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ANOTHER SEASON OVER

Another year came to a close with the trophy day /season wind-up at the club on Sunday 12 September.

There were a number of important awards this year with Lachlan Shepherd winning the 2010 Junior Club Person and Sarina Aston being awarded the 2010 Senior Club Person award.

Lachlan had a very successful year also winning the 13s Fairest and Best award.

Lachlan was a worthy winner representing the club both on and off the field with distinction.

Sarina won her award not only for her services to the 17s as team manager but also mentoring new managers of other teams and even filling in when a team was missing their manager.

In some ways the team manager's role is more important to the running of the team than coaches! While her son Mitchell now moves into amateurs, Sarina has offered to continue to mentor and train new managers into the future. Above and beyond the call of duty!cont / 2



Top: Bill Holmes presents Senior Club Person award to Sarina Aston

Middle: Lachlan Shepherd, 2010 Junior Club person (presented by 2009 JCP Aaron Holmes)

Bottom: 2010 President, Alan Hebiton, addresses the crowd on trophy day

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Bill Holmes, 17s coach, was awarded Life Membership of the club for his service to coaching or assisting with coaching over 12 years from Auskick through to the 17s. This is truly an achievement. His son Aaron was also awarded life membership for playing over 100 games with Applecross having started in Auskick all those years ago. Aaron was a fine player for the club and showed great loyalty to the Hawks. The Holmes family leave the club with their place entrenched in its history. Another 100 gamer for the club from the 17s is Zac McCarrey, completing three generations who have been involved with the Club. His grandfather Les was one of the early presidents. Also receiving life membership for 100 AJFC games was Stephen Jerkovic. "Doza" was a terrific player for the club and his parents Milan and Glenda have proudly supported the club over many years. The 17s team retires from the club with many fond memories most notably the Grand Final win in the 14s.

President Alan Hebiton summed up the year as a successful one from Auskick to the 17s but noted that a number of committee and non committee volunteers were standing down after years of service and called on members to step up to a committee or a non committee role to move the club forward. He particularly looked to the Auskick and younger team parents who sons and daughters are the future of the club. The AGM is on 24 October at the club.

One theme of the club this year was growing the culture of the 59 year old AJFC and to encourage every player to know the club song. A CD was inserted in every Year Book for all to play.

Top: Alan Hebiton presents Bill Holmes with a Life Membership to the Football Club.
Bottom: A large crowd gathered for the presentation of trophies.





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MILESTONES CLOCKED UP



Liam O'Donnell started at the club in 2005 playing in the U9s, but it was to be short lived as footy was not his only passion. He played only the one season as he was an avid soccer fan and the playing dates for the two codes were to clash and he chose to stay with soccer. Liam came back in 2008 to rejoin his mates in the U12s where they had a solid season under the guidance of Quentin Granich.

Liam's last two seasons have been played at Shirley Strickland with full rules which he has enjoyed immensely. His favourite position is centre half-forward but does enjoy a run on the ball and his height means he does get thrown into the ruck often. He had a great season in 2009 winning the Fairest and Best for the U13s Gold team, following up with a back to back 2010 win also. Liam was selected this year to play at East Fremantle with the District team.

Nic Hearne, like Liam, enjoyed his soccer also, so has missed a few years of football. Nic plays his best football in defence but has been known to sneak forward and kick the odd goal or two. Nic has worked hard this year on his skills both at training and on his own which has resulted in a great improvement in both his marking and kicking.



SUN DOWN ON SEASON

A good crowd turned up for the end of season sundowner on 20 August.

Mexican specialty Chef Senorita Toni Hunter put on a magnificent spread of Chilli Con Carne, Chicken Burritos and Tacos. The usual BBQ was going too.

The weather largely remained dry for the night with plenty of players and others having a run around the park under our flood lights while the adults enjoyed each other's company.

The Sundowners are always enjoyed at the Club and it's a great way to get to know others.

14S MAKE FINALS

Glenn O'Donnell, 14s coach, writes about his boys' season end:

The 14's finished in fourth position this year which earn them the right to play in the 1st Semi Final against a very good opponent in East Fremantle. This was a great achievement by the boys as some of them are only playing together in the same team for the first time. We had not had much success against the three teams that finished above us but the lads had been training really well and with an emphasis on our tackling they were approaching games with a renewed confidence.

The first half was very even and we had our fair share of the ball but for all our hard work we were finding it difficult to apply any scoreboard pressure. The boys effort was tremendous in very warm conditions and we went in at half time about a goal down. They call the third quarter the grand final quarter because this is where games can be set up or let slip away. Once again no one would deny that the boys effort was first class but we had too many turnovers and East Fremantle started to capitalise on them resulting in easy goals. So at three quarter time we were some 9 goals down.

Looking down the barrel and warm conditions making it difficult I ask the boys for one more big effort and to finish off the game and outscore them in the last quarter. To their credit they took the bit between the teeth and did exactly that and reduced the final margin to 36 points. In the end a great effort by the boys and look forward to next season now that they have the self belief in themselves.

Overall a team effort but better players on the day. Dicko and Sean outstanding in defense, Liam, David and Cambo worked hard in the middle and the two James Mossy and Maso never stopped trying.



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PRESIDENT'S TROPHY THE HUFF AND PUFF MATCH

AGM
24 October 2010
Gairloch
Clubhouse
1-2pm
BBQ from 12:30

Notices and information about the AGM and positions vacant have been sent to you.

It is important that you nominate for a position in 2011.

Even if you do not nominate, please still attend, there are important issues on the agenda.

**IT IS YOUR CLUB
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Inspirational co-captains Dave De Silva and Mark Burns picked up the reins, threw down the gauntlet, drew the battle lines and made a statement. They put their hamstrings on the line for the greater good and got a game on versus the power house of the AJFC, namely the 14s, including their long term mentor and coach Glenn O'Donnell.

So it came to pass. Fathers Day 2010. Gairloch Oval. A bright sunny morning. A hint of tension in the air. The Dads were looking resplendent in the colours of the Mighty Fighting Royals of East Perth. Glenn turned out to assist his boys, wearing the South Fremantle guernsey that he wore when playing league footy. I had thought that skin tight jumpers had only come in recently, but they were obviously around as early as the 1980s!

The ground rules were established. Game day plans were mulled over as the Lads talked about spreading out of defence, using the corridor and building some early scoreboard pressure. The Dads scheming was less structured, but coat hangers, biffo and shirt fronts were all on the agenda.

Early proceedings set the tone for this highly competitive affair, with the ball being moved from end to end of the oval with speed and dexterity. It was goal for goal through the first quarter, with the strength and street smarts of the Dads the perfect counter for the speed and skill of the Lads. As the temperature rose the cheeks of a few of the Dads grew increasingly rosey, and one feared for their ability to run out the full game.

As the second quarter started the Dads kicked up a gear with a couple of quick goals, including a spectacular effort from our rugby playing registrar, Paul Moss aka Golden Boot. Some undisciplined play from the Dads saw the Lads claw their way back into the game with consecutive goals. The free kick count started to fall the Boys way, as they consistently were first to the ball, and stuck their head over the footy to take advantage of loose tackling. As the halftime siren rang coach Da Silva took his team to the huddle with a clear message that selfish acts would not be tolerated, and promptly set the tone by sending himself to Full Forward.

The Auskick kids then kept up their end of the bargain by giving the mums the runaround. All the skills were on display with the kids prevailing in a tight encounter.

The last period of play was an absolute feast of football. All the skills were on display as the close checking game made way for a more free flowing game. With Dave "Pluggger" Murray providing a focal point up forward in a David vs Goliath battle with Michael Wearne, and a mid field that was running riot the Dads prevailed in the final stanza. Torpedos and droppies were pulled out as the elusive "10 point plays" were strived for, and kept the final result in doubt until the final siren rang.

Through the post match formalities the back slapping reached fever pitch, raising fears that ribs would be broken. The Lads were keen for a rematch next week, but coach Da Silva did a "Harvey" and declared half his top team were unavailable due to general soreness. Analysis of Key Performance Indicators showed that
a) We all enjoyed the day
b) No-one got hurt

On that basis we can declare the day an unqualified success, and look forward to the rematch next year. Many thanks to Mark Burns, Dave Da Silva and Gina Bellgard for organising this event.



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PRESIDENT'S TROPHY THE HUFF AND PUFF MATCH



LEFT: The Dads beat the lads in a closely fought match on Father's Day 2010 and accepted the president's trophy in great spirit!

Who's the ring-in in the South Freo guernsey who limped around for days after the match?

BELOW: Despite a hard game it looks like the Dads are a bit subdued and the Lads could all go another quarter!

