

WESTLAWN TIGERS FOOTBALL CLUB HISTORY SO FAR

1978

- Using fields at Rushforth Park
- Club held Club Picnic a Day 25/6/78 at Carrs Creek hall
- Raffle 20cents a ticket prize a hamper and 1/2 lamb
- One team to finals

1979

- Rego \$4.00 per player with 50cents per game. Coaches paid 10cents for oranges
- Girls were only allowed to play to under12s as per club policy!
- Easter Hamper raffle 20cents ticket. 1/2 lamb raffle for rest of year
- All teams went to Casino for Carnival in June
- Parent Social night held in June at Grafton club and another in September at Grafton Bowling Club
- All teams thru to semifinal

1980

- Rego \$4 per child and 50cents per child per game
- Working bee at "North St " park
- Under 10 &12 &16 went to Kempsey carnival

1981

- Rego \$5 per player, \$12.50 per family 3 or more, with 50 cents per game including oranges
- Raffles to be held at each match day
- An injury book to be purchased for all injuries to be recorded
- Motion moved that seniors repay rego costs at \$5 per week for next 6 weeks or else they would not be playing
- Raffles to be held at Marina Hotel from 530-730 via roster format
- Under 8 grand final winners, under 10 grand final runner ups, under13, 14,15 were combined in one team runners up
- Sponsors Grafton District Services Club, Bailey and Gough and Kelsals

1982

- Rego fees \$10 per player \$1 per game under 6 pay 30cents per game as not in competition
- Raffles at Marina Hotel abandoned due to lack of helpers to sell tickets
- Attended Casino and Majos carnivals
- Club flag purchased with club emblem for display at canteen and club carnivals
- Paid for coaches to attend coaching courses
- Oranges for season donated by JD.Howard of Mountain View

1983

- At AGM no executive committee could be formed therefore past president and secretary held positions for extra one month. Very turbulent start with Athol Crispin taking on president so the club would not be terminated
- Rego costs \$10 per child or \$20 per family \$1 per game

- Under 11 State Cup finals held at Rushforth park long weekend in June we were required to supply ball boys and maintain 2 fields for the weekend
- Brian Thistleton gained Preliminary Coaching Certificate at State Level
- Grafton Association had 692 Junior players, 160 Senior players 27 games every Saturday for juniors and 6 games for seniors
- Club discussed lighting North Park
- Club wrote to council asking for kicking wall be erected at North Park 8foot high and 20foot long
- Under 8 and under 10 were balloted out of a Majos carnival as they had 95 team nominations!
- Westlawn Investment was a sponsor (\$150)
- Under 6-10 receive trophies, U11-U15 receive pockets as younger kids did not like pockets

1984

- Under 6 to under 9 are noncompetitive with less team members on playing field. The club did not agree with change and asked for a reversal in decision from Grafton Soccer Association
- Rego fees \$10 per child, \$20 per family, game fees \$1 per game
- New shirts purchased for Under 7 and Under 8 from sponsors Bailey and Gough Real Estate and Westlawn Investments. Under 10 sponsored by North Homes
- Grafton Association appointed a canteen manager and all profits retained and placed back into facilities at Rushforth Park. Profit from canteen for each club at the time was \$249.00
- Formed a cooperative efforts with Grafton United to form under 17 team
- Saw instigation of coach sign out and in of gear for each season
- Soil filling required for North Park
- Tigers wrote to City Club stating they did not support lighting North Park in June as they felt they would not get any benefit from the lights and didn't have funding for them
- Under 6 team purchased new shirts from sponsorship from Don Wilkes
- Only trophies purchased this year for all juniors
- Club costed a kick wall for North Park \$1241 and proposed to make this a prospect for 1985 season
- First mention of Barnier Park but was in the form of holding a picnic day at Athletic field
- Mrs Nowlan provided free screen printing for all new strips
- The club was devastate by the loss of one of its junior players Khan Thistleton (truck accident at Junction Hill)

1985

- Club approved purchase of different colour shirts for extra team nominated in same age division. Later in year it was decided that they only be used when they play each other due to sponsorship being on other club shirts

- Rego fees \$10 per child, \$20 per family, game fees \$1 per game
- All teams were asked to complete a report on team activity prior to each monthly meeting and give to committee
- Yamba club told by association that it had to change club colours when playing the Tigers
- Association began photo ID for players
- Any wet matches were replayed
- Player insurance was instigated at \$2 per player
- Annual picnic presentation day held at athletic fields Barnier Park
- Discussions took place with City to run combined carnival in 1986
- Heated and lengthy discussions regarding club being represented by teams at carnivals. Some felt strongest players should only be selected to represent the club if there were two teams in each age division. This motion was carried, then it was amended that the strongest then weakest team alternate between carnivals

1986

- Westlawn Tigers Soccer Club became Westlawn Tigers Soccer Club Incorporated
- Grafton District Soccer Association disbanded and new name Clarence River Soccer Association Incorporated
- Rego fees \$10 per child, \$20 per family, game fees \$1 per game
- Every club must nominate a referee for every team nominated in the competition
- Association received \$10,000 grant from Government for lights
- Combined City/Westlawn carnival held in April
- Tigers supported that a Premier League should form own body ie separate to Association
- 86 registered players u6-u12
- Yamba club must change colour of shirts when they play Tigers or Tigers can refuse to play and will not be penalized
- U14-U16 players playing in Coffs Harbour competition due to lack of numbers for local competition
- New strip for under 7 sponsored by Richard Hughes, Under 12 sponsored by Country Pine
- Club nominee for coach of the year was Graham Toovey
- 97 registered players

1987

- Meetings held at Grafton District Service Club
- Club asked to contribute \$100 to Clarence River Soccer Association to help with their financial difficulties
- Still at Rushforth Park
- Rego \$15 per player, \$27 for family with 2 players and \$30 for 3 or more players \$1 per game
- Newsletters to go to players monthly

- Subsidized players for coaching clinic of \$10 per player
- No under 12 team
- Early in year registered players Services 229, City 201, Majos 70, Yamba 10, United 2, Maclean no figures
- CRSA affiliated with NSW Soccer Federation
- Teams 2 Under 6, under 7, under 8, 9, 10,11,13,14
- Incorporation was lost in mail so club had to begin process again in May
- Wrote to CRSA expressing interest in forming women's team
- Letter sent to council by CRSA asking for speed bumps at Rushforth Park
- Ray Nelson was granted life membership to CRSA
- Combined City/Westlawn carnival canteen takings were \$1500
- Picnic day held at United soccer fields
- Registered as Westlawn Tigers Grafton Soccer Club
- 94 registered players
- Under 10 and 13 won grand final

1988

- rego fees increased due to CRSA increase their levy \$18 per player (including \$3 club membership voting rights) \$15 per player for second child or more from one family
- A team rep must attend monthly meetings
- Picnic (presentation day) Grafton Greyhound Club
- Under 11 and Under 12 competition was combined due to lack of numbers
- July meeting noted that Grafton United Club offered Barnier Park to the Westlawn Club for home ground as it was their home ground.
- July meeting noted club had finally finalized the club being incorporated
- August club declined use of Barnier park no reason given in minutes
- Geoff Benfield nominated as Tigers coach of the year, Deanne Martin nominated as manager of the year and Kath Lentfer nominated as club person of the year
- Tigers won Championship Club Trophy
- Same people performing canteen duty to look at roster for 1989 season
- Need to attract new people to meetings

1989

- rego fees \$18 for first child, \$15 for each remaining child
- North park becoming unsuitable. Club started sourcing new training grounds. Suggestions included Westlawn School, St Joseph's home, Barnier Park
- North park unsuitable therefore training at Westlawn school and pioneer Park
- Council required 50c levy per player
- Club organized bus trip to Dreamworld 53 people attended Austin bus service took people
- 2xU6, 2xU7, U9, U10, U11, U12/13 teams
- Westlawn to build kicking wall at a Rushforth

- Club notified Tucabia forming own club in 1990
- End of year presentation to be held at Alummy Creek Reserve \$40 hire fee
- Coach of the year Dale Reynolds, manager of the year Deanne Moran and club person of the year Trevor Moran
- 103 registered players
- 4 teams reached grand finals and U12/U13 as well as U15 won
- Teams travelled to Ballina, Alstonville and casino for carnivals

1990

- rego fees U6-\$18.50, U7\$19, U8\$19.25, U9/10/11\$21, U12\$21.25, U13\$24.25, U14\$24.75, U15\$25.25, U16\$26.25 therefore rego fees set at \$21 first child, \$21 second child and \$15 for third child and more. This was overturned at next meeting to \$21, \$19, \$15.
- Seaworld trip planned but early in the year the club was worried about revenue. Extraordinary meeting held where it was decided that a subsidized Seaworld trip was not viable for club. The fees for 1990 season we also discussed again and set at \$21 first child and \$19 second or more child
- Shin guards now compulsory
- Coutts Crossing and Tucabia fielding teams
- Geoff Benfield asked if necessary that Grafton United club register under Westlawn Tigers and it was approved
- St Joseph's school can be used for training
- Association asked clubs to discuss why children are not playing soccer anymore- reasons our club gave; kids start playing at too early age, in noncompetitive soccer no point scores should be advertised, too much emphasis is put on winning, kids not happy with coaches or managers, need more promotion of the sport, need easier substitution so kids are not sitting on sidelines for too long
- Club person of year - Graham Toovey, Coach of the year - Geoff Martin and Manager of the Year- Greg Chaffey
- Under 9 team gained selection for champions of champions competition held in Sydney and again in 1991 the under 9 team was selected but did not attend
- Largest attendance at meetings for many years

1991

- Initially no nominations for any positions at AGM.AGM abandon and new date set for following month
- Received championship club again for 1990 season
- First 14 players registered in any comp from under 10s up will be considered before late registrations
- Rego fees \$25 per child with \$1 game per child
- Letter handed to all players at registration stating vacant positions in club stating new AGM meeting date (11/3/1991)
- Bicycle pants not allowed to be worn under shorts as per FIFA

- Hillside Soccer club formed
- Trying to get goalposts at North Park
- Grafton United Club donated \$250 to club for carnival trophies. Discussions took place on standing alone for carnival ie not joining with City but did not occur this year
- Soccer roundup news compiled by association
- Letter of congratulations sent to Craig Phelps for making Northern National team
- It was decided that AGM be held at presentation day but did not actually occur
- Record numbers attended our carnival

1992

- Letter sent to City stating we would be disbanding combined carnival and would be running a stand alone carnival in May
- Tried to get support of girls rep team for 1993 season
- Trivia night held in September
- Three teams made grand finals and won
- Dec 1992- special meeting held to discuss the offer from Grafton United that Barnier Park be taken over by Tigers for home ground as well as offer of running a bingo night. Bingo night taken on 6-month trial. Barnier Park adopted as home ground for 1993 season. It was noted at this meeting that a meeting be organized with Copmanhurst Shire Council to discuss the end of the ground being converted into two small fields
- Meetings moved forward to 7pm start
- Motion moved to drop \$1 weekly game fee but then reinstated two meetings later due to large costs in setting up at new grounds
- Subcommittee formed for bingo, canteen and oval
- \$2 social club fee for interested parties
- Ran a successful 6-a-side senior carnival day
- Coach of the year Geoff Martin, Club person of year Ross Collins