

DISTRICT DRIBBLE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

April 2007

President's Piece:

Welcome to the club's first newsletter for the new season. I would like to welcome back all those players who have backed up from last year for another exiting season. I would also like to welcome all newly registered players and their families (over 50 in number!) for 2007 which will be clubs' 80th anniversary. Please keep an eye out for further announcements about functions to celebrate our 80th birthday bash. There will be some great events to be remembered. I would also like to thank the committee, coaches and managers who put their valuable time into the running of the club. With club members approaching the 200 mark, every little bit of assistance helps. If you ever have a query on any hockey matter the feel free to call me anytime on 94566870 or 0439968701.

Yours in hockey,
Larry Maher

returning from the last few years. We have certainly increased the number of teams and players in our club, particularly in the U11s and U13s with three teams. Thank you to those parents and other club members who have offered to coach or manage a team. If everyone does a little bit, it makes it so much easier and the players are the ones who will benefit. I look forward to meeting all of our junior teams and parents over the coming season.

Thanks
Alex Cook

Club Fundraising

Ever wondered how that \$30 fundraising levy gets spent? The club raises roughly \$3000 per year with this levy and some parents have rightly questioned how this gets disbursed. Well for a start, we have a raffle each year with a number of prizes (see winners in this newsletter). All the funds go directly to the ongoing cost of running our 15 teams across the juniors and women's side of the club. Over the last 2 seasons the club has spent in excess of \$10,000 on goalkeeping equipment, team match & training balls, fitness equipment, coaching manuals and playing shirts to name but a few of our costs. I would also like to point out that the club is very conscious of the cost to manage its affairs and that playing fee's have remained unchanged since 2002. Good luck in that raffle!

Mouthguards and Shin pads:



You've paid to play so don't miss out on getting on the field because you forgot your mouthguard or shin pads. Without them you will be a spectator.



Junior Teams for 2007:

 U11 Gold - Coach: Eileen Tudor
Manager: Ros Halmly
U11 Blue - Coach: Liz & Julie Osbourne
Manager: Lynne Emerton
U11 White - Coach: Brian Lawrence
Manager: Kaye Scott
U13 Gold - Coach: Rohan Tudor
Manager: Kathy Bush
U13 Blue - Coach: Meredith Peterson
Manager: Mercia Millingham
U13 White - Coach: Param Singh
Manager: Donna Collier
U15 Gold - Coach: Alex Cook
Manager: Debbie Smith
U15 Blue - Coach: Dennis Barker
Manager: Jill Howcroft



THANK YOU to all our Coaches and Mangers!

Junior Convenor

Welcome to all new players for the 2007 season and it is great to see many familiar faces

Northern District Website:

We have refreshed the Club website and have been updating it with our club information. The site covers latest information and news, team draws and results, tables, contacts, links, etc.

During the season we will continue to update the website with information about the club and teams so be sure to keep checking the site.

Check it out at www.ndhockey.com.au

A big THANK YOU to Eileen and Amanda for this!

Premier League Games

Norwest Strikers Premier League next home game is at Pennant Hills against Ryde on May 19th at 2:00pm. Come along and see some great hockey and support our top Men's team.

PSSA

Congratulations to Angus Maher, Jack Tudor and Mitchell Emerton on their selection in PSSA Hockey teams this year. (If we have missed anyone please let us know as these are the only names we have so far!) Have a great time and enjoy the tournament.

On the Sideline...

Executive Committee:

President	Larry Maher	0439968 701
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Committee Delegate	Keith Rogers	
Committee Delegate	Kelly Rogers	
Committee Delegate	Julie Osborne	
Committee Delegate	Kerry Marshall	

Just a reminder to all parents that Umpires are volunteers and without them there would not be a game. The club will not tolerate parent's abuse of an umpire. Most of our Junior Umpires are still learning and even adults make mistakes. Also remember if a parent is caught abusing an Umpire the Captain of that team can be sent from the field for a period of time or the parent can be asked to leave the ground. No one would like to see either of these things happen.

Short Corner:

What did the bumble bee striker say?

"Hive scored!"

If you have anything for the next District Dribble please e-mail Fiona Begg, at geoffiona@optusnet.com.au