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CHARLES VALENTINE MEDAL

PETER SARIKAKIS

Peter Sarikakis who is known with great afection within the Footbal Family as "THE GENERAL GENERAL" is this year's recip-ient of the Charles Valentine Medal. The General commenced his love afair with Footbal in the place of his birth on the island of Crete. His involvement in the game has actualy spanned over 50 years. He first played Footbal in the country of his birth, Greece, as a five year old. He played continuously until he was 53 years old and finished his playing career in the Over 35 competition in the St George Association. The General commenced his playing career at senior level in 1969 where at the age of 15 he played for Thiela Enmore in the NSW Soccer Federation Second Division. Over the years Peter also played with Panathinaikos Enmore, Helas Newtown, Canterbury Marickvile Olympic, Newtown Makedonikos and Hurstvile City Minotaurs. In 1985 the General started a new club. It was caled Sydney Cretan's, which later became known as Hurstvile City Minotaurs. The General has served Hurstvile City Minotaurs as a player, coach and as an administrator. Several seasons after forming Hurstvile City Minotaurs they gained admission in the seventh division of the NSW Soccer Federation in 1988. During a span of 11 years the club was able to reach the NSW Super League competition. The General has coached continuously at the club from 1985 through to 2009 and wil again be involved in a coaching capacity in Season 2010. However, the General's background is not necessarily restricted to coaching he has served the Hurstvile City Minotaurs in a continued capacity over the period from 1985 through to 2009 as either President, Secretary or Treasurer of the club. In some seasons he has held al three positions to ensure the club continued to be part of Footbal NSW. Additionaly Peter is a qualified referee and also a radio broadcaster on 2MM where he has a weekly Footbal program on Monday evenings.

The General's administrative skils have not just been restricted to the three most senior positions within his club, he has been the club's groundsman, always preparing the field for match day. It is believed he has put nets up more often than most fishermen and done a thousand kilometers of line marking. Further, Peter has also been caled up to display his culinary skils cooking plenty of souvlakis manning the club BBQ on match days. The General is also his clubs MPIO Oficer. The club has not just focused on senior teams under the General's guidance the club has Youth League teams as wel as having over 30 teams in the St George Association from Under 6's through to Al Age, Over 35's Women's teams. Much of the General's time has been ensuring the club had a sound foundation on which it could provide a pathway to senior levels of Footbal for any aspiring player.

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