

South Bank Cuaco

Secretary's Report 2015/16

This season I must congratulate the 1st team for their committed and successful League performance which, at least for the home games which I saw, produced some quality football and some excellent individual performances. As in the previous two seasons the wet weather, mainly in the first months of 2016, waterlogged pitches at Dulwich Sports Ground as well as a few away fixtures causing many games to be postponed. We can but hope for an improvement for the forthcoming season.

The Club's Officers and team captains all put in a serious amount of hard work to enable the Club to operate effectively and to whom, on behalf of the membership, our thanks are tendered.

Newly appointed Match Secretary, James Perry, proved competent on his first season with only a minimal number of mid-week fixtures being required and all being completed by 7th May .

The Herne Hill Flood Alleviation work which took place at Dulwich Sports Ground was completed by the time the season started and the "road side" pitch became available for play in October. However that benefit was short lived as the arrival of the wet weather then took that pitch out of action for the remainder of the season.

The Club completed successfully its required FA Charter Standard Club "health check" in March 2016 to enable continuation of its Charter Standard status and the benefit of a reduced SAL League subscription which amounts to a saving for the Club of £305.00

The 1st XI captained by Chris Judd finished in a well deserved 2nd position of the SAL Senior Division 3 of 10 teams. Promotion to Division 2 of the Senior section of the League can be expected. Chris suffered a serious knee injury in October which curtailed his playing season but not his enthusiasm for running the team which continued throughout the season.

The team's progress in the Cup competitions were not so notable with a single win over Dorkinians in September in the AFA Surrey/Kent Senior Cup to be followed by exits from all of the three Cups entered taking place before the turn of the year.

Top goal scorer: tba; Player of the season: tba.

The 2nd XI captained by Andy Judd and assisted by Kieran Reeves achieved a respectable 7th place out of 11 teams in SAL Intermediate Division 3. The team was eliminated by Queen Mary College losing 2-1 September in the first round of the AFA Intermediate Cup. In the AFA Surrey/Kent Intermediate Cup the following month they lost 1-0 to Old Tiffinians. In the newly introduced SAL Intermediate Challenge Cup following a 5-3 victory over Merton after extra time they were defeated 2-1 in November by Crouch End Vampires.

Top goal scorer: tba; Player of the season: tba.

The 3rd XI captained by Aidan Reeves who suffered an injury preventing him from playing and later supported by Dan Rolfe again finished 9th out of 10 in SAL Junior Division 3. There was a convincing 5-0 victory over Old Blues 3rd in the SAL Junior Challenge Cup in October followed by a 2-1 defeat to Polytechnic in January. In the AFA Junior Cup the team suffered a 3-0 loss to Icarus in September.

Top goal scorer: tba; Player of the season: tba

The 4th XI again captained by John Henry, finished in 4th place SAL Minor Division 3 South out of 8 teams, each team playing one another three times. In October the team lost to Wanderers 3rd team in the AFA Minor Cup on penalties 1-2 following 2-2 at full time and 3-3 after extra time. In November the team lost in the SAL Senior Novets Cup 4-1 West Wickham 5th team.

Top goal scorer: tba; Player of the season: tba.

The 5th XI again captained by Jake Hopwood finished in 9th place out of 9 teams in SAL Minor Division 4 South. In the SAL Senior Novets Cup they lost 4-0 to West Wickham 6th in October. In the AFA Senior Novets Cup after a 6-4 victory over Merton 5th in October in the following month they lost 3-2 to Old Woodhousians 5th.

Top goal scorer: tba; Player of the season: tba.

The 6th XI formed after the start of the season captained by Neill Robertshaw commenced the League competition in Minor Division 4 South of the SAL in mid October and finished 7th out of 9 teams just two points ahead of the 5th team. The team commenced their season too late to be entered in any Cup competitions.

Top goal scorer: tba; Player of the season: tba.

The Ralph Salter Clubman of the Year Trophy is awarded to tba.

We can look forward to the awards mentioned above being presented at the Club's End of Season celebrations to be held on Saturday 11th June 2016 at Dulwich Sports Ground, Turney Road.

Edward Watson again took charge of the Club's training which commenced in Dulwich Park and later continued at Crystal Palace. As in previous years the thanks of the Club go to Edward for his training skills and enthusiasm which he contributed to the Club.

The Club's Discipline record for the season was kept under control and the Club did not reach Stage I of the AFA Disciplinary process avoiding the imposition on the Club of a fine from the AFA.

Enjoy your summer, retain your fitness and look forward to a challenging forthcoming season.

Colin Ferris

6th June 2016