



NEWS LETTER OF THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

July 2017 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 ahead. 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.

LOOKING FOR A LOGO



As most members and supporters would be aware South Bendigo FNC will celebrate 125 years as a club next year. At a recent meeting of the organising committee the concept of a "125 Logo" was raised. This special logo would be adopted for use in the lead up to and during 2018 to promote the range of events planned to celebrate this milestone. The 125 logo would be used on club letter heads, promotional banners, club merchandise and apparel etc.

So the call is going out to the wider Bloods Family for your input and inspiration. If you have any ideas on what would make a suitable and fitting design for the logo and which would reflect 125 years of proud history then get your thoughts into us and we will have a graphic designer professionally develop the best concept sketch. Alternatively if you have seen a good logo design which you think could be readily adapted to do the job send us a picture or a scan of it in to us as well and we will "tweak it" to make it fit for purpose.

Your input to help us celebrate 125 years of history could become a part of the Bloods history in its own right..

2017 GALA BALL

The Clubs Annual Gala Ball was held at The All Seasons Conservatory on Saturday 17th June. The "black tie" function was an outstanding success with over 140 in attendance.

Following a very good day against Kangaroo Flat, both on the field and on the court, players, dressed in their very best, joined members and supporters for a most enjoyable social occasion.





RURAL CHALLENGE PROJECT

The Club recently took part in the “Rural Challenge Project”. The challenge was a series of workshops that aimed to assist to strengthen the capabilities of leaders from football and netball clubs to actively promote gender equality and the prevention of violence against women. The clubs involved developed gender equality action plans that when implemented will assist clubs to be more female and family friendly.

AFL Central Victoria partnered with Macedon Ranges Shire Council, City of Greater Bendigo, Women's Health Loddon Mallee, and the CFA District 2 to deliver the project that was funded by the Victorian Government's Community Partnerships for Primary Prevention Program.

An outcome of the program was the development of goals under our Gender Equality Action Plan for the club to address a range of issues in areas such as Facilities, Governance & Leadership, Participation Opportunities, Promotion & Member Recruitment as well as Social Activities all of which will assist in establishing and maintaining a culture of equity and inclusion for women and families at our club.



An Opportunity To Change Lives – January 2018

Golden Square chaplain, Bruce Claridge, and the Bendigo Football and Netball League (BNFL) have begun planning their next trip to India, taking place in January 2018.

Bruce and the BNFL have been developing a relationship with AFL India over the past few years with the purpose of assisting with India's National AFL Championship and helping make a difference in the lives of some disadvantaged youth living within the Mominpore slum of Kolkata.

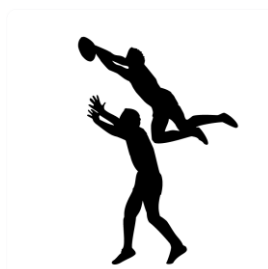
Bruce Claridge and others from Bendigo will be returning to India in January 2018 with the intention of growing the existing relationship and helping Indians develop their understanding of our great national sport. Bruce is a keen advocate of this annual trip hoping that some of their better players in India might also come to Bendigo and continue to grow in their understanding of our game by spending time with our BNFL teams.

It is also hoped that in August 2017, when the International AFL Cup was played in Melbourne that the Indian team will be able to be based in Bendigo and play some of their games on the QEO.

This trip is open to anyone at South Bendigo FNC so make sure you chat with me if you're interested in participating. Spots will go quick so don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference. It's two weeks (January 2-11) that will change both your life and those you meet within India.

Loitering with intent...

Dave Lovell
South Bendigo FNC Chaplain
0408 413 026



TICKETS IN OUR ANNUAL MAJOR RAFFLE ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Our major raffle this year consists of a first prize of \$3,000 cash along with a \$1,000 cash prize for second plus 3 minor prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$150 respectively. To be drawn on August 6th with a free BBQ starting at 12.00pm in the Social Rooms this year's function will also include complimentary beer, wine and soft drink from 11am through to 1pm all in the price of a single ticket which is outstanding value.

Tickets are only \$10 each and books of 10 tickets are available from any player or member of the committee or you can contact Brad Wright on 0419 736 214 if you would like additional tickets 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

SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

\$3000 DRAW

*Raffle drawn 6th of August 2017 at the QEO South Bendigo Social Rooms from 11am to 4pm.
Free BBQ provided @ 12pm - Free Beer, Wine & Soft drink from 11am to 1pm.*

MAJOR Prize: \$3000

2ND Prize: \$1000

3RD Prize: \$500

4TH Prize: \$250

5TH Prize: \$150

TICKETS ARE \$10.00 each

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2017 ANNUAL LIFE MEMBERS LUNCH

Planning is well underway for our 2nd Annual Life Members Lunch to be held at the Social Rooms on Saturday 5th August, coinciding with our Round 15 match against Sandhurst. The first luncheon, held last year, was a resounding success and under the organisation of Garry Smith this year's event is also shaping up as a great day and one not to be missed.

There will be 2 Guest Speakers at the lunch; Richard Jones BFNL Historian who will reflect on the past 125 years of the SBFNC and Premiership Player Stephen Dean who will update Life Members on the events and celebrations being planned for the 125th anniversary of the Club in 2018.

Full details on the day are contained in the poster below or for more information contact Garry Smith on 0437 986 623.

INVITATION

2017 LIFE MEMBERS

LUNCH

Saturday 5th August 2017
South Bendigo FNC Social Rooms, Q.E.O.
Function commences at 12.00pm
Enter through the View St doors

EVENT DETAILS

The 2017 Life Members Lunch will be held at the South Bendigo FNC Social Rooms on Saturday the 5th August 2017 to coincide with the Bloods' match against Sandhurst.

Our Guest Speaker on the day will be Richard Jones, Bendigo Football/Netball League Historian with "Reflections on the South Bendigo FNC".

- This invitation is for each Life Member and a guest
- The meal is complimentary
- Drinks available at bar prices
- After lunch you will be able to watch the game from the comfort of the Social Rooms
- After match there will be the opportunity to mingle with the Coaches and Players as well as other members and supporters

Please RSVP to Garry Smith on 0437 986 623 or at stephgar@bigpond.com by 23rd July.

SAVE THE DATE

The next Past Players and Officials function will be held at the Harry Trott Oval on August 26th, our Round 18 match against Kangaroo Flat.

Drinks and finger food will be served in a boundary side marquee and will provide the ideal opportunity to catch up with some of your old Bloods mates while watching the current generation up close in their last home and away match before the finals. The well-appointed marquee will have seating, an onsite toilet facility and heating if required.

More details to follow in the coming weeks but save the date in your calendar now

NETBALL NEWS

After completing the first half of the 2017 season, it has seen some exciting and competitive netball games. Which hold all grades in good stead and vying for finals contention.

One of the highlights from of the first half of the season was seeing A grade come away with a win against reigning premiers Kangaroo Flat. This win is a real milestone for South Bendigo Netball, with many saying it has been over 2 decades if at all that South Bendigo have defeated Kangaroo Flat. From a coaches point of view this was an amazing win, not only to beat the reigning premiers but to see the team play with full intensity for the entire game.

On the same day our B Grade had their 2016 season grand final rematch in who they went down to Kangaroo Flat by 13 goals in last years grand final. The girls had a slow start & were at one point down by 12 goals but they mustered up some fire in their bellies & refused to lose to the reigning premiers again, they fought back hard & took the game to win by 6 goals at the final whistle, it was a fantastic game to watch & to see the girls give 110% to win the game back.

With all grades in good form, it is a very exciting time to be around South Bendigo and looking forward to many more memorable wins.

It is essential to acknowledge all the hard work the players, coaches and netball staff have put in giving some amazing results on and off the court.

Benita Swatton

Head Netball Coach.

CONGRATULATIONS MONICA WELLINGTON

A big congratulations goes to one of our A grade defenders Monica Wellington who was selected to play in the BFNL Open Netball team at the associations championships last Sunday.

The Bendigo FNL (18) were successful defeated Bellarine FNL (14) by 4 goals.



SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES

Round 10 V Eaglehawk at Canterbury Park
Pictures: Scott McLeod



JUNIOR NETBALL

The Junior Netball Committee is hosting a Junior Development Day on Sunday 9th July at the Bendigo South East College Stadium. This is an exciting opportunity for all SBFNC coaches and players, and their friends, to join specialist sessions hosted by Netball Victoria Talent Scouts Kane Fetterplace and Sarah Collett.

NETBALL PLAYERS AND COACHES:
SOUTH BENDIGO FNC IS HOSTING A



JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

SUNDAY 9TH JULY AT BENDIGO SOUTH EAST COLLEGE STADIUM *day*

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR NETBALL COACHES AND PLAYERS TO JOIN SPECIALIST SESSIONS HOSTED BY NETBALL VICTORIA TALENT SCOUTS KANE FETTERPLACE AND SARAH COLLETT.

The sessions will cover various aspects of coach and player development and are designed to improve skills and maximise enjoyment.

Kane Fetterplace has been a netball coach for 20 years and has successfully coached VNL clubs Southern Saints and Bayside to State League premierships. Kane is a former committee member and president of the Southern Saints VNL Club. Kane has also coached representative teams in the Henderson region from the 13/U age-group through to open-age VNL.

Sarah Collett is currently working with the Geelong Cougars in the VNL. Sarah coached the Southern Saints in the VNL for four years and has been the Eastside Saints Head Coach since 2010. Sarah was also the Netball Victoria Central East Zone Academy Coach in 2014 and 2015. Sarah successfully coached the 17/U Henderson team to a State Title in 2012.

SCHEDULE:

8.45am	Coaching session registration	
9.00am-10.30am	Coaching Development Session	SBFNC Junior and Senior current and aspiring coaches - FREE All others - \$20
10.30am-10.45am	Morning Tea	Provided by SBFNC
10.30am	Player session registration	
10.45am-12.45pm	Player Development Session	SBFNC players - \$20 All others - \$25
12.45pm-1.15pm	Lunch	Provided by SBFNC

BOOKINGS:

Places are filling fast! To secure your place in one or both of the sessions, please click on the below link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/QMOI>

SBFNC Players (enter the Promotional Code 'player' in the Shopping Cart to receive discount)

SBFNC Coaches (enter the Promotional Code 'Coach' in the Shopping Cart to receive discount)

If you have any queries or would like more information, please contact:
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FOOTBALL NEWS

SENIORS UPDATE

Currently, the seniors are sitting in 5th position with 6 wins and 4 losses, a great effort to this point given last season we had only 5 wins in total. Unfortunately the last month has seen 3 losses and only the one win.

Round 7 Vs Golden Square was a tight game, where Golden Square played well on their home turf and restricted our running game on the smaller oval through a full ground press. To the boys credit we fought right to the end to go down by 9 points. The biggest loss was another major injury with Joel Swatton fracturing his ankle in a tackle. Best players were Zac Hare, who was very solid in defence, Isaiah Miller who continued his great form in the midfield and Brad Wright who, as usual, competed well deep in defence.

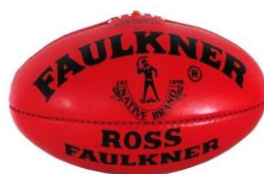
Round 8 Vs Strathfieldsaye was a disappointing day for the seniors. Strathfieldsaye proved why they are currently sitting on top of the ladder with their ability to win the contested footy and then handle the ball cleanly on the outside. We did have plenty of opportunities and fought the game out, however it was a day of too many missed skills and a lack of pressure. Best players were Mitch Rogerson who won plenty of the ball and as usual was very efficient with his ball use, Nick Howe who competed all day against Lachy Sharp while also provided a lot of drive, and Alex Hywood, who's contested footy and effort was a highlight.

Round 9 Vs Kangaroo Flat saw the bloods return to the winning list. As a coach it's always a worry in the lead up to a game before the Annual Ball, but to the boys credit they were well focussed and keen to celebrate the night following a win. It was a great effort considering we lost 2 players early in the game, to run out 77 point winners. Best players were Blair Whelan, who was again a workhorse in the midfield, Mitch Hocking in his first senior game this season who showed off his running game and Liam Bartels, who kicked 5 goals from the midfield and was supposedly being heavily tagged!!!

Round 10 Vs Eaglehawk as a tough 21 point loss, and the boys all showed their disappointment. We didn't play our best football but fought the game out well and at stages looked very dangerous with our running game. We got within 4 points in the final quarter, but in the end it was Eaglehawk's key forward Matt Gretrix who was the difference with 8 of their 13 majors, including a number from one handed grabs. Best players were Liam Bartels, who continued his hot form and continued to break the lines, Kieran Strachan who dominated the ruck all day, and Azza Connaughton who lead the way with his intensity and effort at the contest.

As coaches and playing group we have put ourselves in a terrific position leading into the final 8 rounds. It's a credit that the guys who are still competing extremely well against the top sides, given our depth is currently being tested with a number of seniors on the sideline through injury, while we are also somewhat off our best footy. It's an exciting month ahead for the senior side to push our way back up into the top 3, so I encourage everyone to get along and support us, as it doesn't go unnoticed and helps drive the boys.

Brady Childs
Senior Coach



RESERVES

In the last month the entire senior group have been decimated by injury and our numbers have fallen significantly but we are still competing well and the sides both remains firmly inside the top 5. Since our last report the Reserves side has only won the one game of our past four, but we've also ended up playing the top three sides. Slow starts and inconsistency continue to plague the side but if we can dig a little deeper and find the form we've shown, then we know as a club that we will be difficult to stop.

Vs Golden Square This was a spiteful game and whilst our guys did not get sucked in to it they were very bruised and battered. It was a serviceable performance from our guys where class overcame the scrap for their opponents. Clay Howe had a BOG day with continual multiple efforts, Cam Taggart was at the foot of everything and Tom McGhee didn't miss a beat and put on a marking display at CHB. 4 goals was the return for big forward James Pietromonaco.

Vs Strathfieldsaye Strathfieldsaye came out firing and kicked the first five goals of the game and we were slow to react and really did not fire a shoot in the first half. After half time the side showed a renewed vigour and the grit we know they are capable of and came right back. We were within 10 points when we lost 8 minutes to a season ending injury for James Oliver and fell just short of pulling off a win against a very good side. Mitch Hocking provided incredible run and carry on the swimming pool side wing of the QEO which saw him elevated to the seniors a week later, Andy Van Heuman has really found his niche at CHB and Cam Taggart is consistently impressing with his run and crumbing.

Vs Kangaroo Flat The game was a scrappy affair, with our diminishing numbers our skills have dropped away which is hurting us with poor turn over's. However our guys were way ahead all day and were never seriously challenged. Ex Flat boy Nathan Newlan showed his old club his metal in a best on game, big Jim Pietromonaco played, arguably, his best game at the club kicking four but having a hand in another 6 and proving leadership and a force up front and Ollie Dexter worked tirelessly at CHF and as a part time ruckman.

Vs Eaglehawk Our guys were under manned and had a really poor day at the office unfortunately. We butchered our possessions and only ran one way and the score reflected the way we played. We had two under 18's come up in Tom Fillery and Harley Turner and both acquitted themselves in a way that the club can be proud of, Tom strong in key positions and classy Harley kicking two goals. Chris Innes had a real go through the middle and generated a number of clearances, Cam Taggart continued his consistency and covered many miles on his wing and worked very hard. Andy Van Heuman rucked for all 4 quarters against formidable ruck opposition.

We are hopeful of the return of some players post bye, but we first face off against 4th placed Gisborne at Kennington this week which we will fight hard to win the 4 points. Our Full Forward James Pietromonaco is providing a strong target and sits 3rd on the league goal kicking ladder currently with approximately 30 providing a good under study to the senior key lead up forwards.

Some leaders of the group have taken it upon themselves to add a makeup session and lift the training rate to do a little more to improve their fitness and game, this is impressive and if they manage to drag some more team mates along to adopt the same level of commitment in the remaining 8 games, then I really feel this will be a hard team to stop in a finals campaign.

Bryce Balsillie & Dan Farrelly.
Reserves Coaches.

SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES

Round 10 V Eaglehawk at Canterbury Park
Pictures: Scott McLeod



JUNIOR FOOTBALL

As we hit the half way mark of the 2017 season the Junior Football Division is ticking along nicely.

Team Photos have been taken and we expect them to be distributed in the next few weeks. The club will be providing each player with a team photo which will be distributed in the next few weeks. It is wonderful to see our players arrive to matches with their SBFNC Sports bag and we thank our key sponsors, McDonalds, Fantastic Furniture and Steamatic for their support of the Junior Division and these two great initiatives.

The U16 group has continued to be selected as a squad which has allowed players to move between the Seniors and Reserve sides as dictated by form, team makeup requirements and availability. The Seniors are playing a nice brand of football against tough opposition and continue to develop. The U16 Reserves side is made up of predominantly bottom age players and coach Mick Easton is building them into a very competitive side. Provided this groups continues to work hard and realise that wins are earned not gifted then they are likely to play finals.

We were fortunate to get the opportunity to have the U16 group complete a drug and alcohol awareness program delivered by SALT. The feedback was excellent and we will look at the possibility of increasing our involvement in these types of programs in the future.

Our U14 Reserves side continues its excellent run of form having won all its matches since grading was completed. This team is a nice blend of top and bottom age players with a hard running on ball brigade backed up by some bigger bodies down the middle of the ground. The rapid improvement in a number of new faces to the club, several of which had played little football is a credit to coach Anthony Purcell's guiding hand. Last week's win saw 13 individual goal kickers at the same time as a number of players get the opportunity to play in new positions.

U12B Football is filled predominantly with bottom age players and found the going tough at the start of the season. Having been graded against team with significantly bigger bodies they have had to work hard to catch up with the rest of the division. . A rapid improvement in skill level has seen them become more and more competitive as the season progresses resulting in their first win of the season last week. I'm hoping coach Dan Wright, his assistant John Baralari and manager James Forsyth will now introduce some singing lessons to training as a few boys looked a bit lost singing the club song!!

Although the U9 and U10 group is considered non- competitive, try explaining that to the kids! This group of future stars for Souths are having a great time developing their skills and keeping fit and healthy. A big thanks to Natasha, Nev and Dustin who have worked extremely hard at building up our numbers in the bottom age groups.

Thanks to Dustin Lavery and Luke Murray who enabled us to organise a coaches training session at Richmond Football Club. The coaching team travelled down to Richmond on Sunday 25 June for the training session and were also given the opportunity to watch the Richmond V Carlton game as guests of the Richmond Club. This is just another great example of the Bloods building for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents our club and your child's experience in football is directly related to the input of the parental group. Team managers are always looking for assistance so please put your hand up rather than having to be asked. Please remember we have an expectation that all parents help in the canteen at some stage as this is an important fundraiser to help us keep registration costs to a minimum.

THE BLOODS ARE ON THE MOVE

Gareth Tawton - Junior Football Division

YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL

The U18 Girls side is sitting 5th, just 2 points short of 3rd spot and is certainly a far more competitive team than last year. A full list of players makes life easier for the coaches who have been able to implement some set game plans and the girls continue to enjoy their football.

Last weekend the girls faced a big challenge coming up against 3rd placed Strathfieldsaye in what turned out to be a very good game to watch. High intensity, plenty of pressure and 2 sneaky goals from an up and coming player in Octavia Di Donato (who currently plays for the under 14 boys) saw South take the points

A strong second half of the season will cement a finals spot so come down and cheer the girls on. Plans are already being made for an U15 girls side next year as the popularity of girls football continues to grow.

Do yourself a favour and get down to watch a game, you won't regret it.



Senior Player Nick Howe conducts a training session with the girls at Harry Trott Oval



FIXTURE & RESULTS

Round 7: 3rd June V Golden Square at Wade Street

Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	11:10-76	16:8-104	10:8-64
Golden Square	12:13-85	4:7-31	5:13-43

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	39	42	32	26	39
Golden Square	73	36	50	34	60

Round 8: 10th June V Strathfieldsaye at the QEO

Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	7:4-46	5:11-41	5:5-35
Strathfieldsaye	19:11-125	9:7-61	15:10-100

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	40	41	33	27	46
Strathfieldsaye	41	54	40	45	54

Round 9: 17th June V Kangaroo Flat at Dower Park

Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	17:8-110	17:12-144	12:9-81
Kangaroo Flat	4:9-33	4:6-30	6:2-38

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	38	39	44	36	50
Kangaroo Flat	35	54	38	49	56

Round 10: 24th June V Eaglehawk at Canterbury Park

Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	11:7-73	6:5-41	9:8-62
Eaglehawk	13:16-94	18:8-116	7:8-50

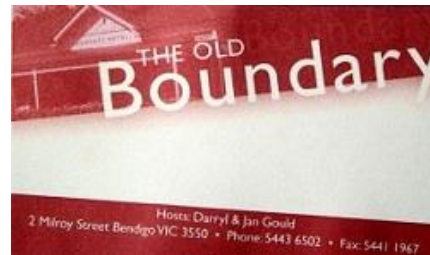
Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	35	39	35	29	47
Eaglehawk	53	49	35	53	28

Coming Up

Round 11: 1 st July	Gisborne	At Harry Trott Oval
General Bye: 8 th July		
Round 12: 15 th July	Maryborough	At Princes Park Maryborough
Round 13: 22 nd July	Castlemaine	At the QEO
Round 14: 29 th July	Kyneton	At Kyneton Show Grounds

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