

CHADDERTON PARK F.C. SUMMER 2007 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the season 2007-08. Does the summer seem to drag when there is no World Cup or European Championships being played or is it just me? Anyway it's good to be back into the new season where every weekend is dominated by football and Chadderton Park F.C..... isn't it?

TOURING IN EUROPE

Since the last Club newsletter was published our Under 14s team travelled to Holland for a long weekend to play tournament football and I'm delighted to announce that they won the VV Zeewolde Tournament which was played just outside Amsterdam. They scored the first goal in 44 seconds of the first game and went all the way through to the final without conceding a goal. Manager John Caulfield said, "I am proud of every single player in the squad, we were fantastic both on and off the field and the boys were great ambassadors for Chadderton Park Football Club."



Of course all the pressures and stress of managing a team on a European tour can take its toll!

Or maybe some of us are not as young as we think we are!

More photos of the great Dutch adventure on the website www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk

The lads intend to return next year and defend their title as under 15s. Any other 11-a-side team at the Club wishing to play in the same tournament please speak to the under 15s managers as soon as possible.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Two great nights out in June for the Club's end of season Presentation Night at The Clayton Arms. On both evenings the venue was full and on the mini soccer night it was bursting at the seams. Whilst a lot of people put a lot of time and effort into making the event successful a special word of thanks must go to DJ Andy Saunders who makes the evening a great evening, and Marc Pollard from the under 7's who donated some of the best raffle prizes we have ever had. We are looking for a new venue for next year's event and are open to suggestions.

30TH ANNIVERSARY

Another vote of thanks to all who helped on the 30th Anniversary and Fun Day Bash at Chadderton Fold. How fortunate were we to have one of the sunniest afternoons in July? It may seem unfair to single out anybody for praise but Mike Horton (under 10s) worked tirelessly to construct and operate the penalty shoot out competition. Thanks Mike.

The football was also good. The Police team managed to put one past the under 17s youth team but the six goals they conceded meant they crashed to a heavy defeat. The Police Sergeant told me later “We were just outclassed. Those lads just knew where their team mates were on the pitch without having to look”

The original team from 30 years ago played a tremendous game against the under 17s team and although the originals lost 3 – 1 they showed they still had some good football skills and the ability to juggle their substitutes to their advantage!



The final game between a much depleted under 16s and the coaches team resulted in a surprising 2 – 1 win for the coaches. Although the under 16s took the lead early on, they were pegged back when Terry Jennings theatrically fell in the penalty area to get his side back in the game. The coaches then went on to win the game late in the second half.

All the photos that were taken that day by Alan Ryder, including the big group photo, can be viewed and purchased directly from Alan on www.rydersonline.co.uk

NEW TO THE CLUB

Our Club continues to grow and develop and pleased to welcome three new teams to the Club. First of all our under 6's squad will be coached under the watchful eyes of Managers Stuart Cropper and Matt Tracey. Both Stuart and Matt are accomplished footballers themselves (so they told me) and are now eager to pass on their wealth of knowledge to our younger players.

Our new under 14s team will be managed by Vinny O'Connor, Graham O'Keefe and Sean Reavey. They will be playing in the Tameside Sunday Football League

Last but not least is our under 12s Girls football team which is being managed and coached by Mark Lynch and Steve Lynch. This is the first time the Club has run a girls football team and they will be playing in The Oldham Girls League.

The contact details for these managers and all the managers at the Club can be found on our website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk

SO, YOU THINK YOU ARE A BETTER MANAGER THAN....

Steve McLaren, Sir Alex Ferguson, Sven Goran Eriksson or even your own Chadderton Park team manager. Well some of us have taken the opportunity to show our managerial skills on the Chadderton Park F.C. Fantasy Football League which is being run by Craig Simpson (U8s). Craig has entered the Club in the Fantasy Premier League 2007-08 which is the official fantasy game of The Premier League. The game is played solely on the internet and has over 1 million players worldwide. Within this is our own Chadderton Park F.C. league which is exclusive to Chadderton Park members. The league table can be viewed at <http://fantasy.premierleague.com> and at the time of going to press "Knighty's No Hoppers" are proving to be anything but! But will they be there at the end of the season?

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

Mary Lynch will once again organise a trip to the Oldham Coliseum for the mini soccer players only (U7s – U10s). It is likely to be on either 15th or 22nd December (both Saturdays). This year's showing is Jack and the Beanstalk. The trip will be free to players as the cost is subsidised by the Club. It takes a lot of organising to ensure we get the seats booked together for the show so please help your managers by telling them as soon as possible if your child wants to go on the trip.

CLUB SHIRTS

The Club is producing a Club polo shirt. These will be identical to the black shirts you see most of the coaches wearing during training except they will be in blue. They will have the Club badge and name embroidered on them and come in sizes from 24" chest to 54". They are meant for everybody connected with the Club: players; brothers and sisters; parents etc. They will cost £8.50 each. If anybody is interested, please let us know before the end of October (see your manager or email me with orders).

END OF SEASON TOURNAMENTS

Most of us have experienced football tournaments that are staged at the end of the season at various locations around the Greater Manchester area. At the end of this season, for the first time ever, the Club is planning to take several teams to a tournament further a field e.g. Scarborough; Whitby or similar coastal resort. The trip is intended for the younger teams only (i.e. Under 8s to Under 11s) and will probably be over one of the bank holiday weekends in May 2008. It is likely to consist of one or two nights away from home e.g. travel on Friday afternoon/evening to venue; play football in the tournament on Saturday and Sunday and travel home Sunday evening. Places on the trip will be limited to players; coaches and volunteers who have undergone CRB checks.

There will obviously be a cost involved but it is hoped to offset this by fund raising activities during the season. It may seem a long way off now but we need to plan now to ensure we get the best deal for everybody.

SPORTMANS EVENING

Don't forget the Chadderton Park F.C. Sportsman's Evening on Friday 2nd November 2007 at The Avant Hotel Oldham. Tickets are £25.00 each and are now available from your managers. The price includes full evening meal; after dinner speaker Steve Daley and comedian Venn Tracey. The dress code will be smart casual wear and ladies are also welcome.

OUR EXPENSES

The costs of running our club continue to rise. We estimate the costs for this season to be in the region of £30,000.00. This is for our basic expenses and does not include any money we are investing in Chadderton Fold or end of season tournaments. We are always looking to raise extra funds and we know that Barclays Bank operate a community scheme where they will sponsor an employee at fund raising events operated by the Club. Michelle McDermott (U10s) has taken advantage of this and so far this year she has raised £1298.00 for the Club. Nat West Bank has a similar scheme and so does electrical retailers Currys. Do you work for either of these two companies or maybe your employer operates a similar scheme? Why not find out and take advantage of it? That's what its there for.

Good luck to all our teams in this season. Let's hope that not only are they are successful on the pitch but they play with a flourish and style that has now become out trade mark.

The next newsletter will be out around Christmas/New Year. If you have any articles; stories or gossip suitable for publication please forward them to me sooner rather than later. You know me, I'm not one for letting the truth get in the way of a good story!

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