

## **Secretary Report**

**2010/2011**

I wish to present to the Chairman and fellow members my Secretary's Report for the 2010/2011 season.

This season St. Anthony's / Kilcoole Utd., had great success with nearly all teams reaching finals with three trophies won, two leagues and a premier cup. We competed in seven finals in the schoolboys/girls league.

Our senior team is saying goodbye to Gay Downes who is retiring this year. He will be sadly missed at the club and having collected the Wicklow League 2010 / 2011 " Clubman Of The Year" at the Tommy Earls awards recently shows that his influence has been appreciated throughout the entire county.

The Club would also like to take this opportunity to welcome John Curran who will take over as manager of the Senior team next season and wish him all the best. John has been involved in the Academy with Tony Farrell recently.

Well done to Koen Verbruggen with his U17 squad enjoying a good first season finishing mid-table and good luck for the U19 Leinster league next season.

On the schoolboy/girl front we enjoyed a really good season in which our U8 teams managed by Ferghal O'Neill, Liam Byrne, Ian Longmore and James Evans had great success in their leagues. Our U9 team managed by Simon Fitzgerald and Mark Murdiffe had a slow start but went on to claim some victories. Our

U10B team managed by Noel Morrissey and Ger Counihan had a great season and won their league and reached the semi-finals of the Enniskerry Seniors cup.

Our U10A team managed by Mark O' Brien and Trevor Philips had a great finish to their season and were unlucky to lose the shield final by a goal.

Our U11 team managed by David Hunt and Gary Kelly had a great finish to their season and were also beaten shield finalists.

Our U12 team managed by Aidan Ryan and assistant coach Tom Mc Donald had a glorious season in which they competed in the third round of the National cup, Premier shield, Won Division 1 and the Premier cup after getting promoted. Hats off to those boys.

Our U13 team managed by Declan Mc Gee were beaten finalists in the Premier Plate competition and Our U15 team managed by Bernie Kelly were beaten in the Division 1 Plate final also.

I would like to thank every manager we have in the club for their commitment throughout the season, the amount of competitions being played for not to mention the success had goes to show that all are working well in the development of our young players.

St. Anthony's Academy. Every Saturday morning you can find in excess of forty young players being coached by our Chairman Tony Farrell. In this task he is assisted by John Curran, Ian Longmore and James Evans.

What is being achieved on these mornings is the very essence of St. Anthony's / Kilcoole Utd., and is what ensures our future as a club and is where our great season has stemmed from, congratulations to you all in this respect.

We have had some outstanding young players this season with four county players. Robert Mc Gee played in the U13 Kennedy Cup Tournament in Limerick.

Both Darragh Mc Gee and Ronan O' Kelly represented their county in Limerick and The Bunclody Cup, Wexford. Ronan was named as the player of the The Bunclody Cup

Competition. He is also the club's top goal scorer this season.

St. Anthony's / Kilcoole Utd., have been thanked by the WDSL and Senior league for the use of Finn Park for 11 games at the end of the season.

We hosted the Arklow town juniors cup final, the WDSL cup final, the U11 shield div 1 semi-final, the U11 div 1 final, the U9 div 1 final, the U12 div 2 plate final, the U12 div 2 shield semi final, the U12 premier plate final and the U14 div 1 plate final and two league runner-up competitions.

Having attended and refereed some of these games myself I was delighted to hear the response of parents and coaches alike with regard to not only the clubs hospitality but the condition of the pitches and the amount of work which had gone into achieving same, with the responsibility of presenting the grounds lying firmly at the door of Jim Kelly who has not only had the grounds in this condition all season long but has been at the clubhouse many evenings and Sunday mornings when called upon and I would like to thank Jim on behalf of members of the club for his hard work throughout the season.

Finally I would like to thank all my colleagues on the committee for their support and hard work throughout the season and extra effort in co-ordinating the BBQ day and hope it will be enjoyed by all and hope that I was able to be of some help to managers in my capacity as fixtures Secretary.

I remain yours in sport

Noel Morrissey

Fixtures Secretary.