

District Dribble

The Newsletter of the Northern District Hockey Association

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President's Piece:

Hello Everyone,

The news of Hornsby Council's in-principle approval of our plans for the development of the grass turf into an artificial turf and the development of a clubhouse is fantastic news for NDHA. This approval has generated an enormous amount of goodwill within the club and many members share with me the future of our clubs prospects with such a significant development. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hornsby Shire councillors and their staff for the support of our proposal. When I look back on the effort required to obtain councils approval, even though this was demanding and took a significant amount of time, we need to be mindful of the job ahead. As with our existing facility, the new turf will require significant funding by the club and we must come up with some big ideas on fundraising. What does excite me the most about our plans is that I firmly believe we have the people in the club today who have the energy and commitment to see this through to the end. We will be updating the club website with developments on the 2nd turf and I ask that you keep yourself informed of our progress there and through subsequent newsletters as we will be seeking assistance from people with specific skills from time to time.

Thank you for your support of the club. Our future has never looked brighter. I hope you enjoy the remainder of the hockey season and I look forward to seeing you at trivia night.

Larry Maher

Women's Report:

After 11 rounds the competition was finally divided into 3 divisions. The teams in Division 1 and Division 3 retained their points, whilst Division 2 started from scratch.

All teams have struggled to field a full team over the course of the season and unfortunately there have been instances where players have not informed either their coach or manager of an inability to play. On several occasions this has led to teams playing with less than 11 players. Thankfully most of the time players from our other teams have been able to double up and fill in across the grades.

Despite all these problems, each of the teams have been putting up a good fight each week regardless of the outcome. There are only 4 weeks of competition left before the finals. We should have a least 2 teams preparing for the A pool finals and 2 teams contesting the B pool finals this year. We wish all the teams best of luck for the remainder of the season.

The U18's have had several weeks break over the school holidays, and I'm sure they are all looking forward to getting back on the pitch. They also have only 4 games left to play.

Julie Osborne
Women's Convenor

How Long is a Half...?

Ever wondered how long a half is? It is different for each age group.

U11 – 25 minutes per half

U13 – 30 minutes per half

U15 – 30 minutes per half

The great new score board at the field will help.

TRIVIA NIGHT * * August 9th * *



The Trivia night is only a couple of weeks away. You should all have heard by now that we have received permission from council to install a second artificial turf at Pennant Hills Park. The Trivia & auction night will be the first of many fundraising activities planned to help us achieve this. If you haven't put your name down on a table contact your team manager or buy your ticket direct from the canteen. If you are unable to attend consider making either a financial donation, donate a prize that we can auction or make a silent bid on some of the great items available. We will send out more information about the Trivia night over the coming weeks. Some of the auction prizes include:-

- * 1 weeks accommodation at Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort (22/11-29/11/08)
- * 1 nights accommodation & breakfast at Darling Harbour
- * MP3/4 player
- * 2 Gold Class Movie Tickets
- * Massage

For further information contact Julie Osborne on 0405 542 022 or by email on julieosborne63@hotmail.com

Free Ice Cups!

Free ice cups will be given to all Junior players who bring a friend along to watch their game. Ice cups will be given to both the player and the friend! Let your manager know!

Northern District Website

The Club website is www.ndhockey.com.au It is updated regularly with Club information, team draws, results and match reports, contacts, links, uniform information and much more. Add it to your website "Favourites".



Premier League Games – Norwest Strikers

Next Home Games:

Sat. Aug 2 at 5pm vs UTS

Sat. Aug 9 at 3.30pm vs Moorebank

To check game details go to:

www.sydneyhockey.com.au then Competitions – Mens – Premier League 1st Grade – Fixtures

Hockey NSW



Hockey NSW is pleased to announce our new look website. Check it out now at www.hockeynsw.com.au (Please note the site may take up to 48hrs to appear on all servers. If you do not see the new site immediately, keep checking!)

The site has been in the making for a number of months and we hope that you enjoy the improvements. All of the same news and information is available on the site, plus additional features such as an RSS feed, online videos, photo galleries and online polls (coming soon!).

Please note that the site is still under construction. More features have been planned and are in the pipeline and we look forward to delivering these in the near future.

Hockey NSW is excited about the new website and hopes that the Hockey community will get behind the revamped site and ensure its full potential is reached.



An Olympian from Norwest Strikers – Eli Matheson

Eli has been chosen in the squad of 16 to go to Beijing – the only male from NSW. He has recently played in the Champions Trophy in which Australia defeated Spain in the final to gain their 9th win. Eli scored the first and last goals in the tournament!

Player Profile (at time of writing)

Current Local Hockey Club: Norwest Strikers
AHL Team: NSW Waratahs
DOB: July 12, 1983
Position: Striker
Kookaburras Shirt No.: 19
International Matches: 33
International Goals: 15
Occupation: Architectural Model Maker



If you would like to send Eli an email of support you can contact him at:

elimatheson@hotmail.com

Let him know that you play for Northern District Hockey Association!



Hockey at the Olympics

Men's hockey was first played at the Olympics in 1908 in London. It was held again in Antwerp in 1920, Amsterdam in 1928 and each Olympic year since. Australia's men joined the Olympic hockey competition in 1956 in Melbourne. They have finished no lower than 6th and have won 1 gold medal, 3 Silver medals and 3 Bronze medals. Australia is currently ranked number 1 in the world.

Women's hockey was not introduced until 1980 in Moscow. The Australian women's team first played in Los Angeles in 1984 and have since won 3 Gold medals. Australia is currently placed number 4 in the world.

For some great Olympic Hockey information on teams, players and much more go to the Hockey Australia website at:

www.hockey.org.au and explore the "Beijing Corner." The "Media" section gives information on all competing countries and world placings.

Australia at Beijing

Australian Women's Draw – Pool A

Day 2 10/8 vs Korea
Day 4 12/8 vs Spain
Day 6 14/8 vs RSA
Day 8 16/8 vs Netherlands
Day 10 18/8 vs China
Day 12 20/8 Classification Games and Semi's
Day 14 22/2 Classification and Medal Games

Australian Men's Draw – Pool B

Day 3 11/8 vs Canada
Day 5 13/8 vs RSA
Day 7 15/8 vs Pakistan
Day 9 17/8 vs Netherlands
Day 11 19/8 vs Great Britain
Day 13 21/8 Classification Games and Semi's
Day 15 23/8 Classification and Medal Games

Hockey on youtube



The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has launched its YouTube service www.youtube.com/WorldHockey. Viewers can watch full length coverage of selected games from tournaments around the world. You can currently watch the full final of Australia vs Spain at the recent Champions Trophy. *** Check with parents before doing this – it goes for 1 hour, 36 minutes!***

FIH's YouTube site complements its live, free of charge streaming on www.worldhockey.tv Following the Champions Trophy additional FIH content will be available on the site, such as highlights, player interviews and FIH's monthly magazine show, 'ABN AMRO WorldHockey'.

Hockey On Fox Sports

Fox Sports is the place to get your hockey fix and stay on top of the latest world hockey news, with the ABN Amro WorldHockey TV magazine screening on Fox Sports as follows:

Fri 15th August at 1500 AET on Fox Sports 2
Sat 23rd August at 0130 AET on Fox Sports 1



Fox Sports is also showing replays of the Champions Trophy events:

Tue 12th August at 0500 AET on Fox Sports 1
Wed 13th August at 0130 AET on Fox Sports 1

Umpires Corner

This is the last edition of Umpires Corner this year, and during the course of the season, I have noticed that relatively few people know the basic rules of hockey i.e like where to take 16 yard hits. These should be taken in line with where the ball went out over the backline. So if the ball goes over the backline 1 metre from the corner, then the 16 is taken 1 metre from the sideline. If the ball has gone into the goal, then the 16 may be taken anywhere on the flat line comprising the top of the circle, in line with the goalposts. Simple innit?



Do's and Do Nots

When the whistle blows, DO look at the umpire's signal, and DO take notice of indications.

DO keep playing until the whistle blows; DO NOT stop playing because you think the whistle is about to blow. Think about all of the goals that have been scored when the defense foul in the circle, and they stop playing. If the opposition don't stop and advantage is played, you have just given away a goal!

DO NOT put your hand in the air appealing for a penalty, or the umpire may give you a special yellow card to go to the toilet. This usually takes 5 minutes anyway!!

DO NOT argue with an umpire...this is always going to end badly for you.

DO sign the match card before you take the field. In most competitions around Sydney, this is compulsory, because if you haven't signed the card, and get injured on the field, your insurance is null and void.

Yo help know the rules, there are rulebooks for sale in the canteen at cost price.

Eds note: Thanks Mark for filling this Corner each edition!

Dugout Courtesy

The dugouts are for the teams currently on the field, and the Coaches and Managers of those teams. Please let those teams clear the field and dugouts before the next team entering. This gives players time to clear their things and the managers an opportunity to gather anything that has been left behind before it is mixed with the incoming teams' belongings.



"NO DOGS ALLOWED WITHIN THE ENCLOSED AREA"

These signs relate to BOTH sides of the field. It would be appreciated if all could respect this.

Any questions, please give me a call.
Gary Prowse Ph: 9629 6040

Short Corner:

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Godfrey
Godfrey who?
Godfrey tickets to the hockey game!

