



NEWS LETTER OF THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

July 2016 Edition

Welcome to the July edition of "Blood Lines". The intent of the Club's newsletter is to keep members, players and supporters informed about what's happening at South by recalling the highlights of the month just passed and informing on what's coming up in the month to come. If there are any other areas or aspects of the Club that you would like to see us cover please feel free to submit your suggestions via a return email.

ANNUAL SPORTS LUNCH IS ATTRACTING A LOT OF INTEREST.

The club is holding its' annual sports luncheon on the 23rd of this month, coinciding with our home game against Golden Square at the QEO. This event is a major annual fundraiser for the club as well as an opportunity to host and thank the sponsors of our club.

We have been very fortunate over the years to have attracted a range of outstanding sports people as guest speakers at our annual luncheon and this year is no exception with AFL great and media personality Robert DiPierdomenico. "Dipper" is a legend of the game, playing more than 200 games in a decorated career with Hawthorn culminating in 5 Day and 5 Night Premierships, 1986 Brownlow Medallist, and being inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2007.

Joining the "Hall of Famer" as a speaker on the day will be controversial sports scientist Stephen Dank. Mr Dank has emerged as one of the key figures in the recent controversial issue of drugs in sport and the Essendon Football Club saga. His presentation will provide a great opportunity to hear firsthand one side of the biggest story in recent football history.

When the engagement of Mr Dank was first announced it generated some controversy and a good level of public interest about town. The Club reiterates its position which we made clear at the time and that is in engaging Mr Dank as a speaker we are neither condemning nor condoning his reported involvement in the sports supplements controversies. We have simply provided a speaker that will generate much interest in our function while providing great value to those attending, sponsors and members alike.

- **Where:** South Bendigo FNC Social Rooms, QEO
- **When:** Saturday 23rd July from 12.00pm
- **How:** To purchase tickets or to book a table at what is sure to be a great day contact President Rick Townsend on 0417 037 572 or at rick1242@me.com



**SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL
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SAT 23RD JULY 12.30pm

**ANNUAL SPORTS
LUNCHEON**

South Bendigo Social Rooms QEO View St

Special guest speakers



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**STEPHEN
DANK**

Sports Scientist

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HARRY TROTT OVAL UPDATE

There has been further movement in regard to our relocation to Harry Trott Oval. The City of Greater Bendigo has advised that they are in the process of finalising the appointment of the architect to complete the design for a new pavilion at Kennington Recreation Reserve.

The city have also arranged a joint i.e. South Bendigo FNC and Bendigo United Cricket Club, site visit to the new Kangaroo Flat Pavilion to discuss our individual club requirements while inspecting the new social room space that they have recently built there.

The City is also putting in a submission for funding to construct the pavilion to the State Government via the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund for the 2017-2018 funding round, Major Facilities. The first step in this process was to submit an expression of interest for the project which has been done. The Council will be notified whether the project proposal is successful to go to a full submission from 18 July and onwards, with final full proposals due 31 August. The overall estimated construction budget is \$2.2 million.

PREMIERSHIP REUNION #1

25 years after The Bloods had all 3 sides play off in the 1991 Bendigo Football League Grand Finals, when both our Senior and Under 18 teams won Premiership honours, the club hosted a reunion of past players and officials to recognise their achievements.

While the weekend started with many renewing acquaintances over pre-reunion drinks at our good sponsors The Old Boundary Hotel on the Friday night the main affair was held on Saturday 4th June at Harry Trott Oval, when the current day Bloods played Castlemaine. A poor first half by our boys mean the successes of 1991 could not be repeated on the field however the team had a much better second half to outplay the visitors and show the potential of the present day side.

Following the match the past players were transported back to our QEO Social Rooms where a collection of newspaper highlights from 1991 and the premiership pennants were on display to recall their achievements 25 years earlier.

It was tremendous to have so many past players from one of South Bendigo's greatest eras all back at the club. It was a great weekend, enjoyed by all in attendance. Common conversation themes were around fond memories of time at South Bendigo and enduring friendships. We hope that in the future they all stay connected with the club, return on a regular basis and maybe even continue to support the Bloods through an annual membership.

A big thank you must go to Stephen Dean who provided the real energy behind the organisation of the weekend.



Stephen Dean, Shaun Leech, Steve Allender



Scott Anderson, Jeremy Crough, Francis Burke



Brendan Francis, Stephen McMurray
& Mark Keck



Ben Dulloo, Sam Cook Mick Hamilton



Shane Waghorne, Leigh Colbert, Nick Bland, Kristen Brown, Adam Shanahan
Anthony Downes (front)

PREMIERSHIP REUNION #2

It is now 60 years since a record crowd of 15,000 watched South Bendigo 9.19:79 defeat Eaglehawk 9.15:69 to make it 3 in a row for the Bloods.

The side's Captain and Coach was Alan McDonald, a Club legend. "The Fox" as he was known, was one of South's most successful coaches, guiding the Bloods to five premierships from 1950-56. Not only was he coach of the most successful side in the club's history, but he also played, notching his 200th game in the 1956 Grand Final. Soon afterwards, McDonald was appointed coach of Richmond, a post he held for four seasons.

To recognise these legends from the Clubs greatest era we are holding a reunion of the 1956 side, in conjunction with our Life members lunch, on Saturday 13th of August.

Remarkably we have been able to track down 12 of the players from that premiership side as well as one of the playing group who was named as the emergency on the day. Sadly with the passing of time a number of the players are no longer with us.

The following past players have all been contacted & advised of the reunion:

Charlie Cugley	Alan Dare	Lloyd Jones
Ray Kingsley	Frank Lenaghan	Ron Monro
John Mulqueen	Bruce Pollock	Bill Redmond
Ken Smalley	Cress Thompson	Joe Zanelli

Noel Kilby (who was named as emergency for the grand final side)

If you are aware of any other players still about that we may have missed from that great side we would love to hear from you.

Please call Alan Ellis on 0427 427 627 or on alan_ellis@bigpond.com



NETBALL NEWS



50 GAME MILESTONE
 Congratulations to Stephanie Greene, our B grade Captain on playing her 50th Game this month in round 13 against Golden Square.



LADDER LEADERS

Congratulations to our B Reserve team who at the halfway mark of the season are sitting pretty at the top of the ladder with 8 wins & only 1 loss.

Bendigo Football Netball League Inc - B Reserve

RANK	TEAM	P	BYE	W	D	L	F	A	POIN TS	%
1	South Bendigo	9	1	8	0	1	393	274	36	143.43
2	Strathfieldsaye	9	1	7	0	2	412	272	32	151.47
3	Golden Square	9	1	7	0	2	370	254	32	145.67
4	Kangaroo Flat	9	1	5	1	3	391	311	26	125.72
5	Eaglehawk	9	1	5	1	3	343	292	26	117.47
6	Sandhurst	8	2	4	0	4	325	259	24	125.48
7	Castlemaine	9	1	1	0	8	278	455	8	61.10
8	Gisborne	9	1	1	0	8	236	402	8	58.71
9	Kyneton	9	1	1	0	8	189	418	8	45.22

Also a special mention to our B Grade team, they are currently sitting in 4th position & are also looking good to be finals contenders.

SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES – A RESERVE ROUND 10 VS KYNETON



JUNIOR NETBALL



Step Back Think Campaign

Our Junior Netball Teams were proud ambassadors of the orange shoe laces 'Step Back Think' Campaign on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th June. The Step Back Think Team Lace Up campaign raised awareness of the causes and consequences of social violence by encouraging sporting clubs of all codes, levels and ages to show their commitment to ending social violence. A great effort by all highlighting awareness for a great cause!

Overall Highlights

South Bendigo Silver best players for June include Alex Cornish, Audrey Keck, Maggie Ryan and Emily Strahan-Ferrie. Some very close games with Silver second on the ladder in div 3B at the half way mark. Thanks to the awesome coaching of Maddie and Renee. Also South Bendigo White Grade 6 had some close games and a great win with some of best players for the month Abbey Seaward, Ruby Draper and Isabelle Gray.

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FOOTBALL NEWS

Seniors Report - Brady Childs

The first half of the season has been a mix of highs and lows for the senior team. The team has matched all opposition sides for the majority of matches, however lapses in concentration and an inability to sustain pressure, while implementing the new game plan, and has unfortunately cost us in periods. The most disappointing loss for the team was no doubt being beaten late in the last quarter by a rampaging Gisborne side after we lead all day in wet and muddy conditions. This ended out the first half of the season with a 1 win and 8 loss record, which doesn't sit well for the determined playing group.

The best thing about football is you get the opportunity to reload and respond. The following week we had that opportunity against Kyneton, at our future home of Harry Trott. This time the boys found themselves 20 points down mid-way through the last quarter. However, from what they had learnt from the week prior, the lads never panicked and were able to maintain concentration and commitment, while executing the basics of football and playing to the instructed game plan, to come from behind and win by a goal. The win giving us our first of many at Harry Trott, and, more importantly, kick starting us for the second half of the year and giving the guys confidence in our game plan and structures.

The first half of the year has seen 33 players represent the club at senior level, including 3 debutantes from the Under 18 lads who include, Tyler McLeod, Brayden Sheahan, and Brayden Torpey.

Although the first half of the year has been disappointing with regards to wins, we have seen a lot of development and improvement across the list. The boys are as determined as ever and ready to improve in the second half of the season.

Thanks everyone for your support and patience while we continue to build our culture and performance.

Reserves Report – Bryce Balsillie

After a tough start with some close losses the reserve side has had a ripping few weeks winning 6 in a row & taking some good scalps leading up to the bye sneaking into 4th but only one game off top spot. The key to the recent success of this group within our club is the combination of playing to a plan, not afraid to take the game on & the closeness of these guys as a group who just enjoy being around one another. We are talking finals, so watch this space...

We've had just over 35 players go through the Ressie's side already & we've benefited from players that have gone up to & come back from the senior side to get some more game time & touch. These guys have acquitted themselves with a maturity that you wouldn't expect from such young blokes. Congratulations to the following guys who have played Reserves footy and have played well enough to earn selection in the Senior side; Jack Baker, Charlton Hindle, Seb Wild, Jimmy Pietromonaco, Mitch Hocking, Darcey Scheele, Tyler McLeod, Brayden Sheahan, Brayden Torpey, Charles Trotman, Cohen Balnaves and Josh Thurston. Thanks to date also to under those 18's like Jesse Sheahan, Jay Liddelow, Liam Campbell & Riley Walsh that have stepped up to Reserves footy for us.

Under 18's – Neale Torpey

Since my last report the lads have certainly had some mixed results. In saying this we have had some standout performances and this was evident when we took on the top side Strathfieldsaye. Strath haven't been beaten all year and have been demolishing sides along the way. We implemented a game plan with a big focus on defending first and hurting them on the rebound.

The lads implemented this to perfection leading at quarter time and half time. We ended up going down by 6 goals but to the lads credit they again showed that we can more than match it against quality opposition.

Some standout performances this year include Jesse Sheahan showing his versatility being our swingman of the side by playing some consistent football both down back and up forward. Tallis Miles has lead from the front and hasn't put in a bad game all year. His ability to read the game and attack through the corridor has set up many scoring opportunities for the side. Ronan Sheehan has taken his game to the next level and has now become a vital part of our mid field. Sam Maher and Will Keck when available (Assumption College & Trinty College respectively) have provided some much needed grunt through our midfield and are both playing some good consistent football. Sammy Carracher has adapted well to a different role and is providing plenty of run out of our back half. The two McLeod lads continue to develop and take their game to the next level. Riley Walsh has also shown his versatility this season by playing in the back half, forward half and more recently in the ruck. In the coming weeks you see Riley running around on the wing. "6 foot" wingers are hard to find but I think we may have one.

Our goal all year has been aiming to play our best football in the second half of the year and we kicked this off with a 10 goal win against Kyneton at Harry Trott. Stay tuned as this young developing side will cause some major upsets in the second half of the year.

Congratulations to Braydan Torpey and Brayden Sheahan made their senior debuts against Strathfieldsaye, with "Torps" kicking 3 and Sheahan playing his usual hard in and under game. It's been a fantastic opportunity for both of them as they have played the last couple of games in the seniors. Not bad for a couple of blokes that still have another year in the under 18's next season.

Football Operations

The Football operations group would like to acknowledge and thank the wonderful group of people who volunteer their services to help out on game day.

In particular the Team managers, ably led by the unflappable Rob Roberston, Marg McKinley with the U18's and Chris Thornton taking care of the Reserves. Also thanks to our team runners:, Roger Miles, Ben Allen, Simon Bullock and Dan Farrelly.

Thank you also to the numerous water carriers we have had so far this season, ably led by Adrian Pearson. Thanks to the score board people, time keepers and interchange stewards. We will cover these and other soldiers in the August edition.

With the Reserves wins, some great under 18 results, the same kids going up & showing what they can do, then add to that the amazing senior win against Kyneton... it really is a validation of the work & direction of Brady, Jules & the leadership team to date. It's a great place to be around at South & it's very clear that the club is in the right direction....so get on board!





Brad Wright play's 200th Club Game.

Congratulations to our ever reliable Backman Brad Wright on playing his 200th club game against Kyneton in our come from behind win at Harry Trott Oval last week. The 200 games have been played across all levels at the Club; Under 18's, Reserves and Seniors. Brad is due for a much bigger achievement in our game against Sandhurst following the Bye Round when he is due to line up for his 150th Senior game. Well done "Wrighty".

Step Back Think's Team Lace Up campaign

All South Bendigo FNC teams joined other Bendigo Football Netball League sides in wearing orange laces over the Round 10 weekend of 25 & 26 June to support Step Back Think's campaign #teamlaceup.

What is Team Lace Up? Step Back Think's Team Lace Up campaign raises awareness of the causes and consequences of social violence by encouraging Australian sporting clubs of all codes, levels and ages to show their commitment to ending social violence by wearing orange laces during Lace Up Week.

Why? Since January 2016, there have already been **eight** lives lost to social violence. The effects of social violence are devastating and ripple through society, far beyond the immediate consequences for victims or perpetrators. We all have a part to play. **Together we can drive cultural change to end social violence**



The under 14 seniors after a solid win against with their orange laces



SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES - ROUND 10 SENIOR GAME V KYNETON

YOUNG GUN FIRES

Forward Brayden Torpey, on a fast lead, marks safely on his chest.

The young Under 18's player has adapted straight away to the pace in senior matches since stepping up from the thirds and provides a good option for the Bloods in our forward line



CAPTAIN LEADS FROM THE FRONT

Captain Aaron Connaughton wins another contested possession to put the Bloods back into attack at Harry Trott Oval.

Aaron was one of the sides best in our thrilling "come from behind" win over Kyneton in Round 10

MATCH WINNER

Key Forward Leroy Miller marks strongly overhead early in the game.

Leroy's 5 goals for the match, including 3 in the last quarter, was instrumental in the Bloods first senior victory at Harry Trott Oval



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South Bendigo Juniors – On The Move

As we hit the mid season break our committee and parents are enjoying their time away from football. It's a nice opportunity to recharge the batteries and refresh the mind.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our coaching group. It is often a thankless task being an unpaid volunteer, devoting hours of your spare time each week. The vast majority of our parents appreciate the time and effort taken. There is no doubt our coaches aren't perfect but there is equally no doubt they have the best interests of all the kids at heart. I ask all parents to stop and think before criticizing the job they do. Have you offered to do the job? Could you do it any better? If the answer is No to either of these then can I suggest it would be better to either put your hand up and get involved or bite your tongue and leave those willing to do the job to do just that.

Our U16's group has had a difficult season so far. It is sad when we have more issues involving poor parent behavior than issues with players. Hopefully those issues have now been addressed and the group can get on supporting the coaches and kids who just want to play football. The U16 players have been fantastic and should be commended for the way they have conducted themselves both on and off the field. The Seniors have been unlucky not to have notched up a few wins. On a positive note the Reserves 2 side has had a great year and currently sit 3rd on the ladder. The large number of players doubling up in both the Senior and Reserve sides will be great for the club in the long term as we expose more players to a higher standard of football.

The U14's are having a mixed bag of a season so far. Despite a significant injury toll the U14 seniors are sitting 4th on the ladder and hope to have a strong run home with a full list of players. One could argue the U14 Reserve 1 side has been poorly graded by the league and have struggled at this level. They have a lot of bottom age players who no doubt will be much improved for the exposure to this level next year. Hopefully the return from injury of a few players will also help allow us to move more players between teams in the second half of the season.

At the U12 level our side is sitting mid table just one win outside the top 5. With 10 teams, the division is proving to be very competitive and our side has done well. The improvement since the start of the season is impressive. The boys and girls in this team are a fantastic group of kids who really enjoy each other's company. They share the joy of winning and the disappointment of a loss as a team.

Although the U10's don't keep score, try telling the kids that!! I'm sure they will tell you they have done very well this season. Merging the U9 and U10 teams due to a lack of numbers at the start of the season was a gamble that has paid off. It has allowed us to have a nice size group that can cover for the inevitable absences that have occurred during the season.

Looking forward, the club has recently ordered new goal post pads for Harry Trott and we expect them to be delivered in the next few weeks. Look out for an announcement on team app for the club photographs night in July.

A big thanks to all the parents who have stepped up to help the managers with game day jobs.

Cheers,
Gareth Tawton



It was cold at Harry Trott on Sunday morning (26th June) 3 degrees kept the Juniors on the move.

YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our Youth Girls side has really struggled for numbers this year and has had to forfeit a few matches. Hopefully the existing girls stand by the club as we continue to grow and develop girls football over the next few years. We have some fantastic girls in the U12 side who no doubt will end up being the foundation of our Youth Girls side in the future.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

SOCIAL REPORT

After our senior team suffered a heartbreaking 2 point loss to Gisborne, the sombre mood fortunately didn't last too long with the Bloods "pub crawl" bus trip home. About 30 footballers and netballers enjoyed the bar hopping return trip with stops in Gisborne and Kyneton before arriving safely back at our good sponsors The Old Boundary Hotel to finish off the night.



Still not too late for Ball Tickets

The last few weeks have seen our Social Committee working tirelessly on our Annual Club Ball. The ball is set to take place next Saturday 9th July at the All Seasons and it looks like being a great night with good numbers attending.

If you didn't want to miss out you can still get a ticket to come along for \$70 and enjoy a meal and entertainment by Bendigo band, Mr Samsonite.

For ticket enquires please contact Nick Howe on 0409690005.

Tickets in \$5000 DRAW now available.

Our major raffle this year consists of a first prize of \$5,000 cash along with \$1,000 cash prizes for second and third and 10 prizes of \$100 to be drawn on August 7 with a free BBQ starting at 12.00pm in the Social Rooms. The draw will take place following lunch between 1.30 and 4.00pm. Tickets are \$10 each and books of 10 tickets are available.

Contact Brad Wright on 0419 736 214 if you would like a ticket or a book to sell.

It's the major annual fund raiser for the club, so get yourself some tickets and help contribute to your club's success both on and off the field

\$5000 Draw

1st Prize \$5000
2nd Prize \$1000
3rd Prize \$1000
10 x \$100 cash prizes



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Raffle drawn 12pm-5pm August 7th
South Bendigo clubrooms

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What's on this month?

Saturday 9th – Club's Gala Ball at the All Seasons Hotel; Tickets still available if you are quick.

Saturday 16th - Following our away game at Kangaroo Flat the Post Match function will be up with our great sponsors The Old Boundary Hotel.

Saturday 23rd – The Annual Sports Lunch with Robert “Dipper” Dipierdomenico (See item earlier in Newsletter for full details)

Plus “Flight Night” - keep the night free and stay on the lookout for details closer to the event.

Saturday 30th – Following our away game it's back to The Old Boundary Hotel for our Post Match and some great hospitality.

NEW CLUB SCARFS NOW AVAILABLE

The Club now has in stock team scarfs for members and supporters.

Available from the South Bendigo Social Rooms at home games or from the canteen at Junior games it costs only \$25 to show your support for the club and wear the Red & White, while keeping warm at the same time.



FIXTURE & RESULTS

Round 7: 4th June V Castlemaine at Harry Trott Oval, Kennington Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	7.11:53	11.6:72	4.10:34
Castlemaine	11.14:80	5.7:37	7.6:48

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	50	33	57	44	BYE
Castlemaine	31	27	19	26	

Round 8: 13th June V Strathfieldsaye at the QEO Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	6.5:41	6.10:46	8.0:48
Strathfieldsaye	17.13:115	3.7:25	12.7:79

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	31	30	48	46	31
Strathfieldsaye	55	40	35	44	55

Round 9: 18th June V Gisborne at Gisborne Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	8.10:58	12.10:82	5.4:34
Gisborne	9.7:61	9.7:61	8.6:54

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	16	24	49	50	17
Gisborne	42	48	22	36	72

Round 10: 25th June V Kyneton at Harry Trott Oval, Kennington Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	13.11:89	11.7:73	11.12:78
Kyneton	12.11:83	4.7:31	3.1:19

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	36	45	34	57	38
Kyneton	64	37	31	18	37

Coming Up

Bye: 2 nd July	General Bye all Clubs	
Round 11: 9 th July	Sandhurst	At QEO
Round 12: 16 th July	Kangaroo Flat	At Kangaroo Flat
Round 13: 23 rd July	Golden Square	At QEO
Round 14: 30 th July	Strathfieldsaye	At Strathfieldsaye

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