



Cove Youth FC

End of Season Newsletter 2008/09



Chairman's Report

Cove Youth Football Club has just completed its 5th season as Cove and 6th season since it was formed and a lot has happened during this time. The initial concept of Cove Youth FC was to form a family friendly football club where boys and girls of all ages and abilities could really enjoy their football. The other concept was to feed all monies raised back into the club so the members could have the best equipment and facilities possible. I hope you believe we have been true to these concepts. As a Club we are extremely fortunate and unique, as we are closely affiliated to the Cove Senior Club and we have the total backing of their Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, and I am pleased to call them friends. No other club in the area or surrounding area can make the same boast.



Once again this has been a very successful season for us with our Under 16 SYL side winning the Hampshire Cup, after beating Aldershot Town in the final. There were several other very impressive performances in the NEHYL, with our Under 18's winning Division 1, our Under 15's being promoted to Division 1 after coming runners up in Division 2, and Under 13 United team winning Division 3.

But it is not all about winning, our under 8s had a great season in the NEHYL friendly league, our under 9 Leopards got to the semi final of the League Cup, only to be narrowly beaten, our under 9 Tigers coming 3rd in their division in their first season of competitive football. The under 10 Tigers, Lions and Panthers were a credit to the club with some outstanding displays, as were our under 11



NEHYL team who came 3rd in the Premier and the newly formed Under 11 SPL who won the Plate Tournament. Our Under 13 Youth team came an impressive 3rd in the Premier and our under 14 EBL team narrowly lost in the Cup Semi Final. Finally Cove Athletic under 17's came 3rd in their division.

Having reported this all our teams did remarkably well, more importantly though Cove is about

having fun and people getting on. The biggest thrill for me, as I am Vice-Chairman of the North East Hants Youth



League, is I can report that Cove Youth Football Club was not mentioned once in any disciplinary matters.

The final piece of good news is Rushmoor Council have promised us £75,000, which will be matched by the Football Foundation, to build an artificial training pitch with floodlights at Oak Farm. From this project, which will be shared with our senior section, we will get a regular income to ensure the growth and continuation of the Club. I now look forward to a great Presentation Evening and a successful season 2009/10.

Little Strikers!

Little Strikers is held every Sunday morning at Cove FC between 10am and 11am. It's open to boys and girls aged 4 and over and all that's needed is shin pads, suitable trainers and football boots, a drink and lots of energy! First session free, thereafter £1.50 per week.



Registrations for 2009/10

This year's registration fees will be £110 for mini-soccer and £130 for 11-a-side. Registration forms will be available through your managers and this year we are asking you to return the forms with payment to them. We are continuing with the sibling discount but are asking for payment in full ahead of the season. All payments need to be made by July 15th to guarantee the paperwork to be processed by the start of the season.

Calling all girls - We are currently running training sessions every Thursday night from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm down at Cove – so if you are in Years 4 to 9 come and join us!

The Good

Every year we get new children joining us and we know that their welfare is of the utmost importance. That is why we take part in the FA Charter Standard Scheme and this year we managed to successfully complete our renewal. It is a strict policy on our part that anyone involved with Cove Youth, managing or coaching your children, must have passed the FA CRB check before they can be involved and our Welfare Officer sees that this is done. To comply with our Charter Standard Award each manager can only coach for a year before they have to have completed their FA Level 1 coaching badge and that includes a Child Protection unit and First Aid course. This year six people from Cove successfully passed their Level 1 - congratulations to all of them.

The Bad and the Ugly

Very occasionally we have to deal with over zealous parents and spectators. Last year we brought in a code of conduct form for parents and players to sign. We will be doing that again this year. Please remember football is meant to be fun - encouragement at all times - focus on the positives not the negatives when supporting your child's team. Another area for concern is spectators' behaviour towards referees; please help us to teach future generations of players to respect the referee. There are also many young referees out there learning their trade - some as young as 14. Please be aware that verbal abuse to them is taken very seriously by Cove Youth and all the local leagues - these young people could be your sons (or daughters!) one day. Leagues have the right to ban parents from the touchline for bad behaviour and Cove managers are under no obligation to re-register children whose parents are seen to cause problems.

Our Top Tips for Parents on How to Help Your Manager

1. Remember at all times your child's manager is a volunteer; they are giving up their own time to coach your children and have also given up their time and money to get at least a Level 1 qualification.
2. Out of courtesy always send a text or make contact with them if your child is not going to be at training. It is no good turning up to training and finding out you only have five players and everyone else is on a school trip.
3. Give your manager as much notice as possible if your child will not be able to play in a match - some leagues will agree to move a fixture if several children are away at the same

time but managers have to give several weeks notice.

4. On match days managers need help. If you can't do anything the rest of the time because of other commitments but you are going to watch the game, try and get there earlier than your meet time and perhaps help to set up the goals or nets. Likewise, at the end of the game, offer to help clear up.
5. Remember always work with the coach not against them if there are any issues with your child's behaviour. You are the parent but the coach has a right to expect a certain standard of behaviour.
6. Please remember your manager is neither a child-minder nor a taxi driver. If you are dropping off at training or a match please make sure you are back before the session ends to collect them and that you are contactable the whole time your child is at football. If you cannot take your child to a match or training session please arrange with other parents to help transport your child and do not expect your manager to pick them up and drop them off for you - this goes beyond the call of duty.

Finally - **THE GOLDEN RULE**

If you feel aggrieved with your manager have a word with him in private - better still wait 24 hours before doing so - that sometimes puts things in perspective. Never show your anger in front of players.

Helpers Wanted

We are desperately in need of parents to join our social committee and help organise fundraising events.

If any mums, dads or grandparents would like to join our friendly team please contact Susie on 07920 052251. Our club is what you make it!

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 16th June – Managers' Meeting at Cove FC – 8.00pm

Thursday 2nd July – Youth Section AGM, all invited

Wednesday 15th July – Final date for subs payment

Saturday 3rd October – Halloween party for Little Strikers through to Under 11s

Friday 20th November, 7pm – Parents night out and auction