

Old Website News

Date: 31 December 2020

Topics: Blood Bowl & Writing

Blood Bowl: Very poor of me to not update this in a timely fashion. The Outback Cup Sevens on Nov 21 had a tight finish, with three coaches in the running to win the event (including yours truly) going into the last round. Unfortunately, it was to be my only loss for the tournament, which saw me finish in third place with my Section 9 Bretonnians with a 2-2-1 record. In front of them were a Chaos Dwarf side (run by Gnome, whose only loss was to the winner) and a Skaven team run by SSS, which the Bretons drew against in the fourth round. They went through undefeated to win the event. I finished the year in the black, not just for the W/D/L record, but in touchdowns and casualties as well. Hopefully 2021 will see an increase in tournaments in NSW, as well as a resumption of the Blue Mountains Blood Bowl League. COVID-19 permitting of course.

Writing: Roughly half-way through the third draft of Feudball 3. With so many distractions locally, I was unable to get the book finished in time for a December launch. So far an extra 15 pages has been added, as well as nearly 12,000 words. A couple of sections in particular needed some reworking, including the team arriving in neutral territory, and the start of a tournament in Iberia, where I had the opening ceremony of the event before their trial match instead of the other way around. The map is practically complete, though it will need a couple of little alterations before I can declare it finished. I would like to say that January will be the target month for the launch, though a February release will be more realistic.

Date: 16 October 2020

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography & Writing

Blood Bowl: Though MOAB was cancelled, another BB tournament was scheduled instead for last Saturday (Oct 10) at the same venue, the community centre in Sylvania Heights. The substitute event was Nuffle's Bash at the Beach, a one day, four game resurrection event which was contested by eight coaches, whilst adhering (as best we could) to social distancing and hygiene recommendations. Yours truly played the recently approved Old World Alliance roster, and finished runner-up with a record of 3-0-1. My only loss was in the first round to the overall winner, Rabid (current NAF vice-president), who played Vampires and won all four matches. The Outback Cup Sevens is still going ahead, but has been rescheduled to November 21 to allow the games store hosting the event to move to a new location in Windsor.

Photography: Naturally Isolated is currently on display at the annual Art Works! exhibition at the Gosford Regional Gallery in East Gosford until October 20.

Writing: The second draft of Feudball 3 was completed yesterday. The project has grown somewhat to 302 pages, and is just under 212,700 words. Still think it needs some more work but it's looking much better. Apart from cleaning up grammatical and consistency errors, the biggest part of the edit was three chapters, all from the Iberian section in the book, needing a complete overall.

Date: 1 September 2020

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography & Writing

Blood Bowl: Unfortunately, the next tournament that I had registered to play in is not going ahead. Due to restrictions and regulations imposed on indoor events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual MOAB games convention, which was due to commence on October 3, was cancelled. The second running of the sevens tournament, the Outback Cup, at this stage is still set for October 31.

Photography: Though I've been quite reclusive of late with all the drama of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have had a couple of occasions where I've been able to take the camera out and see what I could find. During August, on a rare date, I wandered around Point Frederick (maybe for the seventh time) whilst the weather was good, and on an outing with my mental health support group, visited Woy Woy, where I got some nice shots of the wildlife and the water. On weekly shopping excursions into Gosford, I've also been utilising my mobile phone's camera to record demolition work in the centre of town, where a new tower complex will be constructed. The annual Art Works! exhibition is still going ahead in October, and I have submitted an entry, a piece entitled Naturally Isolated, which spent some time on display at the Casa del Sol gallery and was one of my entries at the Gosford Regional Show several years ago. You can see it on the Featured page

in the Photography section of the website.

Writing: Editing has been progressing steadily on Feudball 3 after a couple of relaxing weeks doing very little. I'm about a third of the way through a second draft, with the project creeping towards the 200k word mark. I've also been taking notes and checking that I've been consistent with characters, place names, teams, organisations, etc. which will come in handy when I update other associated files.

Date: 31 July 2020

Topics: Writing

Writing: The remaining unfinished chapters were a lot tougher to complete than I thought they were. However, yesterday, after a few distractions and the obligatory period of procrastination, I succeeded in finally finishing the first draft of Feudball 3. 197,500 words (give or take fifty), 280 pages. The last chapter finished was Chapter 2, the opening match in the book. I think I've earned a break for the time being, before settling in to do other stuff for the book like Gordon's blackboards, editing (oh, boy does it need some) and creating maps. I might even add some jersey illustrations as well.

Date: 21 June 2020

Topics: Writing

Writing: The fortnight just finished has been quite good, despite some personal dramas and some health concerns. Three chapters of Feudball 3 were completed, with two of them being ones that had already been started, with another just needing a few extra paragraphs. One was the semi-final in the Iberian tournament, one a friendly match in Morrunsia (when Tallin returns home) and the other a match in the Brython Cup. This leaves just four chapters to complete to finish off the first draft, with the tome having reached 258 pages and containing just over 180,000 words.

Date: 14 May 2020

Topics: Blood Bowl & Writing

Blood Bowl: Whilst all four of my online teams have had two matches each, the last game I've played was on April 20, with my Heavy Tank Brigade losing a tight match to a lizardman team, with only one TD scored in the game. Despite a 7-3 casualty count in my favour (my highest since August 2017), the skinks just kept on finding ways through to sack the ball carrier. All four teams have wins, with only my Gosford Goblin side having recorded two wins from two starts.

Writing: A very productive fortnight, where I completed two chapters for Feudball 3, both of them being part of a tournament on the main continent. They were two of five chapters that only had a few notes recorded under the chapter heading. The first draft has expanded to 217 (A4) pages, and is now just over 150,000 words.

Date: 13 April 2020

Topics: Blood Bowl & Writing

Blood Bowl: All four of my teams have played a match in the NSW Super League or its Stunty associate. Doing the best out of the group is the Gosford Goblins with a pair of 2-0 wins. My other stunty team, the Heavy Tank Brigade (Ogres) registered a 3-0 victory in their first outing, with the Chaotic Flowers (Chaos) bouncing back from a 0-4 defeat to win their second match 3-0, and my Kislev side, the Soldiers of Stalin, losing their only game 1-3.

Writing: Chapter 25 (which features the last game in the Feudball 3 book) just keeps on growing. There's a lot to cover, more so considering it's one of the main character's last match as a player. By itself, it's at 19 (A4) pages with around 14,000 words. The entire book now has nearly 128,000 words.

Date: 3 April 2020

Topics: Blood Bowl

Blood Bowl: Played my first ever online game last Friday (March 27). The NSW Super League, made up of players (at the moment) from the BMBBL, has been set up utilizing the BB2 PC game. We have two separate leagues, one for normal teams, and one for stunties, with coaches allowed to enter two teams in each. In the regular competition, I'll be fielding Chaos and Kislev Circus, and in the stunty it'll be Goblins and Ogres. My goblin side, the Gosford Goblins (yeah, I know, very unimaginative) took on a halfling side and won 2-0

in the first match of the league. Very pleased to get through without suffering a casualty and doing four in return.

Writing: I should be doing more, but my varied sleeping patterns (significantly inspired as it were by my increased online activity) means I've either been too tired, asleep, or distracted with a game to actually do any serious work. Feudball 3 though has progressed (in size) to just over 122,000 words, 183 pages.

Date: 24 March 2020

Topics: Blood Bowl

Blood Bowl: So much can happen in six days. With Australia in lockdown mode, with only essential services running, and extensive social distancing laws in place, league matches in the BMBBL have almost stopped completely, with upcoming Sydney tournaments, Mountain Bowl and Australia's major, the Eucalyptus Bowl, having been cancelled or postponed. Thankfully, there are online options, which I'm now sorely tempted to try, so the gap should be filled shortly, though all of us would prefer to be out there rolling dice physically rather electronically.

Date: 18 March 2020

Topics: Blood Bowl & Photography

Blood Bowl: Despite the threat of COVID-19, the Blue Mountains Blood Bowl League has kicked off with several games having already been played. On March 14, I ventured down to Gametraders Hornsby to face two opponents in league matches, with the Second Legion of Brian starting very badly, losing both to chaos dwarves and khemri, and suffering seven casualties all up and conceding three touchdowns as well. With three tournaments scheduled over the next six weeks, it remains to be seen if any of them are going to go ahead, with the Eucalyptus Bowl, Australia's major tournament, being the one most affected.

Photography: With recent bans on public gatherings having been put in place, dozens of events (sport, leisure, entertainment, etc.) have been cancelled. One of them was the annual Sydney Royal Easter Show, where I was going to put two entries into the photographic competition.

Date: 20 February 2020

Topics: Blood Bowl & Writing

Blood Bowl: After some time away from regular league play, I'll be rejoining the BMBBL for their next season, starting in March. I'll be fielding a Roman Dwarven team.

Writing: Finished another chapter of the first draft of Feudball 3 today, which makes 16 out of the proposed 27 chapters completed. Was quite happy to break the 100,000 word barrier as well.

Date: 15 February 2020

Topics: Blood Bowl & Website

Blood Bowl: Despite the terribly wet and windy conditions, I attended the first of five scheduled Sydney Bowl Sevens tournaments at the Games Cube in Parramatta on February 9. Eleven coaches were present, and I took Norse, along with two others. The winner however was Josh M (from the Blue Mountains BB League), fielding Skaven. Yours truly finished 8th overall, with a record of 1-2-2. Not a particularly good start for the year, with the games being mostly frustrating.

Website: Got busy after lunch and attempted to convert the first Heavy Metal Special that I recorded at 2 YOU FM way back in December 1992. Unfortunately, the tape with the first two hours was not co-operating, but despite a couple of hiccups, I was able to convert the second half of the show into MP3 files. You'll find them on the Broadcasts page.

Date: 27 January 2020

Topics: Photography & Writing

Photography: Finally did it. Put two entries in for this year's Royal Easter Show. Entered my two favourite and most popular pieces, Chillin' on the Jetty in the Rural Subject (Section 10) and At Rest in the Open Section (Section 13).

Writing: Work has stalled for a couple of weeks due to various various, but estimate that I have finished at least half of the first draft of Feudball 3: On the Road.

Date: 25 November, 2019

Topics: Blood Bowl & Photography

Blood Bowl: Participated in the first NAF approved sevens tournament in NSW. It was a long day (up around 6am and back around 8.30pm) and a lengthy trip to Windsor to play in the five game event. The Shieldmaidens, my Amazon side, fared well, giving me my best record at a tournament this year, going W-L-W-L-W. The two losses were to the runner up (Georgiechristo, with Skaven) and the winner Antonio91 (Necromantic). The pair were separated on a countback, with the necro team having slightly better Net TDs. Apart from the Central Coast, players also traveled from Mudgee and Lithgow to attend.

Photography: Despite a lot of positive feedback in regards to Midnight Architecture, it didn't sell, and failed to receive a prize. I was also unsuccessful in the annual Bird Life Australia photography competition.

Date: 15 October, 2019

Topics: Blood Bowl & Photography

Blood Bowl: Took a Elven roster, the Holgate Hornets, to MOAB for the BB tournament over the long weekend (October 5-7) at Sylvania Heights. Between the elven curse and plenty of injured players, they could not really get going, finishing 12th overall with a 2-0-4 record. The tournament was won by Redcard, playing Necromantic. One good thing for the weekend was that I played my 400th match at a NAF event, regardless if my opponent was a registered player or not.

Photography: The annual Artworks! mental health art exhibition is on at the Gosford regional gallery in East Gosford. 140 entries this year, and Midnight Architecture (entry #21), a piece that had spent time on the gallery wall at Casa del Sol and was entered in the Gosford show as well, is on display until Sunday Oct 20.

Date: 26 August 2019

Topics: Website

Website: Gave a few pages an overhaul seeing the material on them was out-of-date.

Date: 19 August 2019

Topics: Writing

Writing: Cool evening breeze is now available on Amazon Kindle. For the time being, I'll be leaving the price at \$2 AUS.

Date: 7 August 2019

Topics: Writing

Writing: Spent many hours over the last three days editing and formatting the third volume of my poetry and song lyrics. This compilation shall be titled Cool evening breeze, and features fifty-two pieces covering a period from winter 1986 to winter 2019, and includes a couple of more recent poems. I should have it up on Amazon Kindle next week.

Date: 2 August 2019

Topics: Photography

Photography: Had a busy morning filling in forms and preparing entries for two competitions/exhibitions. The first was for the annual Central Coast Mental Health Art Works! Exhibition, and the remaining four were for the Birdlife Australia Photography Awards.

Date: 16 July 2019

Topics: Website

Website: I've added some new files of some old recordings, namely promos that were recorded in 1992, as well as the first forty minutes of my last show at 2 YOU FM in Tamworth. You'll find them on the Broadcasts page.

Date: 13 July 2019

Topics: Blood Bowl & Soccer

Blood Bowl: Last weekend (July 6 & 7) the 15th annual Eucalyptus Bowl tournament was held at the Burwood RSL club in Sydney. With roster restrictions lifted for this event, 23 out of the 26 NAF approved

racers were present, with Orcs having the biggest representation there, with the winning coach, Chopper, playing them as well. I took Chaos Dwarves to the event, and whilst the Gosford Gravediggers were sitting comfortably at 22nd place at the end of day one, with a win and two draws, their second day was quite forgettable, losing all three games. Whilst my opponents were restricted to an average of one TD per match, I couldn't quite match it. On the positive side, I became one of just five coaches who have attended all fifteen EBs. As for the Morisset Motorheads in the Blue Mountains league, they lost their fourth game of the season, going down 0-3 to a far superior wood-elven side yesterday (July 12).

Soccer: Well, the season has just gone from bad to worse for the boys. They haven't played in four weeks, considering the last three rounds have consisted of two forfeits (due to a lack of numbers on their behalf) and a postponement due to rain. As for me, the MRI revealed a knee sprain, and a small tear in the calf muscle. Thankfully, all of the ligaments were intact. With only five matches to go after this weekend, it is looking unlikely that I will return to the pitch, though for a couple of weeks I had believed that I might make it back, even if for just the last game.

Date: 16 June 2019

Topics: Soccer & Website

Soccer: I'm keeping track of the team's progress, though the news still isn't good, with two more defeats and another injury. At least they're managing to score goals. My next medical appointment is for an MRI, and there'll be some physio to follow as well. Though I can walk relatively well, I have to take it slow, wear a knee brace and avoid standing or walking for too long. I also need to be careful going down stairs and up hills.

Website: I was inspired enough (whilst I had the time) to add a Broadcasts page to this website. It will feature recordings of parts of my shows whilst I was a presenter at 2 YOU FM in Tamworth. It's kind of a 'private' page which is only linked from here and the Radio page.

Date: 11 June 2019

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography, Soccer & Writing

Blood Bowl: The Morisset Motorheads' season hasn't really advanced too far, having contested only three games. Apart from the 2-all draw in the first match in Gosford, there's not much else to be excited about, with a 1-2 loss in the second game (which was a friendly) and a 0-4 loss to a far superior wood elven side in its second season, which was played in Epping on May 25.

Photography: Unfortunately, in the week leading up to my last soccer match, my regular walking companion succumbed to the flu, so I had to go on a solo walk locally. On May 30, I ventured to Terrigal with the camera for the first time in nearly seven years, and also took advantage of a couple of sites close to the Epping train station when I was down there for BB. I was also able to get to the Casa del Sol gallery at Koolewong last Saturday (June 8) to switch pieces. Midnight Architecture came home, with Iron Oxide #1 taking its place on display.

Soccer: The season has just gotten worse for myself and the team. Still winless, with the results (mostly) following an all too familiar pattern. During the 0-7 loss against Baulkham Hills on June 1, after having already played at least 30 minutes, I made a sudden turn to chase after an attacker, and felt something go 'pop' at the back of my left knee, ending my match. The results of a subsequent ultrasound reveal a small joint effusion, with the possibility of a sprain and/or a tear in the Lateral Collateral Ligament (LCL). I now need an MRI to fully determine the extent of the damage, and to see if my season and my amateur football playing days are over. The last week has been spent either at home or attending medical appointments.

Writing: Have almost completed the first draft of the third in a series of poem anthologies. I haven't come up with a title as of yet, but have selected another 52 pieces to go in it.

Date: 10 May 2019

Topics: Blood Bowl, Soccer & Writing

Blood Bowl: The second season for the Blue Mountains Blood Bowl League has finished in unusual circumstances. The Swamp Division winner, Tupi (whose Western-themed undead side defeated the Coin Hunters in the divisional final) was declared the champion, after his scheduled opponent from the Mountain Division forfeited the match. This unexpected decision left quite a few of us scratching our heads, with the commish opting to just declare him the winner, so that Season 3 could commence this weekend.

My Khorne roster, the Morisset Motorheads, is ready to go.

Soccer: Well, my birthday round match was actually quite a good one for the side. Despite lacking reserves (only two extras again last weekend) we managed a 2-all draw against our Baulkham Hill opponents at Hazel Ryan Oval, after leading 1-0 at half-time. The point conveniently lifted us off the bottom of the ladder, but we still have a poor goal difference. Our next match is against Winston Hills this Saturday, whom we beat to win the 35/6 division grand final in 2012.

Writing: Have started corresponding with a gent who messaged me via the DriveThruRPG site, the sister site of DriveThruFiction, where Feudball: Feudal Football was uploaded to back in April. The discussion has centred around fantasy football in general, with the correspondent being a fellow blood-bowler, and has had some material published on the site for another gaming system. A collaboration could be good promotion for Feudball and be beneficial for both parties concerned.

Date: 3 May 2019

Topics: Photography & Soccer

Photography: Another walk during the week, this time to Simmo's Beach, a reserve near Macquarie Fields in the western suburbs of Sydney. A pleasant walk and I got some good pictures. Today, took entries in for the annual Gosford show, and was notified this afternoon that one of them, Retired to the Coast (which was on display at the annual Art Works! exhibition last year) picked up a commendation.

Soccer: Third round was a rather disasterous one, as we wound up playing the current third placed team, Hills Spirit, out at Kellyville on April 27. In a rare night game, we swapped things around by capitulating in the first half, trailing 1-6 at the break, but only conceding two more goals in the second. Despite that, I felt I had my best match back after surgery, spending 30-35 minutes on the pitch in three stints. I even stopped a free-kick on the edge of penalty area.

Date: 27 April 2019

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography & Soccer

Blood Bowl: The Canton Beach Coin Hunters finished their season in the Blue Mountains Blood Bowl League, going down in the Swamp Division final 1-2 against a strong undead side. Their overall record was 8-0-5, and the redrafting favoured them quite nicely, with all of their players returning, their miss next game player fully recovering, the only niggling injury removed, gaining a point of Fan Factor, with enough left over to replace the thrower that was killed in the final. Next season is due to start in June, where I'll be fielding Khorne.

Photography: Not much to add - a few shots here, a few there. Took the camera to the last home match for the Mariners on April 20, and found a good spot with little obstructions close to the action where I recorded some good action shots, some of which I've uploaded to FB.

Soccer: The season is restarting after it's school holiday/easter break. The first two matches were both against teams from Coolong, where after good first halves, we wilted in the second, going down 0-6 and 1-4 respectively. Our third league match is in Kellyville and it will be a night fixture. The aches are still there, and one of the minor injuries, a skinned knee as a result of a fall on a synthetic pitch during the second trial, is taking a lot longer to heal than expected.

Date: 3 April 2019

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography, Soccer & Writing

Blood Bowl: Have been busy playing a few games recently for the Blue Mountains BB League, with my Coin Hunters having qualified for the Swamp (Sydney) Division play-offs. They've played seven games, and received a forfeit for an eighth, giving them a W-D-L record so far of 5-0-3, with another game to come before the play-offs. The games have been a mixture of friendlies (for SPPs and winnings) and scheduled league fixtures (for points and everything else). They've beaten everybody in the division, with their most recent game was against and undead outfit, which was a costly 1-0 victory.

Photography: Been doing quite a bit of that as well. With BB matches being scheduled in Penrith and venturing out for bushwalks in the Campbelltown area, the camera has been getting a very good workout. I also took it to the most recent Mariners match (March 31), and have been recording images as well for the gaming blog and Facebook. I'll also be submitting entries for the Gosford regional show (May 4 & 5), with three pieces framed and ready to go.

Soccer: I have returned to the pitch for this season. I've played in two trial matches so far, with a third having been canceled due to the weather. The first round of the Hills District competition is this weekend, and I'll be playing in the 35/5s for North Rocks FC once more. The trial matches have been a trial to say the least. Two big losses, wrecked a pair of boots, and took a tumble in both games, bruising my ribs and skinning both knees.

Writing: Feudball: Feudal Football is now available in a PDF format at Drive Thru Fiction. It's an updated version (Version 2.5), which now includes a short guide to how to play feudball, as well as a few graphics to break the text up, mainly similar team sheets and Gordon's blackboards which I used in the second installment of the series. The Kindle version on Amazon will be upgraded when I get a chance. The cost for the book is the same on both sites - \$3 AUS.

Date: 23 January 2019

Topics: Website

Website: A little editing on some pages, and I have added some images on the Featured gallery page. At the moment, it consists of pictures featured in local newspapers.

Date: 21 January 2019

Topics: Blood Bowl & Photography

Blood Bowl: Back on Jan 12, I played my first game in the BMBBL at Good Games Epping. Despite scoring first and registering early casualties, my UC team, the Canton Beach Coin Hunters, were defeated by Knine's Wood Elves 1-2. On Jan 5 at Mountain Bowl, my Bretonnian team, after a good 3-0 win in the first round, were thumped in the next three games. Thankfully, three of my opponents were registered with the NAF, and with the results online, I have now completed the 52.

Photography: The weather has been quite lousy (one way or another) around the coast lately, either being too hot to go outdoors, or too overcast to get decent shots. The camera has accompanied me on a few trips out, to Epping, Narara and to the Central Coast Stadium, where I've been taking a few pics of the Mariners in action at their last two home games.

Date: 24 December 2018

Topics: Photography

Blood Bowl: To satisfy my Blood Bowl itch, I've joined the Blue Mountain Blood Bowl League (BMBBL), which has two divisions, one for Western Sydney based players, and one for players who play in and around the Sydney CBD, such as myself. I'll be fielding an Underworld Creepers team.

Writing: My second volume of poetry and song lyrics is now available on Amazon Kindle. Suppose I'll just sing the blues continues the autobiographical nature of the series, with a variety of pieces from autumn 1983 right up until November 2018. There's another 52 compositions in this tome, which is currently retailing for \$2.00 AUD.

Date: 14 November 2018

Topics: Photography

Photography: The Casa del Sol gallery had its official opening on Monday night (Nov 12), with yours truly acting as the official photographer for the evening. Two of my pieces were featured as well, a rather brilliant sunset shot (which had people wondering as to whether it was a painting or a photograph) now called Naturally Isolated, and a rather foggy night shot of a bridge which I've labelled Midnight Architecture.

Date: 30 October 2018

Topics: Photography

Photography: Well, my entry at the annual Art Works! exhibition didn't sell or pick up a prize, but there was some benefit of entering. Long story short, I met someone at the Gosford Gallery, who informed me of a relatively new gallery, Casa del Sol, that has opened up at Koolewong. (It's about a two minute drive north of Woy Woy, based upstairs at the Boathouse Marina.) I wandered over today, took in a small portfolio of my work, and the gallery owner wanted two of my pieces framed to sell. He also gave me some advice on a few of my other shots as well.

Date: 15 October 2018

Topics: Blood Bowl & Photography

Blood Bowl: It was a frustrating weekend at MOAB (Sept 29 & 30) with Mean Machine, my Khorne team. I finished with a record of 2-1-3, with all three losses being decided by a single TD. This just leaves me one race to play again (Bretonnians) in order to complete the 52. The event was won by Pyates, who played Dwarves, whilst Bojo finished second with Undead. The tournament served as a selection event for the NSW team that will be playing at the state team championships in New Zealand next year, with first and second being rewarded with a place in the side.

Photography: Entry #61, A quiet afternoon at Norah Head, currently hangs on the wall at the annual ArtWorks! mental health exhibition running from October 12 to 21 at the Gosford Regional Gallery in East Gosford. I haven't had much of a chance to take the camera for a walk recently, as the weather has been decidedly poor and my legs haven't been up to the task. I did, however, manage to have a leisurely stroll around Long Jetty back on Sept 11 whilst the weather was good, and managed to get some good pics, as well as walk the lengths of the three long jetties there.

Date: 9 September 2018

Topics: Photography & Writing

Photography: I have my entry for the 2018 Art Works! exhibition, A quiet afternoon at Norah Head, framed and ready to go. The annual mental health exhibition runs from October 12 to 21 at the Gosford Regional Gallery in East Gosford. In the last week of August, I took my camera for a good walk around the riverside suburb of Tacoma, then to the Central Coast Stadium to get a few pictures of the Mariners trial match against the Central Coast Select. The match was significant seeing former olympic sprinter, Usain Bolt, is currently on trial with the local A-League team and managed to get twenty minutes on the pitch in the second half.

Writing: My first volume of poetry and song lyrics, You don't need my love, is now available on Amazon for \$2.50 AUS. There are 52 pieces in this collection, which covers a period between autumn 1983 and winter 2018. I have included three prize winners, and a wide variety of material in what is pretty much a mini-autobiography.

Date: 5 August 2018

Topics: Photography

Photography: Submitted five entries into the 2018 BirdLife Australia National Photo Prize competition. With half-a-dozen sections to choose from, I submitted a sepia version of Chillin' at the Jetty in the Creative section, a white face heron with fishing line wrapped around a leg in the Human Impact section, a damp kookaburra rubbing his head against a branch in the Bird Behaviour section, and a Male Eastern Koel and a Juvenile Butcherbird in the Bird Portrait section.

Date: 3 July 2018

Topics: Blood Bowl

Blood Bowl: Participated in the annual Eucalyptus Bowl tournament over the weekend of June 30/July 1 at the Burwood RSL. I fielded Ogres (along with two other coaches), finishing 34th at the event with a reasonable 2-1-3 record. 50 coaches participated, with Skaven being the most represented with seven teams. Despite being defeated by one of them in the final round, played by Meowcats from SLOBB, TO Rabid (Slann) narrowly won the event for a second time, on a countback. To complete the trifecta of SLOBB coaches, Yasimir finished third with Chaos Dwarves.

Date: 2 June 2018

Topics: Writing

Writing: Feudball 2: Super League, has been finished, and the e-book is now available for purchase on all Amazon country sites for \$2.99US (\$3.99AUS).

Date: 13 May 2018

Topics: Blood Bowl & Writing

Blood Bowl: Participated in the third running of the Blue Dragon Cup on May 12 at Good Games Town Hall

in Sydney. Twelve coaches were in attendance, with the winner being a Skaven coach playing in his first tournament. I finished fifth with two wins and two losses. It was a significant event for me, as I fielded Khorne, making me the (equal) first coach in Australia to have a NAF ranking for all 26 races.

Writing: Things are progressing well for Feudball II: Super League. Since thoroughly examining a test reader's report on May 7, I have been busy making changes, adding a Prologue, new material to Chapter 24, and amending a few errors. I still hope to have it for sale online by the end of the month.

Date: 27 April 2018

Topics: Writing

Writing: Have created my Amazon author's page. You can view it here.

Date: 11 April 2018

Topics: Blood Bowl & Writing

Blood Bowl: Participated in the Australian Team Championships over the weekend of April 7 & 8 at the Ryde-Eatswood Leagues Club in West Ryde. SLOBB fielded three teams at the event, which also featured teams from New Zealand and Western Australia. The tournament was won by SLOBB 1, whilst my team, SLOBB 2, finished third. WA was in-between us and SLOBB 3 won the team sportsmanship prize. Yours truly fielded Bretonnians again (due to a unregistered opponent at the Wollongong event, I needed to play them again to make them count towards the 26) and finished with an uninspiring 1-2-3 record, with a 4-0 win over an ogre side being the highlight of the tournament. The event also included my 1000th game of Blood Bowl, which, unfortunately, was a loss. The overall record, up to that point, was 405 wins, 149 draws, 446 losses.

Writing: After not being too creative in recent weeks, I decided to impose a deadline on myself for Feudball II: Super League to get me motivated. It will be out before the end of autumn, which is May 31 here in the southern hemisphere. Although with the weather we're currently having here you'd think it was spring.

Date: 2 April 2018

Topics: Soccer & Website

Soccer: Unfortunately, the third trial match was scheduled on March 24, the same day of a home match between the Mariners and Sydney FC. Attending both was impossible, seeing they were both scheduled to kick-off at the same time, so I went to match in Gosford with a friend who came up for it. The camera accompanied us as well.

Website: Have added two new pages, Radio and Sport, and edited the text on a few pages as well.

Date: 19 March 2018

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography, Soccer

Blood Bowl: The inaugural Wollongong Warmongering BB tournament was held at Good Games Wollongong on 17 March. 24 coaches participated in this one day event, with the winner being Garden Gnome, who took orcs. Yours truly fielded the recently approved Bretonnians, won the first two games, but was denied a possible tournament victory, succumbing to some rather vicious wood elves in the final round. I finished 5th overall.

Photography: With the tournament being on the south coast, I had the opportunity to take a leisurely four hour walk around the coastal city. There was plenty on offer, including some old coastal defences pre-dating WW1. Even staying at the BB tournament organizers place in the nearby beach side suburb of Woonona allowed an opportunity to take a morning stroll with the camera before heading off to the BB event.

Soccer: Had made myself available for two trial matches scheduled on March 11 & 18, but neither went ahead. The first for a lack of numbers, the second due to extreme weather conditions across Sydney which saw the matches cancelled.

Date: 23 January 2018

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography

Blood Bowl: The year has started rather well game wise, with two wins on Jan 9 at Good Games Town Hall. The first match was a trial game for the AusBowl Team Championships in April, in which I used my recently constructed Bretonian team. After a horror start against my Goblin opponents, I won the game 4-1. The

second match was a league game for the Lake Haven Lizards, and they were able to overcome a dwarven team on debut 3-0 in the pouring rain. My next scheduled game is on Jan 31.

Photography: Finished 2017 rather nicely with an unscheduled visit to Taree for Xmas. Was able to have a couple of walks around town and take some good shots, especially of the Manning River.

Date: 19 December 2017

Topics: Blood Bowl

Blood Bowl: On November 26, the second installment of the Blue Dragon Cup was held at Good Games Town Hall. This time I fielded Amazons, with the ladies doing rather well, finishing with a 2-1-1 record. The last round match saw them with a chance of winning the event, but with only a draw against a determined Wood Elven side, they had to settle for third place. During the tournament, I registered my 400th win. As for the Lake Haven Lizards, well, they're not doing so great. Currently, they have a 2-3-4 record, with the team being beaten by a Skaven outfit 2-4 yesterday. Three sauri on the roster now have Block, and the kroxigor has just picked up Break Tackle. Four skinks have skills as well.

Date: 23 October 2017

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography

Blood Bowl: The new season for the SLOBB rookie league has been underway now for four weeks (give or take a couple of days) and my lizardman side has been struggling. Three games so far, no wins, two draws and a loss. They've already had one player killed, and have played the last two games with a journeyman. Still, I've managed to skill up three players, with Block on a saurus, Catch on one skink, and, most importantly, Sure Hands on another. They have another game scheduled for this weekend.

Photography: I had an entry into the annual ArtWorks! exhibition which was hosted by the Gosford gallery in East Gosford. I went for a piece that I've displayed before in a couple of competitions, the sunset shot with a boat tilting over called *At Rest*. It didn't win a prize, but I received plenty of compliments about it from patrons. A couple of weeks ago I was in Tamworth, and I was able to have a good walk around on three separate days. The weather, unfortunately, interrupted the last of the walks and I had to make my way back to the hotel quite drenched. I have also wandered around Gosford and Wyong recently as well, taking the opportunity to photograph a couple of derelict buildings (amongst other things) which is one thing that I like to do. I even had a chance to take a few stills of two more that are in the process of being knocked down in East Gosford.

Date: 31 August 2017

Topics: Blood Bowl, Writing

Blood Bowl: On August 12, I participated in the first Blue Dragon Cup, which was held at Good Games Town Hall. The roster creation rules favoured races that already had skills, so there was no surprise that four dwarven teams were playing, including mine. I finished with a record of 2-1-1 and wound up in fourth place overall, which I was quite pleased with. On August 25, my Panzermaids High Elven side finally finished their season, and they did it in style, thrashing a hapless goblin side 7-0. It's my biggest ever win, and the most TDs I've ever scored in a game. They were up 3-0 at halftime. They finished in the lower half of the table with a 4-1-6 record. For the next SLOBB rookie season, I'll be taking Lizardmen.

Writing: Whilst waiting for the test readers to finish up, I have been doing some work on Feudball 3. I'm nine chapters into the book, though not all nine chapters have been fully completed. The team goes on a tour, and plays feudball in a number of countries before (eventually) returning back to Brython.

Date: 4 July 2017

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football, Writing

Blood Bowl: Participated in the annual Eucalyptus Bowl tournament at Burwood RSL over the weekend of July 1 & 2. 55 coaches attended the event, with the winner being a fellow SLOBB player Bojo, who won it for the second time. Yours truly finished as the highest ranked Norse coach (there were prizes for the highest ranked coach of each race involved, of which there were 18) with a record of 3-1-2. Overall I finished in 15th place. The highlight of the weekend was a 2-0 victory in round four where the Beermen rendered a Human team rather senseless, doing three casualties and seven knockouts. At the end of the game there was only one opposing player left on the pitch.

Football: It turns out that the May 27 victory was my last game for the season. Whilst the fracture has healed rather well, and the moon boot is now off, other ongoing concerns will keep me off the field for the rest of the season. Apparently I am just one of four players in the side who has had their season ended prematurely through injury. Today I had an MRI scan on a suspicious lump in my right leg. The lump has been there for years and hasn't really caused any problems, though it does ache after a strenuous workout on the pitch or a vigorous walk. I am attending physio for another problem in my right leg, this time in my thigh, which is a little painful, but only when I run, try to kick a ball, or stretch whilst warming up. Since I've been away, the boys have not fared well, with a lack of numbers for last weekend's game forcing the manager to forfeit it. It's the first time my side has had to do that since I started playing with them in 2011.

Writing: I have sent copies of the fourth draft of *Feudball: Super League* to two test readers, one of them being in attendance at the EB tournament over the weekend. I did give it a little tweak before converting it into a PDF file for them and even added internal links to all the chapters.

Date: 5 June, 2017

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football, Writing

Football: After a narrow 0-1 loss on May 20, we finally registered our first win of the season under lights on May 27, twice coming from behind to win the round eight match 4-2. The last two goals were scored in the remaining 2.5 minutes of the match. The game was not without cost. Your truly shuffled off the field towards the end of the first half, and spent all of the second half sitting on the bench with an icepack on my left ankle. A subsequent visit to the doctor and an x-ray revealed that I had an evulsion fracture. I had rolled my foot in one of the many potholes near the turfed over cricket pitch. I have to wear a traction boot for three weeks and I'm off the pitch for at least six.

Writing: The fourth draft of *Feudball: Super League* has been finished, and I'm currently in the process of looking for a couple of (reliable) test readers before sending it off to an editor. In the meantime, I'm compiling a book of poetry/song lyrics which covers a period between Spring 1996 to Spring 2005, covering the time from when I permanently moved out of the family home in Tamworth to my arrival in East Gosford. Nearly half the pieces were composed during 2000, my first full year on the Central Coast. The collection will be called *On the road* and will feature some of my photography as well.

Date: 3 May, 2017

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football, Writing

Blood Bowl: Coinciding with my birthday last Sunday (April 30) was the Brewcastle Cup, which was held at the Gallipoli Legion in Hamilton (Newcastle). I fielded undead at the tournament, and was playing for the tournament win in the fourth and final round. Unfortunately, they went down 0-2 to Fnord23's orc team, and due to the closeness of the points I ended up finishing sixth, with a 2-1-1 record. As for the SLOBB Rookie League, the Panzermadels crashed to their fifth straight loss last week (April 26). They have one game left to play.

Football: It hasn't been a good start for the team, with only one draw in four matches. I've been getting plenty of game time at the back, but have been kept busy. The results have been 3-4, 1-3, 2-all, and a rather embarrassing 1-7 defeat at the hands of the second placed side in our grade.

Writing: Steadily working my way through the fourth draft of *Feudball: Super League*. Just finished rewriting Ch 26, which had the Jailbirds square off against a rather tough religious sect team made up of humans, dwarves, elves, and ogres. As for [Feudball: Feudal Football](#), it's currently discounted on Amazon.

Date: 1 Apr 2017

Topics: Blood Bowl

Blood Bowl: The NSW team which participated in the AusBowl State Championships last weekend (March 25 & 26) successfully defended their title, without losing a round. We finished with three wins and three draws, with the bye in the last round. Victoria and Western Australia needed big wins in the final round (and other results to go their way as well) to pip us at the post, but had to settle for draws instead. On a personal level, my Chocolate Soldiers wood elves went quite well over the weekend, only losing one match which was the round five match at the start of day two. The overall record for them was 3-3-1, with the added bonus of winning a Victorian Open match during the bye round. (So two tournaments for the price of one.) Of 42 participants, I finished 20th. There were teams from both islands of New Zealand as well as a

Barbarian team made up of NSW, Victorians, and a lone player from the Australian Capital Territory.

Date: 9 Mar 2017

Topics: Writing

Writing: There is only one item of news to report on, but it's rather important. *Feudball: Feudal Football*, was approved, and is currently for sale [here](#) on Amazon. I wasn't expecting that to happen for another day at least!

Date: 8 Mar 2017

Topics: Blood Bowl, Website, Writing

Blood Bowl: Patiently waiting to head off on my Victorian holiday so that I can participate in the AusBowl State Championships. Got another SLOBB league game out of the way on Feb 21 at Good Games Town Hall, but it was no better than the previous one, with the Panzermadels having a dreadful night and being routed 0-2 by a full-strength Undead side.

Website: Pages (other than the News page) have been updated. The two that have had the most work done on them are the Feudball page (to coincide with recent news) and the Downloads page, which includes a few additional items to download.

Writing: I'm pleased to say that at 4.15pm March 7, *Feudball: Feudal Football* was uploaded to [Kindle Direct Publishing](#). Currently awaiting approval.

Date: 7 Feb 2017

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football, Writing

Blood Bowl: Not much happening at the moment, with just a solitary league game played this year back on Jan 24 in Chatswood. The Panzermadels High Elven side, despite leading early, were pretty much put to the sword in the second half by a vicious bunch of Amazons, losing 1-2.

Football: Have registered, paid and even had my ID photo taken last Saturday (Feb 4). I'll be back in the over 35s for another season of soccer with North Rocks.

Writing: Hard at work editing/formatting *Feudball: Feudal Football*, getting it ready to be posted online in the near future. Have missed two personal deadlines for it, due to a variety of reasons. Completed a fourth edit last month, and just checking it again as I convert it into a suggested e-book format. Also acquired the rights to an Victorian era line drawing just after Xmas which will be the cover for the new edition.

Date: 4 Dec 2016

Topics: Blood Bowl

Blood Bowl: Received some unexpected news yesterday. I was selected to play in the NSW team in the AusBowl Championships which are being held in Brunswick (Melbourne) March 26 & 27 next year. Those who won any of the three selection events held during the year (Brewcastle, MOAB and NSW Open) automatically gained a place. The final three spots were picked based on an average of placings, taking into consideration if a player had run any of the events. Having finished 9th, 5th and 9th at the three events, I took the 6th spot, beating a few state regulars for the spot.

Date: 3 Dec 2016

Topics: Blood Bowl, Writing

Blood Bowl: Last Sunday (Nov 27), I competed in the NSW Open, a one day tournament held at Wentworth Park in Ultimo, not far from the Sydney CBD. I took Chaos Pact for something completely different, finishing with a 1-0-3 record. The '1' was significant enough, as it was my first ever NAF win with the CP, which means I now have a win with all 24 races. They started the day having undead running runs around them, and finished with goblins beating the crap out of them. I registered my 1900th casualty during the day and played my 950th match as well.

Writing: The third and what will be the final draft of the revised edition of *Feudball: Feudal Football* was completed on Nov 21. All going according to plan, it'll be online and on sale before Xmas.

Date: 24 Oct 2016

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography & Writing

Blood Bowl: At MOAB over the weekend of Oct 1 & 2, I fielded humans and finished 5th with a 2-2-2 record. The highlight of the event for me was an incredible last turn TD to win my round four match, where I made 13 successive rolls to score, 11 of them after I had used my last team re-roll for the match. On Oct 5, I finished the Spring Championships at Good Games Gosford in 3rd place, thanks to a last turn 3-2 win over a wood elven side. My humans ended the six match league with a 4-0-2 record, winning the most casualties prize. Planned one-day tournaments on Oct 8 & 9 at the store did not go ahead due to a lack of numbers. I shall be resuming playing matches in the SLOBB rookie league tomorrow.

Photography: No success or sale this time round at the annual Art Works! Mental Health exhibition in East Gosford, despite my entry, one of two framed prints of the bushfires at Chain Valley Bay back in October 2013, being well received.

Writing: Have started what could well be the third and final draft of the revised edition of Feudball.

Date: 18 Sept 2016

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football, Photography & Writing

Blood Bowl: As spring rolls around once more, I find myself not in one league, but two. SLOBB continues, with the Panzermaedel High Elves having played their fifth match last Tuesday (Sept 13) beating a khorne side 3-1, and temporarily regaining second place on the ladder. They currently have a 3-1-1 record. My second team are the conveniently labeled Central Coast Marienrs, a human side, who are playing in the Good Games Gosford Spring Championships. After winning their first two matches, they went down to a (Pro) Elven side 2-3. The event, which started on Aug 31, is running for six weeks. I have also registered for MOAB (October 1 & 2), and will be taking humans.

Football: The team had it's end of season get together at Rosehill Bowls Club on Sept 3. A good time was had by all, and there was much talk about the season just completed, and the one ahead, with most of the team, including myself, prepared to play again next year.

Photography: Went on walk around Brooklyn (Hawkesbury River) on Aug 29, and had an enjoyable day out. Discovered (and photographed) plenty of wildlife, including a large colony of brush turkeys, and a AA gun emplacement from WW2. Got some nice shots of the marina as well. Took the camera with me for the bowls day, getting some shots on my walk to the venue from Parramatta station, as well as the team in action on the green.

Writing: The second edit of revised edition of Feudball was completed last Saturday (Sept 10). Must say it's reading a lot better now, though I would no doubt have to go through it one more time, and do a thorough spellcheck as well. A lot of errors have been fixed, with plenty of additional material put in, and I have amended a few sections as well without having to change the overall basic plot.

Date: 22 Aug 2016

Topics: Football, Photography & Writing

Football: Well, I made it to the end of the season. The team finished it very well indeed, with victories in our last two games, giving us six wins (plus a draw) for the year. On Aug 13, we played the other North Rocks side in our division, and despite creating a few chances, could only score from a first half penalty, and a second half free-kick. Still, it was enough to give us a 2-1 win. I was on the field for less this time round, as for a change, we had more subs. Still got around 30-35 minutes though. Our last game on Aug 20 had us traveling to Rouse Hill, where, after trailing early, we dominated for the rest of the match, winning 5-2. Three of those goals were scored in a ten minute period which was broken up by the main break. I started the side in defence, then had to come off as my ankles were seizing up, before finishing the half up front. I had a great second half, running myself into exhaustion once again before coming off (having played another 30-35 mins), frustrating attackers at every opportunity. The after match bourbon tasted much sweeter.

Photography: Last Tuesday (Aug 16), I decided it was time to get some pictures framed for exhibitions later this year. I opted to get two bushfire pictures done, which I took back in Oct 2013 in the suburb of Chain Valley Bay in the northern half of the Central Coast. One of them will be entered in the local Art Works! exhibition at the gallery in East Gosford starting Sept 30.

Writing: Haven't been too productive in the last couple of weeks, with only two chapters done of the current (second) edit of the revised edition of the first Feudball book. Was stuck on Chapter 18, where, like Chapter 8, there is a lot of traveling involved, this time going from west to east of the country, rather from

south-east to north-west. Major editing still needed to be done, but it's now all fitted together nicely.

Date: 8 Aug 2016

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football, Photography & Writing

Blood Bowl: My Panzermadels High-Elven side played their fourth match on Aug 2, a rather mistake-ridden 1-all draw against an Elven side run by one of the SLOBB commissioners. The draw keeps me in second place behind the Chaos Dwarf side, which is run by the other league commissioner. I played him back on July 12 and lost 0-2. So far this season, I have a 2-1-1 record.

Football: It has been a stop/start affair for the last month. The game on July 9 was cancelled due to the poor weather, so I got a rare opportunity for a games night with a few friends. Because of the cancellation, it meant we had to play a double-header on the weekend of July 16 & 17. For the first time since I started playing with this side six years ago, we won both matches. A 2-1 victory over a side which needed to win both matches over the weekend to make the play-offs, and a 4-3 win over the other North Rocks side in our division. The double win gave us a very slim chance of making the play-offs, but it was squashed when we were thrashed 0-7 by the competition leaders on July 24. The game was meant to be played the day before, but the weather intervened again and the game was moved to a different field and day. Because of the switch, we only had ten players available, yet managed to hold our opposition to a single goal at half-time before the floodgates opened. This ended our season, finishing us in 6th place, which was a lot better than what we were expecting. On July 30, a round-robin pennant competition commenced for the four sides that didn't make the play-offs. Again, despite dominating for long periods of the game, we went down 2-4. The second game scheduled for Aug 6 didn't eventuate due to, yes, the wet weather. Hopefully we'll get back on the pitch on Aug 13. Now that I'm used to the bone spurs in my left heel, I have been able to play for longer periods, thanks to a mixture of gel pads in the boots, Tiger Balm, and Nurofen. I've been average 50 minutes a game since July 16, primarily because of the lack of reserves. I had to go off twice during our 0-7 defeat because I had run myself into a state of exhaustion. I just want to get to the end of the season, which is just two games away.

Photography: Mailed the entry form off today for the annual Art Works! mental health art exhibition in Gosford. I had thought about entering something that I already had framed, but decided I'd go for something else. Back in Oct 2013 I took pictures of the aftermath of a serious bushfire on the Central Coast and decided I'd enter one of them. The form had to be in by Aug 15, but the picture doesn't have to be delivered until Sept 26, which gives me plenty of time to get it framed. I haven't done any walks in the last two months, mainly because of the lousy weather and the heel, electing to stay at home and save it for football on the weekend.

Writing: Having finished the second draft of Feudball 2 not long after the last post, I returned to the first volume to do some more work on it. Currently, I'm roughly halfway through the second edit of the second edition, having done seven chapters over the last four days, the bulk of them yesterday. So far, must admit, it isn't as bad as I thought it was. I had to do a lot of work on Chapter 8, where Alex arrives in Brython. I took the opportunity to describe his journey and the country from the capital to Flagstaff, via stopovers along the way. It at least paints a broader picture of his homeland, a country going through hard times, something which I felt needed doing. The rest of it is coming along nicely, but there were a lot of nitpicking little things that needed fixing up.

Date: 6 July 2016

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football & Writing

Blood Bowl: Attended the second day of the annual Eucalyptus Bowl tournament over the weekend of July 2/3. 46 coaches were in attendance, with the event won by Joekano playing Amazons. Yours truly fielded High Elves, played three tough games, and ended up with a record of 1-1-1. My only win being a 2-0 victory over a fellow SLOBB player's Necromantic side in the last round.

Football: I did play on June 25, but only for about 15 mins before I had to leave the field for the second and last time in the game. I was in the thick of it for the time that I was on, but my game ended in the first half, with the heel feeling a bit tender again during my second run in midfield. It wasn't a good match to return on, with the side being thrashed 0-5, despite dominating the game for lengthy periods of time. Two goals came from corners, and a third from a throw-in, which was allowed to bounce to an unmarked opponent. The other two were from defensive errors in the second half. We had a few chances, and a couple of sitters

were missed. On July 2 I was in goals for the first time this season, filling in for our regular keeper who dislocated a finger during the previous game. It was a tough 1-3 loss. Two of the goals were annoying, with the first being an angled shot sliding across the face of goal to hit the post and go in. The second came from close range, taking a slight deflection from a defender standing in front of me before going in off the post again. The third, well, being hampered by the heel injury did not help trying to recover errant balls, especially ones from wide out where I wasn't going to get to them. Sure enough, away from the goals, a long shot was fired past a defender in on target. I did save several shots. Five were struck straight at me, which I had no problem stopping. One I had to dive and push past the post, the other was a one-on-one which I stopped with my right foot which I was rather pleased with. My shoulder ailments have mostly healed, though I was reminded about the tendon tear when I threw a ball out during the game.

Writing: The first edit of Feudball 2 is almost finished. I'm a third of the way through Chapter 32, with just three chapters to go after that. I must admit, I'm pretty pleased with how it has turned out and I seriously think it doesn't need that much more work. The first volume though...

Date: 19 June 2016

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football & Writing

Blood Bowl: Got the new Slobb Rookie season off to a good start, with wins in my first two matches. This season I'm running High Elves, the team named after a PC game that I quite liked - Panzermadels. The girls came up against a dwarven side in their first match, and despite having five players injured, managed to win 2-1. The second match was a very frustrating game against Nurgle, where four opportunities to score were denied by poor rolls. However, the girls did get one chance to get a point in the second half, winning 1-0 with a turn sixteen TD.

Football: I haven't been on the pitch since May 21, having sustained a left heel injury in what was our best effort of the season, a 4-1 win with only one reserve for half the match. (I had come off sore during the previous match as well on May 14, which was a rather tense 1-all draw.) I was off after ten minutes, unable to run, with some soft tissue damage around the ankle joint and, more annoyingly, having acquired bone spurs. The prognosis was at least 2-4 weeks before I could return to the pitch. Due to the poor weather in and around Sydney, the boys have only been on the pitch twice since then, losing 3-4 to the former competition leaders (of which I took a few pictures of) on May 28, then being horribly thrashed 0-7 on June 11, by a team considered to be too strong for the division that they're in. I hope to get back on the field on June 25, weather and heel permitting.

Writing: So, seeing I've been nursing an injury for the last four weeks, I haven't done much photography, so I've been concentrating my efforts on editing the Feudball books instead. The first draft of the revised edition of the first Feudball book was completed mid-May, whilst I'm currently twenty-six chapters into editing the second book. The second book is looking more completed than the first I must say, and I really do need to spend a lot more time editing the revised edition of book one. I haven't done any work on the third book since April.

Date: 11 May 2016

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football & Photography

Blood Bowl: Finished Season 7 of the SLOBB Rookie league in disappointing fashion, with my Slann registering a 1-2 loss to an orc side that's in contention to take out the league. The San Remo Pastamen finished with a 6/0/6 record for the season, and wound up around the middle of the ladder. Season 8 isn't too far away from starting, and I'll be taking High Elves.

Football: Hasn't been easy so far this season. The birthday match on April 30 ended in a cruel 4-5 defeat at the hands of the other North Rocks team in our division. We were down 0-3 in the first 20 minutes (before I had even gotten onto the field) but pulled it back to 2-3 at half-time. Scores were level at 4-all when I left the field for the last time, after around 35 minutes of game time, having made some good runs from the back, and stopping a few attacking raids as well. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be, with some rather questionable refereeing decisions going against us, including a penalty which had to be retaken twice. On May 7, it was worse, slumping to a 1-4 defeat against a side that, well, we really should've beaten. We were all over them in the first twenty minutes, then quickly conceded a couple of goals, and could not get back into the game. My good form continued in the 25-30 minutes that I was on the pitch.

Photography: I have done two walks around Central Coast beaches recently, the first on April 27, and the

second today. As a result, my goal of taking pictures of all CC beaches on the Eastern coast between McMasters and Nora Head has moved not one, but four steps closer to completion, with me strolling around the North The Entrance, Tuggerah, Pelican and Soldiers beaches and getting some reasonably good shots. The weather, I must say, had been very generous to me on both days. The big news though was that at the recent Gosford Show, two of the three pictures that I entered picked up prizes. At Rest received a commendation, whilst Chillin' at the Jetty was Highly Commended.

Date: 22 April 2016

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football, Photography & Writing

Blood Bowl: Recently attended the Brewcastle Cup, a one day event held at the Gallipoli Legion Club in Hamilton (Newcastle) on April 17. I fielded Norse, and finished 9th out of 34 coaches, ending the day with a 2-1-1 record. The winner of the event was Gnome, finishing two points ahead of Redcard who defeated me in round two. I even managed a trial game as well the night before the tournament, which was an emphatic 4-0 win over an Ogre side which was featured in the event as well.

Football: The season has started in earnest, with two rounds having already been played, and having had the early season break due to school holidays as well. In round one, we triumphed 2-1, with a last minute penalty giving us the win. I was everywhere that day, having spent a short time as striker and in the halves, though most of the thirty or so minutes I was on the pitch spent in defence. Then we were brought back to earth with a 0-5 defeat in our second match, with yours truly kept very busy at the back in the half-hour that I was on. Both games were played in warm conditions, although in the first game it felt almost like summer.

Photography: Have three entries lined up for the Gosford Regional Show, which is on the weekend of April 30 & May 1 at the showgrounds in Gosford. Will be entering the well-liked Chillin' at the Jetty, At Rest and Forresters Beach #1, all of them having spent some time on the wall at other exhibitions last year.

Writing: Have made some progress on Feudball 3, but not as much as I would've liked. Six chapters have had work done on them, including the first five, and currently there's 23,500 words spread across 35 pages of the first draft.

Date: 30 March 2016

Topics: Football & Writing

Football: Well, I've registered, and I've since had a couple more trial matches. The side faired badly in both of them. The first, on a sweltering hot day on March 5, and on a rough, uneven pitch, we lost 0-3 to a team that was a division higher than us. We played 10-a-side in that game, and though we had subs, our opposition was more co-ordinated, sealing the game with two goals in the final third of the match. I covered the entire pitch, apart from keeper, but found myself dehydrating badly and played in bursts for about 40 minutes of the match. The second game, played on March 12 was in much cooler conditions, but this time my ankles and calves were playing up. Still, played around 30 minutes, in defence, including all of the third quarter. We started badly, having four put past in the first quarter, but held our own for the rest of the match, going down 2-6. As for the shoulder, it's improving, but not enough to see me in goals, or be able to bowl four over in a 20/20 cricket match. Even using a pool cue to play snooker recently was troublesome.

Writing: Easter was fairly productive, with work continuing on various Feudball projects. Have been working on another background document, that which provides a map of the main setting of Feudball, along with notes about the countries and the races that live there. Have also been working on the third installment in the series, which I have dubbed "On the road", seeing in the book the team plays all of it's matches away from its home ground at Flagstaff. Five chapters have been worked on, with three having first drafts completed, and two started, including the first game in the new book. Currently, there's 14k words typed over 23 pages.

Date: 2 March 2016

Topics: Football & Website

Football: Despite my current shoulder problems, I played in inter-club trials last Saturday (Feb 28). Two games were played, divided into halves of varying lengths, against two other North Rocks teams, another over 35s side, and an over 45s team. It was a very warm day, and having spent a lot of time resting over the last two months, it was very taxing on myself, playing in a variety of positions from wing to goalkeeper. I was

"restricted" to not using my right arm in goals, which was a problem, but still managed to pull off three good saves, including parrying a well-struck shot with my left hand. We lost both games, but I was pleased that I managed to get through the games without further mishap. I will be able to play this season, though not in goals, which is a problem seeing I'm the preferred keeper.

Website: A few pages got a tidy up today, and I have included some downloadable material for the Feudball page. Three files, containing background material about the game, it's history, how it's played, how it developed, and what players are not really allowed to do on the pitch are now available for download on the Feudball and Downloads page.

Date: 26 Feb 2016

Topics: Website

Website: The website has been given a bit of an overhaul this week, with a majority of the pages updated. I also plan to add a couple of news pages - "Sport" and "Radio" when I get the chance.

Date: 28 Jan 2016

Topics: Blood Bowl

Blood Bowl: Have finally completed the 48. The goal was achieved in what was my 56 NAF event, at Can Con this year. The final team used, a Nurgle team appropriately named The 48th Legion, finished with a 2-1-5 record, which was the same record that I had last year at the same event, when I played Elves. I am now just one of three Australian based players who has accomplished this feat.

Date: 8 Jan 2016

Topics: General, Blood Bowl & Photography

General: The last few weeks, I must say, have been rather trying. I was diagnosed over the Xmas period with a slight tendon tear and bursitis in my right shoulder, which is causing me quite a few problems. (More details can be found in the last two posts at my [Dwarven One](#) blog.) One of them is typing for any great length of time, so I'll try and make this brief.

Blood Bowl: Have registered for the Blood Bowl Nationals at Can Con (running from Jan 23-25) in Canberra, and am looking forward to finishing off the 48 with Nurgle. At time of posting, there were 26 coaches registered. Tomorrow, will be attending a SLOBB League & BBQ day in Woollongong. It'll be an opportunity to socialize with other league players and get a couple of rookie matches out of the way.

Photography: Ventured down to Sydney on Dec 23 to pick up my entries from the Recovery Art Space exhibition. It was a profitable trip. Sold two framed prints and have a paid order for another print. I was very pleased about that indeed! I also picked up my three entries from the Small Works Art Prize competition in Gosford as well. It was a busy day indeed. Needless to say, due to the diagnosis, I have curtailed my photography activities, to give my shoulder the chance to heal. My last photography walk was around West Gosford, killing time before my doctor's appointment, and I also took pictures at a Central Coast Stadium, of the W (Womens) League match between Brisbane vs Sydney and of the CC Mariners vs Brisbane A-League match as well.

Date: 15 December 2015

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography & Writing

Blood Bowl: Ended up with 17 players at Jokerbowl over the weekend of November 28 & 29 at [Jolt Games](#) in the suburb of Mitchell in Canberra, with five of them taking Amazons due to the unusual rule set. My Chaos side, the Jilliby Jokers, faced four of them. The overall winner was the 'zon team that I didn't face, that of SLOBB commissioner Rabid Bogscum. The Jokers had a poor day one, with just one win from four matches, but recovered on day two with two wins, meaning my NAF Chaos ranking didn't suffer that match. They finished with a 2-0 win over the Halfling squad run by Tribal Sinner, who was TO for the event, bumping them up to 11th spot overall. This just leaves me with one team to go to make the 48, which I plan on achieving at Can Con in January 2016.

Photography: Submitted entries for the Small Works Art Prize in Gosford, but had no luck in picking up any of the prizes at the public launch on Dec 12, which I attended. Have taken my camera for a bit of a workout recently. Whilst in Canberra for the BB event, I took a few shots of the local industrial area where the games store was located, and some whilst at the motel. I had been even able to get a few shots of the Wyong River

recently, and was quite pleased at the results. Today (Dec 15) I took myself for a walk, venturing up north to Bateau Bay, in order to cross it and Shelly Beach South off the list. The walk around that area also had me tramping through a fair sized chunk of Wyrabalong National Park, and I was treated to some lovely views of the surrounding area when I reached Crackneck Lookout. Unfortunately, my aim must've been a bit off today (or the camera was playing up, or both) and had to delete over 150 of the 750 shots that I took, a lot of them being of Bateau Bay beach, much to my annoyance.

Writing: Work has continued on the revamped version of Feudball. Yesterday (Dec 14) I got stuck into it and finished Chapter 25 of the project, which really didn't need that much done to as (as compared to earlier chapters). It's a very big chapter in the book, with a lot of events, including the team participating in the big Brython Cup tournament, and another player in the side getting killed. There's just six chapters remaining, five of them containing matches.

Date: 25 November 2015

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography & Writing

Blood Bowl: Not much happening (for me) recently in the way of games, the last one being a SLOBB Rookie league match played in Gosford on Oct 29. My Slann couldn't do much right in the game, and crashed to a 1-3 defeat at the hands of a High Elven team. Did win the casualty count 4-1, including two kills, but that did not help me at all. Will be attending the [Jokerbowl](#) BB tournament this weekend in the ACT. It gives me a chance to knock off one more side in order to make the 48, which I should achieve at Can Con in January next year. I'll be taking Chaos to this event. The first game that I play at the event, will be my 900th match all up.

Photography: Have done a little bit recently. Took some nice pictures recently just wandering around East Gosford, and was even able to take a few shots of the Wyong River as well, seeing I was up that way last week. Have three items prepared for the upcoming [Small Works Art Prize](#) in Gosford, which is being run from December 9 to 23 at the Art Studios Co-Operative in Mann Street, Gosford. Entries have to be delivered to the venue on December 5 or 6.

Writing: Work on the second edition of Feudball continues. I'm now up to Chapter 22, which constitutes two-thirds of the book. There has so much more to edit, and add, including some errors in the actual games themselves, with players being in two places at once, such as on the bench and on the field, and players coming onto the field when they were already on or there being no record of them actually having left the pitch. I'm annoyed that errors like these weren't picked up by the editors, or myself, or, more importantly, by my co-author who wrote the chapters that I've been recently working on. Then there were things missing, like, for example, how the main character knew of one team's weaknesses (through some files he had read on them) yet no description, in the earlier chapters, of the character actually reading the files. It's a lot of little things that are bugging me, and I hope that the corrected version is appreciated when the time comes.

Date: 26 October 2015

Topics: Photography & Poetry

Photography & Poetry: Made the trip to Sydney last Friday (Oct 23) to attend the opening of the Recovery Art Space exhibition being held at Buckingham House. Eight artists are being featured, with a total of 55 items, [six of them being mine](#). Featured at the exhibition are five pieces that have appeared at other exhibitions (with three prize winners amongst them) *Peek-a-boo!*, *Untitled#1*, *Chillin' at the Jetty*, *Keeping an eye on the kids* and *At Rest*, along with a newer piece *Forresters Beach #1*. Unfortunately, the planned interview didn't go ahead, so I stuck around for an hour, then headed into the city.

Today, I also received a letter from the Schizophrenic Fellowship in regards of my successful entries in their recent competitions. Accompanying the letter were two certificates. The letter contained judges comments about the entries. For the picture, *At Rest*: "Clarity of composition, good light, and evoking stillness and serenity." For the poem, *Âme perdue*: "I like this prose poem for its sharply observed empathic images of the subject - the lost soul - and its physical location at Woy Woy Station which anchors it in a recognisable Central Coast culture. The there-but-for-the-grace-of-god-go-I final line adds to the authenticity to the empathy. (The) prose poem is beautifully observed, ground in concrete detail, and deeply compassionate. Gazing at the socially invisible 'lost soul', the speaker gives character and dignity to an otherwise anonymous derelict. Through his eyes, we watch the old man collecting tickets that are 'valid to nowhere',

carrying valuables in a garbage bag. The speaker's final remark, 'that I am only one rung on that ladder up from him' is brutally frank and unselfpitying - not a comment on his own worth but rather on a society that is able to render some people disposable."

The comments for the poem had me in tears. The successful entries can be perused on the Fellowships' [website](#).

Date: 19 October 2015

Topics: Blood Bowl & Photography

Photography: Today I made a trip to Sydney to take items down to the upcoming Recovery Art Space exhibition being held at Buckingham House, which starts this Friday (Oct 23) and runs until December 23rd. Thanks to the wonderful people at Lemon Tree Framing in East Gosford, they got two pieces completed ahead of schedule, so I was able to take four items down there today, two of them with the wrapping still on them. The new items I had framed for this exhibition are a print of At Rest and a more recent picture I took of Forresters Beach. Also, I'll be interviewed for an upcoming issue of Panorama magazine on the day, which is a quarterly publication put out by BH's parents organization, RichmondPRA. Whilst in Sydney today, I was also able to retrieve an item I submitted for Being's Recovery in Art exhibition, which took place on October 9 at Ultimo TAFE in Sydney. In further good news, my entry at the Art Works! exhibition at the Gosford Gallery in East Gosford, sold on the last day of the event. I'm pleased to say it will be a Xmas present for a car enthusiast.

Date: 9 October 2015

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography & Poetry

Blood Bowl: I've played 10 games in seven days. 6 of them for the recent MOAB tournament, 3 for the SLOBB Rookie League, and 1 for the SLOBB Premier League. On Tuesday (Oct 6), at Ourimbah, my San Remo Pastaheads Slann rookie team ran riot over a Chaos Pact side to the tune of 4-0, three of those points coming in the first half. The win puts them, temporarily, in second place on the ladder. On Thursday (Oct 8), at Good Games Chatswood, in what was a really tough, yet enjoyable encounter, my Premier Nurgle side, the Fiends of Cthulhu, went down 1-2 against another Chaos Pact side.

Photography & Poetry: It has been a week to remember. I was contacted on Wednesday by the Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW, about entries that I put into their recent photography and poetry competitions. The picture that I submitted, a rather colourful item entitled At rest, picked up a highly commended prize. However, my poetry entry, a poem I wrote ten years ago called Âme perdue (French for "Lost Soul") won. It's the first entry of mine in any artistic competition that has actually won. I actually feel quite guilty about not attending the function during the week where the prize-winners were announced. The entries shall be published in a subsequent entrants book, displayed on the SF website (at some point) and the poem featured in an upcoming edition of the newsletter. Also, today, I received an e-mail from the people who ran the Another Door Opens exhibition in Sydney. They have offered me space at an upcoming exhibition later this month, and have requested another four pictures. I think I'll have to go get another one or two framed.

Date: 6 October 2015

Topics: Blood Bowl & Photography

Blood Bowl: Recently returned from MOAB at the Sylvania Heights Community & Youth Club over the long weekend of October 3-5. I took Vampires, being one of three teams I've left to play before reaching the 48 (that of having played all 24 races at tournaments twice). It was a small field, but still a good weekend. I finished up with a 2-1-3 record, doing better on the second day than on the first. The highlight being a rather pleasing 5-2 win over a Human side in round two. I even managed a 2-1 win over the Eucalyptus Bowl champion, but must say that the weather played a considerable role in that victory. There was even some time to get a couple of league matches in for SLOBB. The San Remo Pastaheads Slann team were soundly beaten on Oct 2 by the current comp leader's Dark Elves by the tune of 0-3, with the star players acquired through incentives not being able to do much seeing the team took a few casualties yet again. In their second match, on Oct 3, they bounced back to beat a Chaos Dwarf side 2-0, which currently has them sitting in third place on the league ladder. Both of these games were played in Woollongong. I have another league match scheduled for today at Ourimbah, and another one on Friday in Chatswood.

Photography: Entry #88 Where cars go to rust sits proudly on the wall in the Studio Gallery for the annual Art Works! exhibition at the East Gosford Art Gallery. The exhibition, as part of Mental Health week, continues until October 11. I had a chance to wander through the exhibition on opening day (Oct 3) and was pleased to see a variety of formats submitted and some rather pleasing work. If you're in the area, do drop in and have a look.

Date: 23 September 2015

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football, Photography & Writing

Blood Bowl: Two rare games in Gosford in recent weeks. On Sept 6th, I paid the local Good Games store a visit and slogged out a 1-all draw in the SLOBB Premier League with the Fiends of Cthulhu Nurgle side, strangely enough, against another Nurgle side. Then, on the 12th, a game at home for the SLOBB Rookie League where, despite a 4-5 casualty count (a catcher killed, my kroxigor and a blitzer seriously injured and two linemen badly hurt), my Slann team, the San Remo Pastaheads prevailed against the visiting Halfling side 2-1. Thanks to the master chef I had one re-roll for each half, and it went within a couple of rolls in the respective first turns. I should also add, I will be participating in the Blood Bowl event at the annual MOAB games convention in Sylvania Heights in a couple of weeks time.

Football: The 2015 season ended on August 15th, with us just out of the play-offs. Our second last match, on August 8th, saw me start the game in goals, with the goal coming in the five minutes that I was in there. (It was a shot from range that I just couldn't get, with the ball going over my head and hands and in.) After that, it was all us. I switched to defence, and we held them out for a 2-1 win. We had three keepers for the match. The last game, on August 15th, was a tough one to lose. Despite leading 1-0 at half-time, and with our keeper having stopped a penalty (the only one against us during the regular season) our opposition picked up some reinforcements and won the game 2-5. Least said about the quality of refereeing in that match and the lack of sportsmanship from our opponents the better. We finished the season with a 6-2-8 record, 33 for and 37 against, with the two draws costing us dearly. Personally, in my six full games in goals, I finished with a 3-1-2 record, with a 13-11 F/A, and two clean sheets. I can tell you, my fingers are still aching from the knocks I took.

Photography: Chillin' at the Jetty and it's current feathery companion, Keeping an eye on the kids, are still on display at the venue where the Another Door Opens competition was held last month. I have an entry prepared for the annual Art Works! exhibition in East Gosford, that of some rusted cars in a paddock that I took on a visit to Gatton in Southern Queensland last year, which I've titled Where cars go to rust. I have also submitted entries for the Schizophrenia Fellowship's annual photography and poetry competition. The poem was one I wrote back in 2005 called *Âme perdue*, whereas the picture was taken this year in East Gosford, of a boat resting on it's side at sunset during low tide called *At rest*. Yesterday, I returned from Gatton, after spending a few days with relatives there, and during the quieter moments was able to get some pictures of a few birds that I don't see down here, including two different types of Friarbirds, and what I believe is a Pale-Headed Rosella. Last month, whilst in Wagga Wagga, I took the camera on a long walk around that NSW country city, and found lots of interesting things to photograph, including the Murrumbidgee River and the botanical gardens. I also had time to briefly check out a display of Jamie Holcombe's photographic exhibition *Civic Malaise* at the local art gallery. If you ever get the chance, please go see it.

Writing: After finishing the first draft of *Feudball 2*, I dove into an on-line course on how to create and market e-books. Needless to say, I was sold after half-a-dozen lectures. My intentions now are not only to get *Feudball 2* published on-line (it's more cost effective for me than trying to do it the old-fashioned way), but to re-publish *Feudball* as well in an electronic format to a much wider audience, now that e-books are, well, the norm these days. The numbers are simple. Seven billion people on this planet, and even if only half of them have access to a computer (and/or an e-book reader) that's still a hell of a lot more potential customers than what we originally targeted five years ago. If I only sell a thousand copies of the book on-line, pocketing \$3 a copy, that's still considerably better than selling a hundred or so copies at \$20 a pop, and I won't go into details as to how much of that I got. So, I have taken the opportunity to sit down with *Feudball* and give it a make-over. Honestly, it needs one. After re-reading the paperback over the last few months, I have come across so many grammatical, typographical and general plot errors that I felt I really do have to tidy it up and do a second version of the book. That, and if I want to publish the second installment on-line, the first one will have to go up with (or before) it. For a further explanation of my reasons behind it,

and to highlight some of the inconsistencies that I found in the original edition, please read my latest blog entry entitled Mid-September.

Date: 3 August 2015

Topics: Football & Photography

Football: Well, with just two rounds to go, our chances of making the play-offs this year look to be gone. Needing to win all of our remaining matches, and get some results going our way, we only managed to win one of our two games last weekend (Aug 1 & 2). I was back in the backs, and though we were feeling good after our 3-2 win on Saturday (we had scored first, went to half-time locked at 1-all, then skipped ahead to a 3-1 lead) the second match against the competition leaders, who very inconveniently had the bye the day before, was one game too many for the weekend, and we went down 0-1, the only goal coming in the first half. The latter was a frustrating game, especially in defence, seeing the opposition were attacking in numbers. At our end, we did well to keep them to one with the number of chances that they had (denied by a combination of good goalkeeping and scrambling defence) whereas once again up front we weren't taking our chances.

Photography: It was a busy day last Friday (July 31). Having had a dental appointment late in the morning at Wyong, I just managed to get down to Sydney in time for the Another Door Opens exhibition. There were 96 entries, and I'm pleased to say that one of mine, Chillin' at the Jetty, got a commendation, and once again proved to be very popular. There was even a prize to go with it as well, a gift card for Eckersley's art & craft supplies.

Date: 28 July 2015

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football & Photography

Blood Bowl: Been quite busy this month, with the annual Eucalyptus Bowl tournament at the Burwood RSL Club in Sydney (July 18 & 19), and with Premier and Rookie league matches in SLOBB. At EB, I managed to play both days, thanks to the inclement weather cancelling out a round of soccer, fielding Goblins, and finished with a 1-1-4 record. I was winless on day one, having faced Halflings, Humans, and Goblins (the latter did the most damage by the way) but did much better on day two, including a 4-0 win, and a draw against Dwarves. This now makes it 45 out of 48, with the only races left for me to take a second time at a NAF event being Chaos, Nurgle and Vampires. In SLOBB, my Fiends of Cthulhu Nurgle team had their first defeat in the Premier league, crashing to a 0-2 defeat yesterday to the league commissioner's Dwarven team. Crashing being the appropriate word - the team suffered seven casualties. In the new Rookie league, I'm taking Slann (which now leaves me with three races to field in leagues), and despite leading at half-time, were beaten 1-2 by the commish's new Chaos team.

Football: There's been two games in three weeks. On July 11, we were beaten 2-4 by Auburn FC at home, and on July 25, we had a 0-all draw against St Michael's Baulkham Hills, giving me my second clean sheet this season. (We won 2-0 on July 4 against Pendle Hill.) July 18 was a wash-out. With only one point from our last two games, our chances of making the play-offs are looking slim. It would require winning the remaining four matches, with perhaps one or two results going our way as well. The draw was especially frustrating, as we had plenty of chance and just did not take them, whereas a crucial save from yours truly (off my knee no less) in the second half at least earned us a point.

Photography: I have the Another Door Opens art exhibition in Sydney this Friday (July 31) afternoon, where I entered two pictures. Today, I received a personalized framed certificate from the Tom Oliver Teaching Award competition that I entered earlier this year. The certificate was on my doorstep this afternoon when I returned from a four beach photography walk. I say "personalized" as the certificate had a small version of one of my entries, that of a very large egret that looked like it was not in a good mood. It also came with larger printed copy of the picture.

Date: 24 June 2015

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football & Writing

Blood Bowl: My Chaos Dwarven team, the Brooklyn Bombers, have completed their season in the SLOBB Rookie League (Season 5) finishing with a 1-all draw against a Wood Elf side that they were equal on points with. It was a tough game, with the elves getting a blitz off the opening kick-off, and the ladies with a mindset of playing nice and trying their best not to hurt the elves. Despite the lack of skills acquired, the

team finished, at the moment, in 4th place on for and against, with a 5-2-2 record, their only losses being to two sides that finished higher on the ladder than them.

Football: There hasn't been any. We've gone from the ridiculous situation of having played three games in eight days to no games for over two weeks. Last Saturday (June 20) we were due to play our Round 11 match, but the weather intervened and the game was postponed. This weekend (June 27), we have the bye. Next weekend (July 4) was meant to be a rest weekend for school holidays, but seeing a round got washed out, we'll be playing then, weather permitting.

Writing: The first draft of Feudball 2 has been completed. I finished it last Friday (June 19) in a mad spurt of creativity that saw me finish the two uncompleted chapters, 23 & 27, within a week. The draft is 422 pages long, has 229,470 words, and, as you can imagine, I'm very pleased (and relieved) that I managed to finish it, especially before the end June. For the time being, I'll be having a break from it, whilst I concentrate on a couple of other things that I've neglected over the last few months.

Date: 15 June 2015

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football & Writing

Blood Bowl: The current season of the SLOBB Rookie League is almost completed, and the next one is due to start. On top of that, a new Premier League season has started as well. On May 26, I ventured to the northern suburbs of Sydney to play my first game in the latter, giving my Fiends of Cthulhu Nurgle side a second season. It was a tough match, but a good start for them, beating a veteran Orc team 2-1, the winner scored in turn 15 of the match. (That game constituted my 130th match against an orc team, with 70 of them being victories.) Last Sunday (May 14) my Chaos Dwarf rookie team the Brooklyn Bombers, played their second last match of the season, and were held to a 0-all draw against a very determined Underworld Creeper team, who spoiled a definite chance to score on turn 8. On the last turn of the match, I failed a GFI roll that may have lead to a touchdown pass. A win in their last match, against a Wood Elven team, could well ensure they finish third for the season. The scoreless match is only the third one in 875 matches that I've played.

Football: The rest of May was a tough month for the side. A 1-all draw on the 16th, a 2-5 loss on the 23rd, and a 1-2 loss on the 30th. I didn't play in the drawn fixture, but I was back in defence for the other two games, playing 55 minutes in the second match, and 70 minutes in the third. It hasn't helped that we lost more players to season ending injuries during that time. On the 30th we had one reserve at the start of the match, then none just minutes into the second half. On June 6 our misery continued with a 2-4 loss against the side we knocked out of the play-offs last year. I played all but five minutes of the game, on what was an unseasonably warm day for winter. At that stage, we were running last in the division. However, things turned around on June 9, when we had to play a make-up game from Round 4. With me in goals, and only one sub, we were behind 0-1 after 2 minutes. A stirring come-back, with yours truly pulling off a couple of great saves, and we recorded our second win of the season, a good 4-1 victory. Then, on Saturday (13th), for our third game in eight days, and with two subs this time, seeing a player from last year came back out of retirement, we pulled off a 4-2 win, despite trailing 1-2 early in the second half. I pulled off a couple more good saves, including one that was sneaking inside the left post that I tipped around it at full stretch with my left hand. As the ref said during the mid-week 4-1 victory last Tuesday night, it was one for the highlights reel.

Writing: The Feudball 2 project is getting ever so closer to being completed. I wasn't able to dedicate much time to it last week, but the previous week I did finish Chapter 33, which features the penultimate game in the book. The current chapter that I am working on is #23, the Super League final between the Jailbirds and their current rivals the Monarchs. I'm half-way through the game, and once that's done, the chapter will be finished. After that, there is only Chapter 27 to complete, the side's second match in the Imperial Championships, against an elven team. I've already written the opening section to that. At the moment, the draft is 406 pages long, with a grand total of 219,709 words.

Date: 12 May 2015

Topics: Football & Writing

Football: Well, we finally got back onto the paddock last Saturday (9 May), and on a glorious autumn day, we registered our first win of the season, beating Auburn County at home 4-2, after leading 3-2 at half-time. Yours truly didn't have a particularly good game, having trouble keeping up with a decidedly nipper

opponent for most of the first half (who scored both goals), then straining my left calf in the opening minutes of the second half. With a couple of days at home with my legs up, the injury has improved significantly, though I'm intending to not play this weekend just to be on the safe side.

Writing: Well, after much procrastination, I finished Chapter 30 of Feudball 2 today. The chapter is relatively small, coming in at just under 6,400 words, bringing the project up to around 203,500 words. Like the previous one I completed, I wrote it in a number of places, including Kibble Park in Gosford, the art gallery park in East Gosford, Dark Dimensions up at Tuggerah, and, of course, at home. The chapter is a rather significant one, with the side having to take on a team of asian women in the last round of the group stages of the Imperial Championships, and one of the secondary characters being fatally wounded.

Date: 3 May 2015

Topics: Football, Photography, Role-playing & Writing

Football: Well, due to all the recent wet weather in Sydney, I haven't been on the pitch in over two weeks. On the Anzac Day weekend (Round 3) we had a bye, but the round was cancelled anyway, and on May 1st (Round 4), the round was cancelled again. In Round 2 (April 18), I had a man of the match effort in goals, despite us losing 1-4 in our first home game of the season. I was far busier in the second half than I was in the first, pulling off a number of saves including a double save in a couple of seconds. The former manager of the side stated after the game that if it wasn't for my efforts in goals, the scoreline would've been very embarrassing.

Photography: The weekend of May 1 & 2 was Gosford Regional Show weekend. Yours truly entered three pictures in the photography section this year, and I'm pleased to say that one of them, a particular favourite of mine titled "Peek-a-boo!" (a picture of a spotted smooth-shelled crab poking his eye up above the waterline which I entered in last year's Art Works! exhibition for Mental Health week) picked up third place. It definitely made my weekend!

Role-playing: I cannot recall how many years it had been since I last did any pen and paper gaming on the Central Coast, but I was invited to a session last Saturday night (May 1st) where a pair of us had a dungeon crawl with a GM. We didn't get very far, distracted by a number of other things during the night, but it was an enjoyable night, and I didn't get home until 2.30am the next morning. The system we played was Dragon Warriors, one that I once had the books for, in paperback format, when they were released in the mid-1980s by Corgi books, around the time of the Fighting Fantasy gamebook craze. I played an African barbarian with some rather average stats.

Writing: Despite all the recent bad weather playing havoc with the local power grid, and other distractions such as Civ 5, my birthday, and trips to the Dark Dimensions comic book store at Tuggerah, I have managed to get another chapter done on the Feudball 2 project. Chapter 26 was completed last week, and it turns out to be the longest chapter of the book so far, coming in at around 15,400 words on 26 pages. The book has now grown to roughly 198,300 words (370 pages) and there are now just five chapters to complete, four of which have already been started.

Date: 14 April 2015

Topics: Blood Bowl & Football

Blood Bowl: Played another SLOBB rookie league match last Tuesday (April 7) at Good Games Town Hall in Sydney. An unfortunate start by my orcan opponent allowed my chaos dwarves to score on turn four of the match, then register a second in turn four of the second half to seal the win. The orcs managing to cross the line last turn of the match. The win gives my Brooklyn Bombers their fourth win of the season, and temporarily jump back up to equal first on the ladder.

Football: The new season started last Saturday (April 11) at the Ted Horwood Reserve in Baulkham Hills, the game having kicked off at 5pm. It wasn't a good start to our season, going down 2-4, after trailing 0-2 at the break. Yours truly wasn't in goals, as I was required to play in defence seeing we only had 14 players at our disposal for the match. I was kept very busy for the 60-65 minutes that I was on the pitch, making quite a few runs, clearing the ball out when necessary, and getting right into the thick of it. It was probably one of the best games I've ever had in defence.

Date: 24 March 2015

Topics: Football, Photography & Writing

Football: Played a second trial match for North Rocks 35/5's last Sunday (22 March). Despite having 20 players registered for the team, we only had 14 for the game, which was reduced to 13 after 15 minutes seeing one of the players went off injured. I played thirty minutes of the first half in defence, then the full second half in goals. The second half only going for thirty minutes due to a nasty head clash, which had two players rather bloodied, and both needing treatment. Wisely, the ref called time early. We lost the match 2-3, after leading 1-0 after several minutes. Conditions weren't the best. It was overcast, rained during the first half, and the ground was a bit uneven. Our previous trial match, result wise, was a bit better, with a 1-all draw. We had the game won, but they got an equalizer with less than two minutes to go. Still, things are looking promising for a good ahead.

Photography: Decided against entering anything in the annual Colours of Autumn Exhibition in Bendemeer this year, instead opting to submit fifteen entries in the Tom Oliver Award. This particular competition is for birdlife photography, and seeing I have an over abundance of birdlife photographs, figured this was the way to go. There was no limit for the number of entries I could've submitted, it was free to enter, and you could submit the images in any format you chose. I opted for a simple powerpoint presentation seeing that I had so many of them (including all of the pictures used in it as seperate files), and could've easily subitted thirty more, but didn't fancy having to fill in a seperate entry form for each one.

Writing: More progress has been made on Feudball 2. It's now a shade under 170k words, on 323 pages. Currently, there is only one chapter that I haven't gotten anything written for, and six others that have had some work done on them. I recently made the decision to add another chapter to the book, just to break up what was becoming a long chapter even without a game in it. Page and content wise, it won't add much at all to the length of the book. Also, when time permits, I have been re-reading Feudball, and boy, does it seriously need a revised edition! I've been compiling names of teams mentioned in the book, keeping a spreadsheet on all characters that have been included, and making sure that what I write in the second installment doesn't contradict the first. It has helped, seeing some races, and teams, are getting featured again in the second volume.

Date: 24 February 2015

Topic: Writing

I have been making much progress in this department. Since I last posted news on Feudball 2, I have added three completed chapters, two of those coming in the last two weeks. Chapter 21 was finished yesterday, and have started work on Chapter 23 as well. (Chapter 22 was finished prior to Chapter 21. Good thing I keep a detailed synopsis!)

All up, 25 chapters out of 34 have been completed. Out of the remaining nine, five are partially written, and the other four have notes. I am hoping to have this finished before the end of April. (Fingers crossed.)

Date: 28 January 2015

Topic: Blood Bowl

The BB Nationals in Canberra are over and done with for another year. After a dream draw first round, where my Pro-Elves were up against Halflings and won 3-1, they proceeded to be knocked around the park for the next five rounds, finding various ways to lose matches. On Day 3, some pride was restored with a win and a draw, but the overall record of 2-1-5 was very disappointing. Still, it wasn't a total loss for the weekend. Tried a couple of different board games (Takenoko and Stone Age) and had some fun away from the BB pitch.

The tournament was won by Chopper, with Redcard finishing second.

Date: 19 January 2015

Topic: Blood Bowl

Well, got the new rookie season of SLOBB off to a good start. Running Chaos Dwarves for the first time in a league, and over two days of gaming (Jan 16 & 17) at Ourimbah on the Central Coast, registered 3 wins out of 4 matches. The wins were over Slann (2-0), Goblins (2-1) and Wood Elves (2-1), whilst they were beaten by Skaven (1-3) in a rather forgettable match. They're currently equal first on the rookie league ladder. It's been costly though, had a blocker killed in the first match, and another one acquiring a niggling injury. Only gained three skills so far, two of them going to the same hobgoblin, who is now Sure Hands, +1 AG.

Date: 19 December 2014

Topics: Photography, Poetry & Writing

Photography: Paid a visit to the Art Studios Gallery at 391 Mann Street in Gosford to view some entries in the Small Works Art Prize. Those who entered multiple images (like myself) had just one of their images on display in the front room of the gallery. In this case, one of my entries, The Mariners' Brass Band, entry #57, was in a prominent spot near the reception desk just as you walk through the door. In addition to that, I received in the mail today, a book entitled Poems & Photography 2014, which was published by the Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW. It contains poetry and images of all the competition entries. My photographic entry, Sunset at Moore Creek, is featured on page 41.

Poetry: Continuing on from the Poems & Photography 2014 book, my poetry entry, the commended Derelict at the Station, is featured on page 10 of the book. The judge commented: "It was so hard to choose... It was a privilege to share so many hard won, achingly honest lines." You can read it [here](#) at the SFNSW website.

Writing: I have re-commenced work on Feudball 2. Chapter 19 has been completed, the first draft of it coming in at just under 8000 words. I have since moved on to chapter 20, and I'm roughly halfway through that.

Date: 3 December 2014

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography & Writing

Blood Bowl: Played in the Gathering of Might tournament last Saturday (29/11), a four game, one day event held in Sydney with a 1,200k start-up. I fielded Lizardmen, and felt I could've won all four games on the day rather than finishing up with a 1-1-2 record, which saw me finish in 7th spot overall. The winner, was the tournament organizer, D'Arquebus, who also fielded Lizardmen. With the lizards now out of the way, I now have just five teams left before I complete the 48. As for SLOBB, the rookie league is practically over, with only a handful of games left to be played. My season finished just before the end of October, with a second successive 3-0 win, this time over a Chaos Pact side, who ended up pipping me for third spot. My Nurgle side, the Fiends of Cthulhu, have ended the season in 4th place, with a 6-2-4 record. A couple of crucial losses against lower placed teams though cost me second place.

Photography: I have three entries in the Small Works Art Prize exhibition/competition which started today in Gosford. The theme for competition this year is "Capturing the spirit of the Central Coast", and I feel my three entries do just that, with beach scenes of well-known local spots at Avoca and Nora Head, and a shot of the Mariners' Brass Band at a home match against the Western Sydney Wanderers in October last year. It runs until December 21, with the prize announcement on December 6th. As for capturing new material, I went on a long walk on Nov 24, taking over 450 shots on a 6km stroll from Kincumber to Davistown, which included a lot of water scenes and wildlife. The highlight for me was taking a series of shots of a family of wood swallows, two adults and two chicks, which had set up residence in a mooring post.

Writing: I have re-commenced work on Feudball 2. Whilst I haven't added too much new material, I have edited a few chapters, and extended the word count to just over 119,000. The first draft of chapters 1-18 have been completed, as well as 30, 31 and the Epilogue. I'm currently working on chapter 19, and material has been written for 27, 28, 29 and 33.

Date: 27 October 2014

Topics: Blood Bowl, Photography & Poetry

Blood Bowl: One game closer to finishing the current rookie season in SLOBB. My nurgle side, Fiends of Cthulhu, bounced back with a good 3-0 win over a Dark Elven team last Tuesday (21 Oct). This Wednesday (29 Oct) I'll be completing my season against my 12th and final opponent.

Photography: Have recently collected my entries in the Art Works! and NSW CAG Recovery in Art exhibitions. My entry in Art Works! (just one of 140) unfortunately didn't sell this time round. As for the other entry, it was featured in an exhibition at Ultimo TAFE from October 8 - 10, and is pictured here in the slideshow display (slide #58).

Poetry: I received a certificate in the mail today, a commendation for my entry in the recent SFNSW Let's Get Creative photography and poetry. The poem, titled Derelict at the Station, can be viewed on my poetry page at [Voicesnet.org](#). A pity my photographic entry in the same competition didn't get a mention.

Date: 6 October 2014

Topics: Blood Bowl & Photography

Blood Bowl: A busy weekend, with several games played, six at the annual MOAB tournament in Sylvania. I took Chaos Dwarves, having an indifferent day one with "one of everything", but then winning the first two games on day two, to propel me up to second place, and to play on the top table in round six to determine the tournament winner. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be, as the side was shut out by very dominant undead team 0-2, run by overall winner Redcard. Due to the closeness of the scores, my loss dropped me back to fourth place. Still, finished in the black for both touchdowns (8-6) and casualties (22-10).

Photography: Dropped my entry off for the NSW CAG Recovery in Art exhibition last Thursday (Oct 2) then decided to visit the Aztec exhibition at the Australian Museum whilst I was down there. (Well worth it I may add.) Tomorrow (Oct 7) I have to drop my entry in for the Art Works! exhibition at the gallery down the road. That exhibition runs from October 10th to 19th. Have also been busy taking pictures in various places recently on walks at Nora Head, East Gosford and the Rumbalara Reserve. Got some nice shots of wildlife that I had never seen before.

Date: 16 September 2014

Topics: Football & Photography

Football: It was a heart-breaking loss in the grand final last Saturday (13/9). We lost 0-1, against the only side that we hadn't beaten in the competition. The only goal in the game came shortly before half-time. For my efforts on and off the field this season, I was presented with the match ball after the game.

Photography: Have sent in my entries for the annual NSW Schizophrenia Fellowship's art (and poetry) contest. Decided to try a photo that I had already used this year at the Gosford show, a spectacular bush sunset entitled Sunset at Moore Creek. I even submitted poem as well, a little piece called Derelict at the Station. Even sent in an Expression of Interest form for the NSW CAG Recovery in Art Exhibition. Now all I have to do is get some pictures framed for that and the Art Works! exhibition next month.

Date: 10 September 2014

Topics: Blood Bowl & Football

Blood Bowl: The Gosford Gauntlet, held on August 31, went well, with 11 players attending (including myself). Ten different races featured, but in the end it was Rabid Bogscum's Chaos Dwarves (Rabid being the league commissioner for SLOBB) that won the day, pipping Creature's Orcs 2-1 in the final round, with those players finishing first and second respectively. Yours truly did manage to get a game in with his Ogres, but were horribly thrashed 0-3 by the other Orc team in round three. I also played a SLOBB league match on Sept 8, with my Nurgle team Fiends of Cthulhu defeating a Vampire side 2-1. They currently have a 4-2-3 record and sit in the top five.

Football: After two washed out weekends, and having a match abandoned as well due to the pitiful condition of the pitch, we finally got on the park last night to contest the knock-out semi-final against Guildford in Auburn. (The play-offs shortened to two weeks with all the wet weather, with the winners of the semi-finals going straight to the grand final.) After trailing 1-2 at half-time, goals in the 79th and 80th minutes secured a 3-2 win, giving us our second grand final appearance in three seasons. Yours truly was in goals, after spending most of the season in the backs, pulling off some crucial saves which kept us in the match. All this was after a tense final round match against St Michael's Baulkham Hills on August 16, which ended in a 3 all draw. That draw was good enough for us to finish in third place, seeing the fourth placed side, that could've overtaken us, lost that weekend.

Date: 13 August 2014

Topics: Blood Bowl, Football & The Website

Blood Bowl: Haven't had a game since Eucalyptus Bowl, but will be running my own BB event at the end of the month. The Gosford Gauntlet is coming out of hiatus and will be run in an amended format, a four game tournament being run over one day, and this time being played at Tuggerah at the Dark Dimensions store on the Pacific Highway. Cost is \$25 and kick-off will be at 8.30am. For further details, namely team details, check the related threads on AusBowl, Wargamer.AU or Facebook.

Football: Business end of the season. Our flu and injury hampered side crashed to a 1-4 defeat at the hands of the competition leaders last Saturday (9 Aug). North Rocks 35/7 Black still cling to fourth place, with one

round of the competition to go. We need to pick up at least a point in this match. A win could have us in second place, a loss could see us miss out on the play-offs altogether.

Website: I've been busy this week giving the site an update. Practically every page has been amended, and four have been changed. The altered pages are in the Photography section, and have been changed to "Competition", "Favourites", "Featured" and "Various".

Date: 8 July 2014

Topics: Blood Bowl & Football

Blood Bowl: Recently attended the second day of the annual Eucalyptus Bowl tournament held at the Burwood RSL in Sydney. It was the tenth anniversary of the tournament, and I just had to make it to keep my perfect attendance record, that and get one step closer to knocking off the 24 for the second time. I took Slann to this event seeing the TV was set at 1250. Played three games, finished with a 1-1-1 record. Once again the amount of prizes was overwhelming, and the freebies just for showing up included block dice, re-roll markers, a pin, and a card game called Eucalyptus Brew which is actually quite entertaining and easy to play.

Football: A trial game last Saturday kept me away from the first day of EB, and the match highlighted a few problems the side has. Though we are currently coming third in the division on the back of four straight competition wins, including a tough 2-1 win over the comp leaders (on June 28), we were brought crashing back to earth with a poor 1-5 loss to a side that was undoubtedly two divisions higher than us. We could make excuses, like we only had one substitute to their five, and one of their players was well under 35, the end result was, we have a few problems and they need to be fixed.

Date: 16 May 2014

Topic: Everything

Hoo-boy, I'm really getting slack, aren't I?

Blood Bowl: Not much to talk about here. Mixed start to the latest SLOBB Rookie season with my Nurgle side (2-0-2), which are not skilling up too quickly. Next tournament for me will most likely be Eucalyptus Bowl, in July, though I may be only there for the second day, depending on how football goes. I am organising a one day event for the Central Coast, possibly for late August. It'll be a four game tournament, and run as a selection event for the NSW side to contest the national teams event next year.

Football: Five rounds into the competition, and though my form has been good (surprised that I'm actually picking up quite a few points in our personal player of the season award) the team has had a rather mixed season, with a 2-1-2 record. I played the first three games in goals, then got switched to defence, and it doesn't look like I'll be moved from there any time soon. Our last match was a rather disappointing 1 all draw against the bottom placed side, a game we should've done a lot better in.

Photography: No success at either the Colours of Autumn event in Bendemeer, or the Gosford Regional Show, though apparently one of my entries, a rather colourful sunset shot that I took around Xmas time last year, polled a few votes in the people's pick award. I did get some feedback however. There's nothing wrong with the photos, just need some better frames. I have taken some rather good wildlife shots recently. One was of a cormorant on Brisbane Water (Gosford) catching a fish, whilst the other was of a red-bellied black snake. I didn't think I'd ever get an opportunity to get a shot of one of those again!

Writing: Feudball 2 has been getting attention lately. The first draft of the first eighteen chapters have now been completed, along with three further chapters at the end of the book. Four other chapters have been started. The book has (currently) 219 pages, and is just under 114,000 words.

Date: 21 March 2014

Topic: Everything

Seeing it has been so long since I've updated this site...

Blood Bowl: Had a disasterous campaign at Can Con back in January. Finished 43rd out of 45, with a rotten record of 1-0-6 with High Elves. The only consolation was a magnificent 5-1 win in round six over an orc team. Mixed results with SLOBB. The rookie league (the Harkon Heartripper competition) saw my fantastic Zulu! Wood Elven side finish 3rd on the ladder, with an outstanding record of 10-2-2, with only the two teams that they lost to above them. However, in the premier league, my Matrioshki Dark Elves have been thrashed and bashed around the board, conceding seven TDs in their last two matches. In the new rookie

league (Flint Churnblade), my Nurgle side Fiends of Cthulhu got off to a reasonable start, beating a lizardman side 1-0 in a very scrappy match.

Football: Starting my fourth season with North Rocks FC. This year, my team will be back in the 35/6 division, the same division we won in 2012. It appears that I'll be half in goals, half in defence this season. We'll be playing our second trial match this Sunday (March 23), and I hope it goes better than our first trial on March 9, where we were beaten 0-3, conceding all three goals in the first half. Strangely enough I had one of my best games in goals that day, and had I not been on my game we would've been absolutely thrashed.

Photography: Have been busy lately, with walks around West Gosford and Point Clare, and with a few Mariners' home matches. I have also submitted a couple of entries to this year's Colours of Autumn competition, entering a couple of spectacular sunset shots.

Work: I am no longer at Duck's Crossing Publications. Due to continuing disagreements with the manager, I told him to go find somebody else to deliver his papers in my last e-mail to him, which went unread for four days apparently...

Writing: Have been making progress with Feudball 2. At this moment, the first draft of the book has 17 completed chapters (out of a planned 34), with five other chapters having passages written. The word count stands at 91,415.

Date: 12 October 2013

Topic: Photography & Blood Bowl

Very pleased to find out today that my entry for the annual Art Works! exhibition at the East Gosford Art Gallery sold on the opening day of the exhibition. (Strangely enough, my entry in last year's exhibition sold on the first day as well.) Also quite pleased that I have been asked for extra copies of the print.

Last weekend (Oct 5), at the annual MOAB games convention, I finished third in the Blood Bowl resurrection tournament. Wanting to achieve an NAF win with every one of the 24 races, I took Underworld Creepers, finishing with a 3-1-2 record. I only have two races left to get wins with - Chaos Pact and Goblins.

Date: 25 August 2013

Topic: Photography & Blood Bowl

Have managed to get another two photographs in the August 22nd edition (Issue 60) of Central Coast Grandstand. On page two, under the heading of "Record crowd sees Rabbitohs win at Gosford" you'll see the pair - one of the crowd and another of Manly being denied by some determined South Sydney defence. Copies of the paper are still available at selected locations throughout the coast, or, you can view the edition online (for the time being) here. (It's two paper in one. One half is Grandstand, the other is the Out & About.)

Competed in the Blood Bowl B9 Pub Crawl Tournament yesterday. Took Norse (which now makes me halfway through the 24 again), finishing with 2 draws and 2 losses. All games, I should add, were decided on the last turn of the match. On the bright side, I was voted Best Sportsman (for the fifth time in events) and got first pick of the prize table. I finally got my hands on a compact carry case for my miniatures!

Date: 12 August 2013

Topic: Football & Photography

Well, finished the season last Saturday (10 Aug) - just. Still carrying injuries, I managed to get through another 40 minutes (to follow on from the 40 minutes I played the previous week), though part of me is quite glad that the season is over and I get some chance during the off-season to recuperate. Out of 18 games, we only won one, and drew three, but I must say, despite the injuries I sustained, it was still an enjoyable season.

On Sunday (11 Aug), my aunt played host for a mini art exhibition at her place. My photographic work shared wall space with those of a more established artist, Elena Parashko. Though the turn-out wasn't that great, at least I picked up a few tips.

And whilst I'm on the subject of photography, during the week I printed up and framed my entry for the 2013 Mental Health - Art Works! exhibition in October. A rather pleasant coastal scene of a variety of sea birds perched in various poses on an old rickety jetty at Long Jetty.

Date: 22 July 2013

Topic: Football, Work & Writing

July has been an unusual month. I have spent quite a lot of it recuperating from a couple of sporting injuries. One of them, some ligament damage in my right foot, even prevented me from being able to work for the best part of two weeks.

And, to make it worse, my application for journalist accreditation for the All Stars - Man Utd match had been turned down due to "a high volume of requests".

On the brighter side, I am submitting a couple of pieces for Cancer Council Victoria's 2013 Arts Award competition. One piece, a poem, entitled Helpless, which I wrote not long before my father died, and a short story entitled Me and the Big C, which I had started way back in 2003 for another competition, but never quite finished it - until now.

Date: 16 June 2013

Topic: Photography

My aunt in Sydney made me an interesting offer. She has turned her house into a miniature gallery, and has offered to display some of my pictures, with a possibility of selling them (seeing she has already had some success with some other artists' work). So, amongst all the stuff I brought down with me for football yesterday, were the three pictures I had submitted for the Gosford show.

She's only asking for 10% commission. If they sell, I'll bring down more.

Date: 31 May 2013

Topic: Work & Football

Received a very interesting e-mail from work yesterday. The boss wants me, on behalf of Duck's Crossing Publications, to cover the upcoming A-League Allstars vs Manchester United match - as a journalist. I had to fill out an accreditation form first and submit it, after that, all I have to do is just go to the game, make a few notes and write a report of the fixture from a Central Coast perspective, seeing several Mariners' players could well be in the side.

Gees, a free ticket to the game and I get to write about it? What's the catch?

Date: 30 May 2013

Topic: Website

Well, the website is now back online. There's still a lot of work to get done on it, but at least the new version is up and running.

Date: 29 May 2013

Topic: Photography

Well, no success for the entries I submitted for the Colours of Autumn and Gosford Show competitions. However, three images I took of a recent outdoor art exhibitions were put in the 23 May 2013 edition of the Wyong Regional Chronicle. The unfortunate things were that I wasn't given a photo credit for them, that and the images were of the "Sculpture on the Green" exhibition at Wyong, whilst the article they accompanied was on the recently finished "Sculpture by the Bay" exhibition at East Gosford. Oh well, at least they got in there!

Though I haven't deliberately gone anywhere to take pictures (my current football injury is causing me enough concerns to stay off my feet whenever possible) the camera has been in my bag for the last five days that I have been out. Three of those days were for work, where I got some great pictures of the rather recent unpredictable weather on the coast and added some more birds for my scrapbooks. Our match on last Saturday (25 May) was cancelled, so I attended a training run at Westmead and got some nice pictures around there, and on Sunday (26 May) I left a games day earlier than usual to take advantage of the marvellous sunny weather, and took a swag of great pictures around Hamilton, Islington and Newcastle. Believe me, it was a very hefty amount that I had to pay to get my pictures printed up yesterday!

Date: 24 April 2013

Topic: Football

Still haven't got my voice back from the weekend, with the Mariners' mighty effort to defeat the Wanderers

2-0 in the A-League Grand Final. Took around 200 pictures on the day of the crowd and the game. Though horribly outnumbered by the "local" supporters, the Central Coast fans acquitted themselves well, and the train ride going home was quite memorable for sporadic "Mariners" chants, and an off-key (but heart-felt) rendition of "We are the champions".

And, to make it even better, the boys traveled to Korea the day after the grand final, and last night won their first even ACL match away from home, beating Korean side Suwon Bluewings 1-0, and almost sealing a spot in the knock-out stage of the tournament.

Unfortunately, my team didn't get on the paddock last Saturday for our third round match, due to the extremely poor weather. Things are looking better for this weekend though.

Date: 18 April 2013

Topic: Photography

Have prepared my entries for the Gosford show. I decided upon an East Gosford theme, using three images taken around the bush reserve at the back of the art gallery, and have mailed off the entry forms and transferred the entry fee online. The pictures have to be delivered to the showground on May 3, the day before the annual show starts.

Date: 17 April 2013

Topic: Photography

Took some time out and ventured to Sydney, taking the chance to catch up on some reading on the train, and play some Blood Bowl in the Sydney league. I arrived at Circular Quay around 2pm, and went for a wander, taking pictures along the way. On a whim, I decided to go to the Museum of Contemporary Art, before winding up at The Rocks.

The MCA was well worth it. Thoroughly recommend it to anyone with an artistic temperament to drop in and have a look around for an hour or so, seeing it's still free. If you do go, please check out the South of No North exhibition (running until May 5), featuring the photography of American William Eggleston and New Zealander Laurence Aberhart, whose colour and black and white images are displayed alongside of the art pieces of Australian artist Noel McKenna.

I was quite impressed, especially with the stills of Eggleston.

Date: 6 April 2013

Topic: Football

Back on the pitch for a new season with North Rocks, playing in the 35/5 division. Played in goals for our first competitive match, seeing that I was still recovering from an injury that I sustained during a trial match on March 24, that and our regular goalkeeper was unavailable due to injury. My injury though didn't affect my performance that much (except for kicking the ball out), as time and time again I had to pull off saves (sixteen in all), including four full stretch dives and one long range effort that was dipping dangerously towards the goals. The best out of the lot was in the first half, where I perfectly timed a dive to my right to fully stop a low drive at the goal, which most of the side thought was going in.

The end result was a 1 all draw, with the team ready to admit that the 'keeper had definitely saved the side and got them a point.

Date: 5 April 2013

Topic: Photography

Done it again! Another image has graced the pages of the local press! Again, it's another picture taken at a Mariners' fixture, this time at the team's home ground in Gosford, against Melbourne Heart on March 30. The image was captured during the first half of the game, which the home side went on to win 2-1. The image is on Page 6 of the April 4 edition of the Grandstand paper produced by Duck's Crossing Publications, and you can view it [here](#).

Date: 21 March 2013

Topic: Photography

Have submitted a small collection of images to ABC Open, a regular ongoing online art project. My items, which have been entered under the user name of Vimes (my Blood Bowl monika) can be found in the

Reflections section for the month of March.

Date: 8 March 2013

Topic: Photography

Have mailed off six entries to the annual "Colours of Autumn" competition in Bendemeer, a village roughly half an hour drive north of Tamworth in NSW. I decided to go for a nautical theme, submitting images of six boats in dire need of repair, or to be scrapped, that I took at various places around the coast, though most of them were taken at Woy Woy.

Date: 12 January 2013

Topic: Photography

Pleased to announce that another photograph of mine has been published in the local press! This is the fourth picture that has graced the pages of the local papers, and the third one that has been featured in the fortnightly Grandstand Central Coast sports paper, which is published by Duck's Crossing Publications. The picture was taken at the Western Sydney Wanderers versus Central Coast Mariners football match, which was held at Parramatta Stadium on January 6. The moment captured was a Wanderers' corner during the first half, and features on the front page of the January 10 edition. The Mariners went on to win the match 2-0, and you can view the image [here](#).