

• LAST-MINUTE DRAMA

Blockhouse Bay takes the big cup

By Alan Sefton

Blockhouse Bay won the Soccer Gillette Chatham Cup 3-2 with a goal in the dying seconds of the replay final against Western Suburbs (Wellington) at Newmarket Park.

The Press box watchers showed time was up when Colin Shaw planned a header past Western goalkeeper Bruce Nicol for Blockhouse to win.

Extra time had looked a certain thing for Western Suburbs, but in an eventful performance, Blockhouse Bay took the lead in the 11th minute. Goal between them was scored in play.

Wellington last weekend. . . For the major centre forward in the replay, Alan Sefton, the referee at the time was Colin Shaw. The referee was in the Press box when the goal was scored. The referee was in the Press box when the goal was scored.

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Still they did have some unexpected help. We turned on Wellington neither for drink. And the wind did drop but when Blockhouse could have been expected to become much more prominent on attack.

Blockhouse Bay's supporters deserve credit too — and a basket of heat taken. They've had to put up with so many more matches this year that it's a wonder they're here.

But thanks to them and the team for they kept over the year. Soccer's forced to step back into being a truly national, not just a local, game. Blockhouse, and all the other clubs who are making the effort can look to 1971 with confidence.



— BERT BEAMS

WHAT a Cup final — and what a finish!

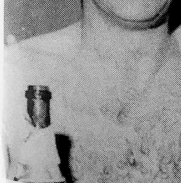
This was a real final with good, hard play and again a great display by Western Suburbs who could well have won the game with their bustling, attacking play.

I'd have to single out John Johnny Moore for his display in goal again. He seemed overpowered by the crowd but served us when it counted.

It WAS planned

And that second goal of ours WAS a planned move. We hit the ball almost exactly right — in hitting the ball for the right-hand corner.

What a field in the second too for Colin Shaw. The winning goal right on fulltime and a hard battle all the way . . . every day.



BAY OLYMPIC CLUB HISTORY



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The following Club and Premier Team histories have been researched and written by Football Committee Chairman Tony Andrews.

Tony was one of the founders of Green Bay - Titirangi United in 1972, and was secretary of it for many years. Tony has always been involved with both Green Bay - Titirangi United and Bay Olympic, playing a major role in the development of both clubs. He was Chairman of the Junior / Youth committee for many years, before and after the amalgamation with Blockhouse Bay Soccer Club.

Tony considers these histories a work in progress and welcomes any information that will enhance them. Anyone who can help should email the Club - for attention Tony Andrews.
Bay Olympic History

Introduction - This history of Bay Olympic has been compiled by Tony Andrews. Tony was one of the founders of Green Bay - Titirangi United 40 years ago and is currently Chairperson of the Bay Olympic Football Committee. A very enjoyable read for those interested in the people involved in the formation of the club and the first team players and games since that formation. See also Bay Olympic Honours Boards

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BAY OLYMPIC

A brief history of Bay Olympic would not be complete if it did not also include a record of the two former Clubs, namely, Blockhouse Bay and Green Bay-Titirangi United. It was the amalgamation of these two Clubs that led to the formation of Bay Olympic.

This record starts, naturally, with Bay Olympic and is followed by what we know about the two former Clubs. The information has been gathered from various sources and, like most things in football, opinions vary on just about every detail! However, this is not a definitive document, and if you feel strongly that we have got it wrong on some important matter then please let us know. Also, if you have something to add to the various Club records, please let us know.

This record should be seen as a continuous work in progress!



Blockhouse Bay founding Committee



Green Bay / Titirangi Founding Committee

FORMATION

To put it simply, the amalgamation of Blockhouse Bay and Green Bay-Titirangi came about because it served the mutual interests of both parties. A decision had been taken by the Blockhouse Bay Club that this was an appropriate time to sell the Whitney St land, including the pitch, training area and clubrooms, which it had owned for some years, and to consider joining with another local Club.

It should be remembered that Auckland Football were encouraging Clubs to amalgamate at this time. Green Bay-Titirangi had been refused building consent at Crum Park, not for the first time I might add, and were considering an alternative proposal put forward by the Council. This was to move its first team games to Olympic Park and to eventually develop its clubrooms next to the Athletic club. It was obvious that the two Soccer Clubs should try to come to a mutual arrangement that suited both parties.

Talks were held by a steering committee during the latter half of 1997, led by the two chairmen, Steve Bruce (Blockhouse Bay) and Ross Clow (Green Bay-Titirangi). This steering committee then became the Executive for the new Bay Olympic Club. The committee consisted of Steve Bruce, Ross Clow, Richard Houghton, Pat Evans, Brian Broadbent, Chris Napier, Janet Adshead, Barry

Barnes, Simon Jefferson, Tony Andrews, Annette Ockleston and Bob Rock (representing the Blockhouse Bay Trustees, who were instructed by the Blockhouse Bay Club to sell the Whitney Street land). Until this was completed, the clubs Premier home games were played at Whitney St and the clubrooms there fully utilized. Green Bay's clubrooms at the Ratepayers hall in Portage Road were returned to the Ratepayers Association, much to the relief of one or two of its neighbours!



In 1998 Bay Olympic teams took the field for the first time and competed at all levels from Junior to the Northern Premier League.

The Whitney St land was sold towards the end of 2000. With the kind co-operation of the Blockhouse Bay Bowling Club in Terry St, Bay Olympic were able to use that facility as temporary Clubrooms for after-match functions and social nights until the new complex at Olympic Park was completed in 2002. Crum Park became the home ground for the first team fixtures for the 2001 season.

The official opening of the new Bay Olympic clubrooms was over the weekend of 23/24 March 2002. The Waitakere City Brass Band was in attendance as Bob Harvey, Mayor of Waitakere City, officially declared the new complex open. Prior to the official opening, the Bay Olympic Premier Womens team had beaten Mt Albert Ponsonby 3-0 in a friendly. After the opening, the Premier Mens team managed to lose the annual Blair Trophy game to Mt Albert Ponsonby 4-3! It was bound to happen I suppose!! However, in no way did it put a damper on celebrations that weekend!



Steve Bruce had joined Blockhouse Bay as a National League player back in 1976 and although he had later spells with other Clubs, returned to Blockhouse Bay and became Chairman in 1997. He represented Blockhouse Bay interests throughout the amalgamation. Steve became Co-Chairman with Ross Clow of the new Bay Olympic Club in 1998. His experience and knowledge of Premier level football was invaluable to the new Club.

Ross Clow joined and became Chairman of Green Bay-Titirangi in 1995. He led the Club through the amalgamation negotiations and was very heavily involved with the building of the Clubrooms at Olympic Park. His business knowledge and experience was crucial in both matters. He stepped down from the role in 2004. The Bay Olympic Club owes a great deal to the foresight and energy of Steve Bruce and Ross Clow.

Vern Russell was Chairman from 2005-2006, two Championship winning seasons! Ray Spick held the position in 2007 and he was followed by Rick de Vries. Rick was Chairman from the AGM of 2007 until 2013. His tenure included two Championship winning seasons, plus the bonus of a Chatham Cup Final! (We didn't win, unfortunately). At the end of the 2006 financial year, it was no great secret that the Club was having some financial difficulties. The situation that occurred was not down to any nefarious actions, but came about because the Club did not have enough checks and balances in place. In other words, the Club needed to become more professional in the way it operated. Bay Olympic had grown to become financially larger than many small companies but was, after all, run as a volunteer organization.

Under the Chairmanship of Rick de Vries and with the assistance of the Club Manager, Linda Mellor, and the Committee, plus a few private individuals, a new more professional approach was adopted. New processes and checks were introduced and with frugal management, the situation was rectified by 2009. These management improvements continued to show their value when in 2013 Bay Olympic became the first Club in the Auckland Football Federation to be awarded New Zealand Football's Quality Club Mark Level 1. The work of the Chairman, the Club Manager and in particular the Treasurer, Kris McGregor was crucial in gaining this award.

The first part-time Club Manager had been Peter Morris and he was in that position when the Club took over its then new premises in Portage Road at Olympic Park in 2002. In 2005 Linda Mellor took over and remained in the position until 2015! Linda was a great servant to the Club. She saw the Club through its difficult financial years and worked hard to put the

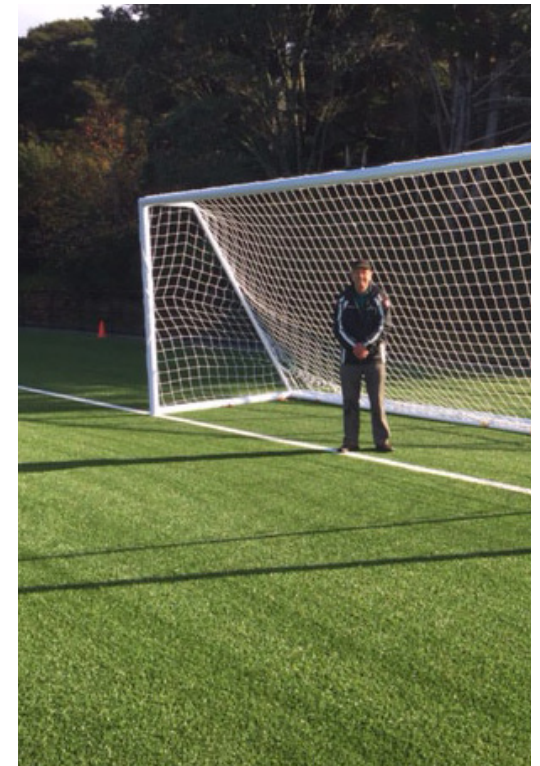
Club in a strong financial position. In addition, she organized and ran the Club's youngest group, the Small Fries, for many years. Kristal McIntyre took over from Linda for a while and the position is currently held by Amy Drury.

The position of Director of Coaching was initially held by Steve Wood in amalgamation year. There was then a gap until Steve Cain took up the reins in 2002, he was followed by Kim Beale. Currently, in 2015, Shane Knowles has this important position. A Director of Coaching has enabled the Club to offer a pathway for young players from grassroots to NZFC level and beyond. Since 2002 huge improvements have been made to the playing surface of Olympic Park and we currently have one of the best grounds around.

Training lights were installed at Crum Park in 2005 but for a while, the Club did not really receive the full benefit from them as the state of Crum Park meant that too often the ground was closed. Eventually, after a couple of unsuccessful attempts, a new type of grass was sown and we had a field that provided an excellent surface for training and games.

In 2013 the old changingroom/facility block at Crum Park was demolished. It had been home to Bay Olympic and Green Bay-Titirangi United since the mid-seventies. However, I don't think too many tears were shed, as it had become a tired looking, outdated complex. With great ceremony, a brand spanking new building was opened in time for the 2014 season. The honour of cutting the ribbon went to Dave Downing, whose name in the Club had become synonymous with Crum Park.

This would not be the end of the improvements at the Park, a new artificial pitch and new floodlighting was installed on Crum No 2. This



included a new area and surface where the old tennis courts stood. Tennis courts originally built by Green Bay – Titirangi.

When Rick de Vries finally stepped down at the end of 2013 it brought to an end a very successful period for the Club in both the management and football areas. Rick had been a popular, hard working and unassuming Chairman, who took an interest in all sections of the Club. The Chairman for 2013/14 was Phil Rollo, but surprisingly, he stood down at the end of his first year. The new and current Chairman is Graham Leaming, whose father, Rex Leaming, had once been Chairman at Blockhouse Bay. At the end of 2016 a grant allowed the Club to refurbish the Clubrooms, the first time since 2002. Great efforts were made to attract more sponsors with Mitre 10 Mega New Lynn coming on board in 2014.

GREEN BAY / TITIRANGI HISTORY

This article is written in the hope that it will bring forth stories and experiences of the members, particularly the players, that went to make up this very successful local Club. Although it never rose higher than the Northern League Division Two, it produced numerous players and personalities, many of whom remained in the game, after the amalgamation with Blockhouse Bay, and are now with Bay Olympic. Anyone who has something to contribute, or a correction to make, should email the Club – for attention Tony Andrews. See also Green Bay / Titirangi Honours Boards

GREEN BAY – TITIRANGI UNITED 1972-1998

That was not one of the potential names on the shortlist, produced by the original steering committee, but one, a local Councillor suggested would be prudent if we wanted the Council to provide a ground on which to play! An advertisement appeared in the Western Leader in 1972 inviting interested parties to a meeting at the Green Bay Primary School, the purpose of which was to gauge interest in forming a local football club. Initially, it was to provide football teams for junior and youth players.

A steering committee was organized and the Club affiliated with the Auckland Football Association in 1972. The original advert had been placed by Vic and Velma Wallis and they were the main movers and shakers in the early years. 23 Vardon Road became the club office, gear room and meeting house. The steering committee became the first Club committee.

As well as Vic and Velma Wallis there was Fred Britton, Ken McKinley, Jeff Griffin, Tony Andrews, Ron Cartwright, Jean Parker, Don Campbell, Grahame Bradshaw and Al Moon.



In 1973 a team was entered in most of the junior grades and a number of "midget" teams played at Parris Park. The Club used Green Bay Domain as its home ground and a number of Auckland Football Association officials attended the first games. Eric Dimmock, an AFF life member, was there to referee the first game. The case for a senior team became apparent and in 1974 a team was entered in the Open D competition. We can record here that it won that competition and that over the 25 years of its history, that was the only time the first team actually headed any division. It won promotion on a number of occasions but always from the number two slot! More on the football side later.

With a senior team, a clubhouse of some sort was required. In the first season the "garages" and "decks" of a number of members homes was used for the aftermatch functions. Eventually, an agreement was reached with the Green Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association for the use of the Ratepayers Hall, down at the beach end of Portage Road. As part of the agreement, the Club agreed to upgrade the Hall which was done after a couple of years. Much of the early work was organized by Vic and Velma Wallis. Velma was a ball of fire in the fee collecting and fund raising area, as well as organizing prizegivings and gala days. Vic Wallis was the practical, hands on, lead by example type. He made an excellent first President.

The Club was growing quickly and representations were made to Council for more grounds. Crum Park was being used by Suburbs Rugby for junior and social games. The Club had to prove that it had the membership to warrant taking over grounds at Crum Park. After initially sharing the ground with Suburbs, GBTU were eventually given the whole of Crum Park. After 4 years Vic Wallis stepped down as President and Graham Logie took over.

Tragically, Graham, a relatively young man, passed away suddenly and Vic was there to guide the Club through the rest of the season. Brian Wilburn became President in 1978 and held the position for four years. Brian, a painter by trade, and Vic Wallis, were responsible for upgrading the Ratepayers Hall. I distinctly remember Brian showing me that all you had to do when painting was to carry a turps rag in one hand, to wipe down with, and a paint brush in the other!

In ten years the Club had grown amazingly. We were fielding numerous "midget" teams and multiple junior teams in most grades. The Club's first team was playing in the Northern League Division 4. By 1982 GBTU had four Life Members, Velma Wallis, Vic Wallis, Barbara Logie and Tony Andrews. Then followed a period when the Club had three Presidents in three years. Alf Stubbs, who was one of the real characters in the Club, Ted Shefferd and Annette Ockleston. Annette gave many years service to GBTU, holding many committee positions and her experience is still called upon by Bay Olympic today.

During this period the Social scene at GBTU was brilliant. Val Campbell produced some amazing 'Shows' including a "Chorus Line" made up of senior players. The junior prizegivings, at the Avondale Cinema, are also remembered when Green Bay Titirangi reunite today.

Soon after being granted the full use of Crum Park talk began of building Clubrooms there. Three efforts were made over a twenty year period! The first effort was hoping to use the skills of Vic Wallis and other tradesmen in the Club to keep costs down. A building fund was started but the whole concept failed because the Waitamata Council decided that they were no longer going to issue permits for clubs to use their own labour on these types of projects. When a more comprehensive plan was submitted a couple of years later, the Council insisted, among other things, that all windows had to be double glazed, and that landscaping would be required etc, etc. This put the cost out of reach for the Club. The money from the original building fund was used to build the tennis court area, which

served as a useful training area when the fields were closed. Many training sessions were held on that area but I doubt that it would suit the teams of today! Both of those plans involved incorporating the Council changing rooms.

Velma Wallis stood down as Treasurer in 1988. Velma had held the position for sixteen years in which the Club had grown from nothing to one of the biggest and best in Auckland. The Club owed both Velma and Vic a huge debt that could never be repaid. However, there is often a silver lining, and in 1989, another name that has become equally as well known to Club Members, Linda Mellor, appeared on the Committee for the first time as Velma's replacement.

Brent Peters took over as President in 1985 and served for a period of 4 years until Wayne Mynott succeeded him in 1990. It was during the period of Brent and Wayne's Presidencies, and later Reg Basham's, that the most serious effort to build Clubrooms at Crum Park took place. It was a long and protracted exercise and it went something like this;



In 1990 a proposal for a Club Headquarters on Crum Park was approved, in principle, by the Council's Community Services Committee. In 1991 the Council granted consent under the District plan. The Club was on the way! Well, not quite. The Council's decision to approve the application was appealed by a local residents group calling themselves "The Friends of Crum Park".

Subsequently, the Council mediated in talks between the two parties and a modified consent was granted in December 1992. We were moving forward again - Wayne Mynott started his "Buy a Brick" campaign and the mood was positive. However, The Friends of Crum Park continued to protest to the Council and the Council (with votes in mind, no doubt) tried to mediate yet another agreement between the Club and the "Friends of C.P".

That proved impossible and eventually the Council, via its Community Board, did an about face (in the Club's opinion) and came up with more stipulations regarding the building of Clubrooms that made the project unrealistic as far as the Club was concerned. The exercise had already cost the Club a serious amount of the members' money. This, and the obvious assumption that the Council did not support us, made it unrealistic for the Club to continue. The Friends of Crum Park were not going to give up and would have, in our opinion, made things intolerable for us.

Reg Basham was President between 1992 and 1995 and did great work in getting the Council to agree to laying one of the first sandbased pitches in West Auckland on Crum Park No 1. For a period, Crum Park was known as "Basham Park"! Another Club stalwart was Pat Evans who did great service as Secretary in two spells totalling 10 years. Pat also ran a very successful tennis section for the Club at Crum Park. Brian Broadbent became Treasurer in 1992 and served in that position until after amalgamation.

Ross Clow was elected President in 1995 and brought a more "Businesslike" approach with him. What he didn't know about football, he learnt very quickly! Ross was able to get the Council to agree that, as they had made Crum Park a no-go area with regard to building Clubrooms, then they should offer us an alternative location. Eventually they did and Olympic Park was the agreed site. Olympic Park, at that stage, had no changing facilities which made it unsuitable for senior football. By 1996, amalgamation talks with Blockhouse Bay were under way and with them the formation of Bay Olympic.

Many Club Members, although not against amalgamation, were sorry to see the end of the Green Bay-Titirangi era. The Club was a great social institution which played a large and important part in the lives of many locals. It was a family Club that will be fondly remembered by its former Members.

THE FOOTBALL RECORD!

(Many thanks to Barry Smith for his help and research) For a long time, many of the long serving members of GBTU were under the impression that the Club's first team had never, actually, topped a Division in its 24 year history. Yes, they had been promoted on a number of occasions, but always from the runner-up position. How wrong we were! In its very first season in 1974, The Clubs No 1 (and only) team won the prestigious AFA Open D competition! Who played in that team? Well, that's a bit of a problem because the match team card is the only record of who played, who scored and who got marched in any game and they are hard to find from 1974! Also, of course, team cards from the Northern Premier Division are 100% accurate but in the realms of the lower Divisions, at least in the seventies, perhaps not so much.

From memory, I'm sure players such as Ken Knox, Peter Woodhams, Bob Campbell, Ray Perkins, Bruce Anderson, Ken Wheeler and the one and only Alastair Moon would have been in that squad. Don Campbell was the first manager of the team and he did a great job for a number of years. I have been told a photo exists and the Club (Bay Olympic) would love a copy of it please! The earliest team photo we have is from 1979. Those players just named formed the backbone of the team for the first years of the Club. The records improved a lot after 1978 and we have a good idea who played in the 1st team from then on. (assuming they were accurate, of course!) Who actually coached the team is another incomplete record that we (and you!) are working on.

From memory again, I think Ray Perkins, Ken Knox, Ron Leakey and Peter Woodhams all had a spell in those early years.

- 1974 Won the AFA Open D Division. 1975 Entered in the AFA 3rd Division. That was regarded as a qualifying grade for entering the Northern League. Finished 2nd but only one team went to the play-offs.
- 1976 Sparta withdrew from the Northern League, so GBTU and High School Old Boys

from Papatoetoe went in to a play-off which HSOB won. They went to the 4th Division and we went into the then new Northern Qualifying section. However, we finished 2nd when needing to finish top! The Chatham Cup was entered for the first time but we were beaten in our first game away to Ellerslie 4-3.

- 1977 The team finished 3rd in the Northern Qualifying Division. We know the names of the squad but very little else! J. Ravlich, Peter Woodhams, Jim Hubbard, G. Scriven, Alfie Forbes, G. Gillard, Ray Perkins, David Stevens, Ian White, R. Walker, D. Frame, Paul Wilson, Paul Stewart, Ken Knox, David Maher, Bob Campbell, Bruce Anderson and Chris Casey. In the Chatham Cup we had our first ever win in beating Te Atatu 1-0 but promptly came down to earth when Mt Roskill hammered us 7-1 in the next round.
- 1978 A new Division was formed called the Northern League Division 4 North and our third place finish in 1977 was enough to get us in. Chris Flack, Dave Fordham and Phil Rogers were now regulars and the team finished in 7th position. Bob Campbell scored 7 goals but we have to admit that the scorers were not always recorded! In the Chatham Cup (which we will just call the "Cup" from now on) we were beaten 4-0 by Waitemata.



- 1979 Ended up in second place in Div 4 North. Not good enough for promotion, as the format was for the winner of the North Section to play off against the South section winner, for a place in the Northern League Division 3. Mick Hubbard was the player/coach that year. The regulars were Bruce Anderson, Roger Weetman, Peter Woodhams, a young Neil Woodhams, Robert Andrews, Bob Campbell, Dave Fordham, Ray Perkins, Phil Rodgers and Ken Knox. In the Cup we went out in the first game 4-2 to Cornwall.
- 1980 A fourth place finish in Div 4 North. Colin Fearon, Ivan Kristensen, Dave McCormick, Garry Morris and Dave Hart became regulars. Again no proper record was kept of goalscorers but we do know the team scored 43 goals! We had Cup wins against Massey 1-0, University 4-2, before going out to Mt Roskill again but this time only 1-0.
- 1981 A second place finish again under coaches Andy Fairlie and then Peter Woodhams. Grant Wallis, Ian Campbell became regulars and Mike Wannan got a couple of games! 40 goals were scored, but by whom, we have no accurate record! In the Cup we went out in our first game, beaten 2-1 by Pt Chev.
- 1982 Ken Wright and then Alfie Stubbs coached that year but it was not a good one and GBTU finished in last place in Div 4 North, relegation! Maybe it had something to do with the fact that Neil Woodhams had left for bigger things! Craig Butt, Mark Woodhams, Ian Campbell, F. Williams, Peter Hearn, Bill Stirling, Garry Morris, Alan Stacey, Paul van Kampen, Don Maguire and Marcus Vettise were regulars. Ken Knox was still playing and Mike Wannan got two more games! Whangarei ended our Cup hopes by spanking us 8-1!
- 1983 Back to the NQ Division. Not sure who was the coach, possibly Ken Knox. Craig Batt, Peter Hearn, Gary Morris, Mike Wannan, Rod Britton and Robert Andrews were the regulars. Altogether, 31 players were part of the squad. A certain Patrick Timmins joined and played in 5 games. GBTU finished in 5th place that year. The Navy, Police and Air Force all had teams in the competition! In the Cup we again went out in our first game, going down 3-1 at Kelston West.
- 1984 This was not a good year for GBTU results wise. Not sure of the coach that year but in the end we finished up in 7th place - only Ranui-Swanson were below us! A number of players moved on and it left Keith Hart, Dion Jimmieson, Gary Morris, Glen House, Mark Roberts, Harry Zwalve?, Ian White and Ian Hyde to carry the flag. We were thumped 6-1 by Taupo in the Cup.

- 1985 This was a better year. GBTU won 11 of its 14 games in finishing second. Again, not sure of the coach, but it may well have been Vic Prichett. Dave Ansell, Colin Hall, C.Bingham, L.Deanne, Peter Wallis and Grant Wallis played the majority of games, and Steve Withers played in nine! In the Cup we went out at the first hurdle to Pakuranga 4-1.
- 1986 Slipped back a bit and finished 7th out of 10 teams. In the Cup we got spanked again by Whangarei, again, this time by 7-3.
- 1987 A great year for the Club. I think it was Blackie's (Tony Black) first year as coach. Some players returned to the Club and the team was much stronger. John Roberts, Pat Timmins, Grant Wallis, Colin Mathews, Walter Stark, Peter Wallis, Mike Wannan, Jim Drummond and Alan Ivory were regulars. The team won 11 out of 12 games for 33 points, equal with Forrest Hill-Milford. Both teams scored 64 goals but GBTU let in 6 more! Second place again! But good enough for promotion this time. In the Cup we had our best year for some time with wins over Glen Eden 6-3 and Clendon 1-0 before going out to Manukau City 2-1.
- 1988 GBTU in the dizzy heights of the Northern League Division 4. Blackie coaching again! Pat Timmins, Michael Hearn, Peter Wallis, Alan Ivory, Grant Wallis, Ross Rafferty, Walter Starke, Mike Wannan, Colin Matthews, Graham Bannister, Peter Morris and Shane Finn were the regulars. We won 14 out of 20 games, exactly the same as Forrest Hill-Milford, however, this time they had one more point than us and we were runners-up again. No matter though because second place won us promotion to Division 3! GBTU were motoring! In the Cup, we beat Cambridge 3-1 but went down to Ngaruawahia 6-1.
- 1989 The team was strengthened for our first season in Division 3. The squad included Alan Ivory, Peter Morris, Peter Hearn, Daryl Christian, John McDermott, Pat Timmins, Graham Bannister, Stephen Gale, Mike Wannan, Peter Wallis and Colin Whittaker. Chris Gwin made 3 appearances. The team won 12 out of 22 games and finished with 42 points, good enough for second place and promotion yet again! Three promotions in three years! We were steaming! In the Cup we beat Matamata 3-2 - had our biggest ever Cup win over YMCA by 12-0 and then lost to Whakatane 4-3. Another great season for GBTU!
- 1990 Most of the players and the coaching staff returned for our first season in Div 2. Ray Palmer was an addition to the squad and Scott Kelly and Aaron Day got to play a few games. GBTU finished in 7th place, mid-table and a creditable performance. In the Cup we beat Bucklands Beach 7-0, then Te Atatu 4-1, before going out to Ngaruawahia on penalties.
- 1991 Our second year in Div 2 was similar - another 7th place finish. Stephen Gale, Peter Morris, Pat Timmins, Grant Wallis, Alan Ivory, Chris Gwin, Jos Dennehy, Aaron Day, Peter Ockleston, John McDermott, Keith Patton and Scott Kelly played in the bulk of the games. We know we got 38 goals but we can only account for 7 of them! In the Cup we lost to Hamilton Wanderers 4-1 in our only game.
- 1992 Steve Fletcher took over as player/coach. Keith Patton, Simon Woodhams, Karl Gornell, Shane Jones, Steve Fletcher, Stefan Lapwood, Peter Ockleston, Maurice Hewson, Sean Towse, Jos Dennehy and Jim Kilmartin did the bulk of the playing. From a football point of view the less said the better! We won just 3 out of 22 games and finished bottom. It was all doom and gloom. Football, though, is a wonderful game and as if by some sort of magic, the Northern League had one of its numerous restructures and we were saved! We would be back in Div 2 in 93! Needless to say, we were beaten in the Cup, in our only game, by Pakuranga 3-0.
- 1993 Somehow we were still in Division 2, although I think a whole new Division had been created above us! John Lipscombe came in as coach and a very positive attitude prevailed at the Club. The players included Tim Groenestein, John Gwin, Shane Rogers, Peter Ockleston, Gary Ireland, Gareth Hughes, Pat Forrester, Stephen Gale, Lee Strickland, Pat Timmins, Simon Woodhams, Karl Gornell, Shaun Gamble and, of course, John Lipscombe. The team finished a creditable 7th, mid-table and far from relegation. In the Cup, just the one game as usual, losing to Rotorua Suburbs by 2-0.
- 1994 John Lipscombe was back as player/coach. Grant Wallis returned and Maurice Hewson joined the squad. Peter Oxley and Adam Schofield got some game time. We went down a place and finished 8th, safe, but 30 points behind the winner, Western Springs. In the Cup we managed to swamp Waitemata City 7-0 but then, for the second time Ngaruawahia beat us on penalties (4-3) after a 1-1 full time scoreline.

- 1995 New coaches in Steve Yates and Steve Withers. The mainstays of the team were Mathew Clews, Peter Wallis, Adam Schofield, Damian Peters, Mathew Sheales, Peter Ockleston, Jon Freeman, Ian Kendrick, Chris Weedon, Keith Patton, Tony Harris, Simon Woodhams and Gary Hutchinson. Pat Timmins and Andrew Barnard got a few games. It was not a successful season, the Club ended up in 11th place out of 12 teams. Winning just 5 games in 22. Relegation!! Well, the restructuring fairy saved us in 1992, would she do so again? You better believe it! Not sure how, but we would be back in Division 2 in 1996. In the Cup we managed just the one game, going out to Whangarei City 4-3 in one of the better performances.
- 1996 Same coaches appointed (I think) and many of the same squad available. Andrew Barnard and Keith Patton played every game. Carlo Radovan played his first season and was the leading goalscorer with 6 goals. Well, we did better than 1995 and finished 10th - no relegation worries this year! We did have a Cup run of sorts, beating Otahuhu 4-2, Carlton 8-0 before losing to Ngaruawahia again, this time by 2-1.

1997 Rod Clews took over as coach in what was to be the last season as GBTU. The season was the most successful for a few years and the team finished in 3rd place in Division 2, which was the highest position GBTU were ever to reach! The squad for that final season was Adam Schofield, Andrew Barnard, Mathew Clews, Peter Ockleston, Simon Woodhams, Keith Patton, Doug Kelly, Peter Wallis, Aaron Day, Damian Peters, Stephen Rowlands, Colin Campbell, Grant Wallis and Matthew Sheales. In the Cup we put up a great fight but lost to Eastern Suburbs 2-1.

It was to be the end of an era. GBTU was amalgamating with Blockhouse Bay and forming the Bay Olympic Club. The records show that Peter Wallis played a total of 175 games for the Club. The others, that we know of, who played over a hundred games were Patrick Timmins, Grant Wallis, Keith Patton, Peter Ockleston, Alan Ivory, Simon Woodhams, Stephen Gale and Mike Wannan. Other major contributors, were Gary Morris with 99 and Peter Hearn with 90.

It is just a pity that we don't have the complete record for players like Ken Knox, Ray Perkins and Peter Woodhams from the early years. We are working on it though! Of the players that went on to higher levels in football, Neil Woodhams stands out and from the Youth section, Danny Hay. Many players went on to play at Northern Premier League level.

Ex GBTU players that played for the new Bay Olympic Club in its first two seasons included Adam Schofield, Carlo Radovan, Andrew Barnard, Stephen Rowlands, Peter Wallis and Damian Peters.

If you have information that may help me to make this a more accurate record of events, please contact me via the Club so that we can update if necessary!

For a start let us try and get the Coaches record correct. This is what I have... can you help me fill in the gaps or correct it.

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| • 1974-1977 | I believe Ray Perkins, Ron Leakey and Ken Knox were involved. |
| • 1978 | Ken Knox. |
| • 1979 | Mick Hubbard. |
| • 1980 | ? |
| • 1981 | Andy Fairlie/Peter Woodhams. |
| • 1982 | Ken Wright/Alf Stubbs |
| • 1983 | ? |
| • 1984 | ? |
| • 1985 | Vic Pritchett? |
| • 1986 | ? |
| • 1987 | ? |
| • 1988 | ? |
| • 1989 | ? |
| • 1990 | Tony Black |
| • 1991 | Tony Black |
| • 1992 | Steve Fletcher. |
| • 1993 | John Lipscombe |
| • 1994 | John Lipscombe |
| • 1995 | Steve Yates/Steve Withers |
| • 1996 | Steve Yates/Steve Withers |
| • 1997 | Rod Clews |