Best Players: Beth Ferguson, Annie Turner and Isabelle Fraser.

UNDER 16.5's: Lakers defeated Bacchus Marsh 39 goals to 17 goals. A great start to the season. All girls performed well as Lisa tried them in a variety of positions. **Best Players:** Caitlyn Morshead and Molly McLachlan.

FOOTBALL RESULTS:

UNDER 9's: The boys had a good win, with Cooper James kicking 2 goals and both McGuire boys, Jude and Fletcher kicking one a piece. **Best Players:** Sam Butler, Cooper James, Fletcher McGuire and Mal Kennedy.

UNDER 10's: A fantastic team effort by the boys in their first encounter against a fancied opponent. Peter was happy with the good use of the ball especially in contested possessions. Cooper Bath kicked 2 goals and Brodie Plover and Max McIntosh one a piece.

Best Players: Max McIntosh, Ethan Forbes, Cooper Bath, Noah Steenhuis, Griffen Andrews and Tarun Raven.

UNDER 12 Reserves: Lost in a close one by 4 points in a low scoring game, with Cooper Brennan kicking the team's only goal. **Best Players:** Aiden Lourey, Charlie Carr, Lachlan Devereux, Cooper Brennan, Lochlan Pett & Harry Fraser.

UNDER 12 Seniors: Again another close one with the boys going down by 5 points. Jayden White-Powell kicked 2 goals, while Noah McIntosh, Sam Canny, Brad Castleman and Jordy Clark all kicked one.

Best Players: Ned Nash, Jayden White-Powell, Callum Harte, Noah McIntosh and Noah Browning.

Under 14 Reserves: A last quarter fade out cost the boys going down by 19 points. Jayden New, Lachlan McIntyre and Bailey Wilson all kicked a goal a piece. **Best Players:** Robbie Emerson-Jones, Fletcher Brennan, Liam Matthews, Bailey Wilson, Bailey Andrews and Lachlan Fahey.

UNDER 14 Seniors: The theme of the day continued with the boys playing well but not able to hang on in the last quarter, going down by 9 points. Sam Coxall kicked 3 goals on debut for the club, Nathan Dunne 2 & Sam Jackson 1.

Best Players: Sam Jackson, Sam Coxall, Austin McPherson, Sam Carr and Xavier Schuurs.

A big welcome to the new Sam's who have joined the club this year...Sam Coxall and Sam Jackson

UNDER 16.5 Reserves: This group played extremely well and had a 27 point win. Pat Lowe was in great form with 5 goals, Ambrose Gillett 2, and Liam Findlay, Paul O'Connell, Sam Morton and Kyle Schweinzer one a piece.

Best Players: Ambrose Gillett, Andy Castles, Lewis Orr, Nathan McKenna, Patrick Lowe and Tom Harris.

UNDER 16.5 Seniors: This was a fantastic game against last years premiers and our boys controlled the contest but in the end were unable to hold off a fast finishing Bacchus Marsh to go down by 6 points.

Goal Kickers: Tyson Randall 4, Daniel Butler & Toby Mooney 3 each, Dom Sliwa 2 and Brett Cook & Harrison Robertson 1 each. **Best Players:** Dom Sliwa, Jono Neville, Liam Edwards, Harrison Robertson, Tyson Randall and Jordan Payne.

This week we play at North Ballarat. The netballers will require a dual gate pass to get free access to the North No 1 netball courts where the games will be played. If you haven't received the passes handed out at training this week please contact Nat to obtain.

For the boys this means that from Under 12's to Under 16.5's, the boys need to wear white shorts.

LAKERS 2012!!

TO OUR CLUB CAPTAINS IN 2012:

U12'S: Joel O'Connell - Captain
Tyla Reid & Sam Canny - Vice Captain



U14'S: Andrew Spratling - Captain
Noah Gemmola & Austin McPherson - Vice Captain

U16.5'S: Joint Captain's - Alex Parrot & Daniel Butler
Vice Captain's - Brett Cook, Jack Salau & Jordan Payne