



## **Back to the Blacks!**

### Summer 2009 Newsletter

#### **Message from the Secretary**

Dearest friends,

Merħba! Welcome to all of you supporters living at Ghajnsielem or other places in Gozo and Malta, and especially to all our loyal *Ghajnselmiżi* living abroad! Hope you are all very well!

This is my first time writing to you as the new secretary for our club. In the past few weeks, I already met a lot of supporters who kindly expressed their trust in my personal abilities and our Committee's commitment in managing the club effectively and efficiently.

As I did in other organisations I worked voluntarily for in the last twenty years, I am fully committed to work hard for the success of our club. Commitment, care, discipline and teamwork will guide me for the best professional management of our club.

While I hope you are enjoying the summer, most people probably would not associate football with the scorching sun of summer. Nevertheless, preparation for the new football season is full speed ahead in many football clubs across Europe and several of them already started their preseason camps. Ghajnsielem F.C. is not an exception. In fact, our new committee actually meets twice a week. All members fully participate in the discussions and a lot of attention to detail is given to promote more children and youths to carry on improving their football skills and contribute to the success of their home club. Preparations are actually in full swing.

As a committee, we do not have only short term goals, but also long term ones. Big plans and big projects are actually under way at Ghajnsielem F.C. As a team, we are striving hard to bring the best physical and human resources to consolidate the club's structure in a holistic way. Our club's vision incorporates a whole new dimension of running the club on professional grounds.

Last but not least, I seize the opportunity to two final comments. First, I would like to thank my predecessor as club secretary, Mr. Joseph Sultana for his sterling service he gave to the club. Thank you so much Joseph. Secondly, on behalf of the whole committee, I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to all former committees and individuals who supported the club in one way or another. You are ALL important to us and you are most welcome to join us and lead together as one, our club to success again.

We ARE fully committed and we WILL definitely create a bright, exciting future for all our kids and youths at Ghajnsielem F.C. So, dear reader, your help – your membership and your support are highly appreciated.

Finally, let us all remember J.F. Kennedy's famous speech extract and apply it for all of us: *Ask not what the club can do for you, but what YOU can do for your club.*

Many thanks and God bless you all!

MR. FRANK TABONE  
Secretary Ghajnsielem F.C.

## **New Faces – New Spirit?**

This year, Ghajnsielem F.C. welcomes two new members within the club organisation. Mr. Frank Tabone, a professional educator in school leadership and management, willingly and enthusiastically manages the administrative structure as Club Secretary; whereas Mr. Eric Mercieca, an Interior & Exterior Design Consultant & Turnkey Contractor, is responsible for the financial aspect of the club. We wish both of them a lot of success.

## **Coaching Staff**

Mr. Alex Spiteri will be the new coach leading the Blacks during the 2009-2010 season starting later on in September. He will be assisted by Assistant Coach, Mr. Mario Xuereb. The latter will also be in charge of the Under 21 team. Mr. Ivan Vella will be once again heading the Under 17 team, whereas Mr. Frank Buttigieg will be coaching the Under 14. The Under 9/10/11 will be under the supervision of Mr. Terik Belhaj. Good luck indeed!

## **Annual General Meeting 2009**

During the Annual General Meeting held in the club premises on Wednesday, 10 June 2009, a detailed administrative and financial report was presented to all our members. Should you would like to have a copy, do not hesitate to visit us at the club's office. Besides, the Club's Committee was fully confirmed for the next three seasons.

## **GHAJNSIELEM F.C. COMMITTEE 2009 – 2010**

President	<b>SAMMY RAPA</b>
Vice President	<b>WILLIE CUTAJAR</b>
Secretary	<b>FRANK TABONE</b>
Assistant Secretary	<b>CHARLIE AZZOPARDI</b>
Treasurer	<b>ERIC MERCIECA</b>
Assistant Treasurer	<b>CHARLIE GRIMA</b>
Member	<b>ANTONELLO TABONE</b>
Member	<b>ITALO CAUCHI</b>
Member	<b>STEVE CUTAJAR</b>
PRO	<b>JOSEPH SULTANA</b>
Member in GFA Council	<b>ALEX SPITERI</b>
GFA Club Delegate	<b>WILLIE CUTAJAR</b>
Club Delegate for Youths	<b>IVAN VELLA</b>
Spiritual Director	<b>ARC. FR. FRANKIE BAJADA</b>
Head Coach	<b>ALEX SPITERI</b>
Assistant Coach & U21 Coach	<b>MARIO XUEREB</b>
Nursery Coach Under 17	<b>IVAN VELLA</b>
Nursery Coach Under 14	<b>T/B/C</b>
Nursery Coach Under 9/10/11	<b>TERIK BELHAJ</b>
First Aider	<b>LAWRENCE XUEREB</b>
Helper	<b>MICHAEL DEBONO</b>
Fundraisers	<b>MARY ROSE GRIMA</b>
	<b>RITA ZERAFÀ</b>
	<b>ANTOINETTE MIZZI</b>
Masseur	<b>GEORGE GRIMA</b>
Legal Assitance	<b>DR. JOSEPHA XUEREB</b>
Architect	<b>GODWIN SULTANA</b>
Turf Pitch Project Team	<b>JOHN RAPA</b>
	<b>ELVIN TABONE</b>
Website	<b>GHAJNSIELEM.COM</b>

## **Blacks' Coming Events**

On Friday night, 24 July 2009, Ghajnsielem F.C. Awards 2009 will be held. For the event, a *Wine and BBQ Night* will be also organised at Ghajnsielem F.C. terrace, starting at 8.00pm. Everyone is invited to join us while supporting and showing our appreciation to all our players. For tickets, please kindly see details below.

During this night, Ghajnsielem F.C. will be giving the Football Awards to 14 players.

### **Ghajnsielem F.C.**

#### **First Team**

Frank Lee Galea	Best Player
Joseph Attard	Top Scorer
Joseph Grech	Most Promising
Frank Buttigieg	Most Dedicated

#### **Under 21**

Charlon Tabone	Best Player
Stefan Azzopardi	Most Promising

#### **Under 17**

Robert Grima	Best Player
Kenny Hili	Top Scorer
Larry Debono	Most Promising
Robert Vassallo	Most Dedicated

#### **Under 14**

Luke Buttigieg	Best Player
Justin Attard	Top Scorer
Daniel Camilleri	Most Promising
Bernard Sammut	Most Dedicated

## **Congratulations**

On 12 June 2009, the annual Gozo Football Association Awards 2008-2009 event was held at Palazzo Palina, Ta' Cenc Hotel. Four of our players received their awards during this special event followed by a gala dinner. Our club also won three cups – U/17 K.O. winners and twice runners-up.

Brian Meilak	Gozo F.C. Best Player
Robert Grima	Gozo F.C. U/17 Best Player
Kenny Hili	Gozo F.C. U/17 Best Scorer
Jason Vella	Gozo F.C. U/17 Most Promising

Ghajnsielem F.C.	Melita First Division League	Runners-up
Ghajnsielem F.C.	APS Bank U/17 K.O.	Winners
Ghajnsielem F.C.	APS Bank U/17 League	Runners-up

## Summer League 2009

This year's summer league will kick off on Monday, 20 July and the final will be played on Tuesday, 4 August. All games start at 6.15pm.

### FIXTURES

20 July	Brasil vs Spain	(1)	
21 July	USA vs S.Africa	(2)	
22 July	Spain vs Brasil	(1)	
23 July	S.Africa vs USA	(2)	
27 July	Winner 1	vs	Second 2
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28 July	Winner 2	vs	Second 1
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29 July	Second 2	vs	Winner 1
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30 July	Second 1	vs	Winner 2
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4 August	FINAL	vs	_____

### Get Together for Players

On Wednesday, 5 August 2009, a Get Together will be organised for all our players at Horatio's Tavern, Mgarr at 9.00pm. All our players are specially invited to meet the new committee members and the new head coach, Mr. Alex Spiteri. Refreshments and food will be served.

### Preseason

This year, the Blacks will be starting their preseason training on a daily schedule from Monday, 10 August 2009. All training sessions will be held at 6.30pm. A number of friendly matches both in Gozo and Malta are also planned.

### This month's Birthday Player

One of our most promising players, Ferdinando Apap will be celebrating his birthday on Wednesday, 29 July. On behalf of the club's committee, we heartily wish him lots of happiness, harmony and health. Happy Birthday!

### Membership

All members and new members are kindly reminded to pay the membership for the new season.

**Important Dates:**

**Friday, 24 July at 8.00pm Ghajnsielem F.C. Awards 2009 – Wine & BBQ Night**

*Entrance tickets cost only €12 including: one-course meal (beef/chicken/swordfish, rice salad & potato chips), FREE glass of wine/soft drink and dessert. All ticket holders can be the lucky winners of Weekend Break for 2 Persons in a hotel in Malta.*

**Summer League 2009**

*You are most welcome to join us in supporting all our teams from Monday 20 July at 6.15pm onwards. All supporters are kindly invited to follow the games in the terrace area next to the new open-air bar.*

**Get Together for Players**

*Wednesday, 5 August at Horatio's Tavern, Mgarr at 9.00pm.*

**Preseason for Players**

*Starting on Monday, 10 August at 6.30pm.*

**Wish to become a new member? Wish to renew your membership? Living abroad and wish to send a donation or give a sponsor to your club before the new season? Do you have some free time to help in the refurbishment of the club premises? Please do come and talk to us, or else contact us on one the contacts below. We would be delighted to meet you!**

*Contacting your club - Ghajnsielem F.C.*

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