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Pukekohe Indian Sports Club

## Newsletter: September 2016

### President's Report

Our 2016 hockey season has just wrapped up and what a successful season it has been. It was great to see so many of our members supporting our teams at the CMHA finals day recently. Congratulations to our Premier Men's team for taking out the CMHA Champion of Champions and to our Reserve A Men's team for taking out the Reserve Grade championship. Winning the top two grades underlines the strength and dominance our club has in the CMHA competition. Coupling this with our ladies' success as winners at the NZISA Queens Birthday tournament and the strong performance of our men's team coming in as runners up also shows our Club is in a healthy state.

Completing this picture is the amazing success our Junior Programme has achieved this year. All 5 of our Junior teams from our Under 9s to Under 13s teams have completely dominated their respective grades and the level of play and skills shown has been awesome. More importantly, the enjoyment shown on the faces of our young players when they are out on the field is very satisfying to see. The future bodes very well for our Club.

Please make sure you read the team reports later in this newsletter for more details on how our teams went this year.

Thanks to all those who attended our Rugby evening and dinner – this was an overwhelming success and feedback received so far has all been positive. See later in this newsletter for a report on this evening.

Prize giving has been set down for Friday evening 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the PIA Hall. This year we will be having both our Junior and Senior Prize giving together, which will enable us to celebrate the achievements of all of our Club members at the same time. The event will be more casual this year, with a barbeque dinner and BYO drinks. We hope to see all of our members there for a great catch-up over a chop or two and to celebrate our successes.

My special thanks to the Committee this year for all of their tireless work in making this year happen for our Club – we all lead pretty busy lives, but I want to acknowledge their sacrifice in putting in the time and effort to ensuring we can put teams on the park for our hockey season and also organising events for our membership and community to socialise at and enjoy. This is what differentiates our Club and makes it pretty special - it is vital we don't lose this and I urge all members to get involved. Any contribution is greatly appreciated.



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On that note, our Annual General Meeting has been set down for Tuesday 1 November 2016 at the PIA Hall. Here is your opportunity to come and hear how your Club has done this year, where it is heading and to get involved with your Club. The Club exists to serve the needs of its members, so really the easiest way to make sure the Club does things you want it to do is to get involved and make it happen.

I've mentioned this previously, but I want to again thank our Club sponsors for their continued financial support of our Club. The costs of participating in sports aren't going down and we really appreciate the support given to enable our members to play in their chosen sports. I ask all of our members to show their gratitude by supporting our sponsors wherever it is possible to do so.

Our thoughts also go out to the family of Mohan Parsot, who will be missed by our Club but his dedication and support to our Club will not be forgotten. We also acknowledge the passing of Ganges Singh and extend our sympathies to his family.

Once again, congratulations to everyone on a great 2016 and we hope to see you all at our Prize giving!

*Umesh Patel*

## **PISC Dinner and Rugby Evening Fundraiser**

With over 400 people attending our recent dinner and rugby evening, the event was a great success. Helped by the dominant performance the All Blacks put on over the Aussies, everyone who attended enjoyed the dinner and the big screen where the All Blacks and Wallabies 2nd Bledisloe Cup match was shown.

This was a great evening and it was neat to see so many of the wider Pukekohe community coming along to support our Club. There was awesome support for our raffles and the auction of a custom made bar leaner made especially for our event.

We are also grateful for our sponsors who contributed to the evening. A special thank you to those who helped with the cooking of our dinner, serving of the dinner and setting up of the Hall (and cleaning up afterwards).

Based on the success of this event, we will be looking to have more events similar to this in the future. Keep an eye out in later newsletters!



## **Junior Team Reports**

### **Junior Challengers:**

This year has been a great success with both under 9's teams finishing at the top of the table with our Challengers finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and our Knightriders finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our under 9's team was such a pleasure to teach new skills to as they adapted very quickly. They won every game this year and the average goals per game that the Challengers scored was roughly 7-9 goals. There is a lot of talent that is coming through with both under 9's teams and their enthusiasm was awesome. We would like to thank the kids for a great season this year and all the parents and supporters for getting up early every Saturday and bringing their kids down to play hockey. We will look forward to see everyone next year.

*Nikesh Parsot and Himesh Ranchod*

### **Junior Knightriders:**

Been a great season for the Knightriders team, we only lost two game this season and they to our other Indians team. We have had a great finishing to the season with our last few games being the most enjoyable & high scoring wins. Must say as a coach it's been fun coaching these under 9 kids. Well done to the kids who all turned up to training & game every weekend.

*Arjay Manga*

### **Junior Sunrisers:**

WOW !! what a season we had with the mighty Sunrisers!

We had a great little team with a mix of 1<sup>st</sup> year players to 3<sup>rd</sup> year players with the skill level of all players going from strength to strength every week. The best part of the season was them understanding positional play and running into gaps and most importantly their basic skill level improved throughout the team. I big thanks to all the parents for their support every weekend.

Some stats from our team over the season:

Played – 14   Won – 11

Lost – 3 (two games were vs the PISC Daredevils)      Goals for – 114      Against – 21

*Suresh Wallabh*

### **Junior Daredevils:**

They are an awesome bunch of kids that show good skill and team work. The team has come a long way from the beginning of the season, with some great passing, running into space and some great goals being scored. The kids have enjoyed their hockey, whether it be at training with the other under 11's team or on game day. They were undefeated this season with more than 150 goals being scored. Great pool of talent for the coming years ahead.

*Anil Daya*

### **Junior Kings XI:**

Another great season for the U13's! UNBEATEN!!!

It's a very positive sign when you can finish the season leaving the other clubs wondering how to beat our U13 Kings XI. It's a true reflection of our club ethos and our philosophy in our junior coaching programme. Well done team.

We've had a great season with all the members of our team, who have all worked well as a team as well as working on their individual skill sets. This has certainly paid dividends with the majority of the team being selected for the Counties U13's Rep A and Development

teams. Congratulations to you all and we wish you all well in your upcoming tournaments.

A big thanks to our Manager, Priya Hari for everything she has done to make this a smooth running season. To all our supporters and families, thanks for all your support! We truly have the best club in Counties.

*Mahesh Ravji & Hitu Patel*







## Senior Team Reports

### Senior Premier:

The season has been a long one for the bulk of the premier and premier reserve players with an early focus on the under 23 tournament. Peak performances were seen around July in the intercity with a comprehensive win over BOP Indians and draws with Tauranga Old Boys and Otumoetai. Toward the end of the intercity we struggled for numbers and motivation to finish the season off on the right foot losing our playoff game to finish 8th in the intercity which is a disappointing result.

There were challenges then transitioning back into the Counties competition with a midweek semi-final that was initially postponed and required to be played again. These situations are always difficult preparing for play-off hockey on a week night but we got past Waiau Pa 5 nil to make the final.

The final was against Kohekohe who were weakened without their sole NHL player in Chad Whitehead but the Saturday was a good event with good numbers in the crowd and the game turned into a game of 2 halves with a dominant first half display from us before kohekohe had the better of the second half. A 4-1 half time lead was reduced to 4-3 at full time although we had a number of chances to put the game away earlier. A positive way to finish the season.

The pleasing thing relative to the counties competition was turning losses to most other clubs in the first round into wins during the final round. There is plenty to work on and next season promises to be a good one

*Lloyd Stephenson*

### **Senior Res A:**

The Reserve A's ended the season by comprehensively winning the B Grade final 3-0, and in doing so it provided supporters with glimpses of talent and potential that could mean exciting times ahead for the club.

2016 had a number of highlights, with the 2 games against the Reserve B side (which both went to shootouts) definitely being amongst them. With a majority of the team still playing at school and/or for the Under 15 and Under 18 representative sides respectively, it's fair to say there is still a lot to learn with more development required. That said, a number of them are ready to progress and we look forward to seeing them succeed in the Premis next year.

The performance in front of a great crowd in the final when it mattered the most was a great way to finish off. The team should be proud, as they were duly rewarded for the enthusiasm, determination, maturity and skill level that was demonstrated and use this as benchmark for going forward.

Massive thanks to Yog for coaching and Dave Potter for managing the side. Finally, a huge thanks to the Club and our supporters for braving the conditions week in and week out. A Big Ups to Sunil "Sunny" Parsot, the captain of the Reserve A side. Any number of players could of been captain this year but Sunny was chosen as a person we could see grow into the job. Sunil at this stage isn't much of a talker on or off the field, that will come as he gains experience and confidence. But what you will get from Sunny is 110% commitment and consistent play. In fact, I can only recall one bad game this year from him and he took out the Most Player of the Day awards. Thanks to Lloyd Stephenson for his direction at trainings and upskilling a majority of the Reserve A players. A few of our team were lucky to be called up to play for the Premier side during the year and so we appreciate the chance to go one step further. Congratulations to all Representative players in 2016, it's an achievement enough to be selected, but to go on and win Finals is the pinnacle. Well Done.

Finally from the Grandad's of the team, Yogesh & Nayan, thanks to our boys for giving us the perfect Final at the end. We are at the end of our competitive playing days and we just like to play socially but always with a passion to win. We both enjoyed the year, in which we played the most attractive hockey of all the teams. Keep learning and keep asking questions, and have that goal at the end that will complete your hockey career.

*Nayan Makan and Yogesh Hari*

### **Senior Reserve B:**

Was a hell of a season with a well-deserved 3rd overall in the competition. After 3 different goalies for the first 3 games we settled with Dave who was new to the area and turnout to be a great asset to the team. We struggled with the interrupted season with most of our team doing little or no training which meant one week off was almost like starting from scratch when we hit the turf again. Our team had several strong performers and we played our very best when we played as a team with short passing up through the field been our best approach but it rarely happened with age and fitness been a couple of our weak points. We had the talent and opportunities to be in the finals and will be looking forward to another crack next season. The fine session tally after each game came to \$1500 odd dollars and an end of year trip to Waiheke was enjoyed by everyone who can remember it! Next year if we work on our penalty shoot outs we should finish a spot or maybe two higher.

*Shaggy Lowe*





### **Senior Gold:**

WOW what a season, ups and downs, highs and lows. And that was just the warm up.

Actually we had a great season, whilst we didn't finish where we wanted to but that's how the cookie crumbles. There have been some amazing goals both scored and defended (and missed as well). We have had a few cards (not for anger related issues – lucky KP J) more technical issues J so to speak. As you can imagine with a team like the Goldie's there is never a dull moment, and there is nothing out of bounds with the team either. Everything is brought up (publically I might add) right from Dave Naran's injuries (and bald head) Bushy & Dennis's cheap chat which they originally thought was between themselves but alas IT WASN'T – transcript of all of these texts will be shared at a later date (or to the highest bidder J) and let's not forget Kp's ability to go against what he has just instructed everyone else to do at the ½ time talk.

Lastly – a big hug goes out to Mahesh & the extended Parsot family for the recent passing of Mo, he was very much a part of our GOLD team family and will be missed. Thanks enough from me, look forward to doing it all again next year.

*Donna Sim*

### **Senior Green:**

The 2016 season has been a good one for the Green team. Put together from scratch at the beginning of the season, the team has gone well winning more games than we have lost and reaching the semi-finals of the top half of the Div. 1 Grade. The team has a wide range of ages, right from 13 years old to, let's say, very "senior" ages and there have been some great performances where the fitness and enthusiasm of our younger members complemented the more measured and experienced approach of our older guys. A neat fact for the Green team is that there are 4 father/son combinations playing in this team!

The improvement in our younger team members has been awesome to see and the signs all look good for future years. Thanks to everyone who played in our team this year, especially the guys who came out of the woodwork for a run on the park – it was a very enjoyable season and we looking forward to 2017!

*Umesh Patel*



# 2016 Prizegiving

Our annual prize giving has been set for **Friday 28th October** at the PIA Hall. Information is shown in the flyer below. We would appreciate it if you can let your team managers know if you are going to attend so the club can organise catering, etc. We look forward to seeing you all to help us celebrate our successful year.



**PUKEKOHE INDIAN SPORTS CLUB**

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**2016**

**Friday 28th October**

**PIA Centre, 57 Ward Street Pukekohe**

**5.30pm**

**Junior Prizegiving**

**7.30pm**

**Senior Prizegiving**

**6.30pm**

**Barbeque Dinner**

**\$10 Adults (high school and older)**

**\$5 Children, Under 5s free**

**BBQ Dinner and BYO Drinks**

# Uniform Returns

If there are any outstanding uniforms that have not been handed in yet, can you please ensure you return them as soon as possible to Arjay Manga or Arjune Dahya.

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 1 November 2016** at 7:00pm at the PIA Hall. This is an important meeting where you will get the opportunity to come and hear how our Club has done this year, where it is heading and how to get involved with your Club. The Club exists to serve the needs of its members, so really the easiest way to make sure the Club does things you want it to do is to get involved and make it happen.

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

Date: Tuesday 1 November 2016

Time: 7pm

Place: PIA Hall, Ward Street, Pukekohe

### **Agenda:**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2015 AGM
3. President's report
4. Hockey report
5. Financial report
6. Election of 2017 officers
7. General business

## CMHA Summer Hockey

Counties Manukau Hockey will be running their summer hockey league over the off-season. Please contact Counties Manukau Hockey for more details if interested.

Junior Summer Hockey	Family Summer Hockey	Youth Summer Hockey	Senior Summer Hockey
Individual Enrolment Skill based – Game at end	6 Aside – All Age Groups	9 Aside – Full Field - Ages13 to 17 Only - Mixed	6 Aside – Half Field - Ages13 up - Mixed
Ages: 7 to 12 years \$50.00 per person	\$200.00 per Team	\$300.00 per Team	\$250.00 per Team
Wednesday's	Wednesday's	Tuesday's	Thursday's
5pm to 6pm	6pm onwards	6pm onwards	6pm onwards
Start: 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct Final: 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Start: 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct Final: 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Start: 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct Final: 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Start: 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct Final: 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec



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