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Presidents Piece – Larry Maher

Welcome to another great season with Northern District. Last year was a pivotal year for the club with all teams performing admirably on, and off, the field. Additionally, the council's in-principle approval for our 2nd artificial turf has given us a great opportunity for the future. More on this later.

As we enter the 2009 season, there are certain principles that I would like to reinforce through the club this year. I would ask all players, parents, spectators and friends of Northern District to keep the following in mind:

- ∞ Abuse of umpires and any other officials will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- ∞ It's a game. Lets not forget that.
- ∞ We pride ourselves on being a family friendly club. Lets keep it that way.
- ∞ If you are not happy with how some aspects of the club are being conducted, then please raise your concerns with one of the committee, your team manager or coach.
- ∞ If you have been asked to assist in any duties such as rostered canteen or field opening and/or closing, then your commitment is greatly appreciated. This spreads the work around a larger number of supporters.

I would also like to welcome all new players and parents to our club. I trust the season is a rewarding one. If you have any suggestions on making our club even better then you can contact me on mahertian@yahoo.com.au or 0439968701.

Best of luck for the season.
Larry Maher

Junior Convener - Eileen Tudor

juniors@ndhockey.com.au or 0402 127 763

Welcome to all new players and their families and to the existing players and families returning for the 2009 season. Our club continues to grow and this year we are fielding 9 teams in total with a Gold, Blue and White team in each age group. We also have 30+ new Under 9s running around the Pennant Hills turf on Friday nights between 5:15-6:25pm. It is exciting to see them all trying their best and chasing the ball. A special thank you to the Under15 and Under13 players who have offered to coach the Under 9s this season. I still require a few more coaches and if you are willing and able to coach, please contact me by email. Once again thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to either co-coach or manage a team. Without your help we at Northern District are unable to function as a club. Please try to remember that coaching is not an easy task and the coaches are trying their best.

Please respect your coach by

- making positive comments about their coaching and the team's performance
- Please arrive at each match 30 minutes prior to the game. It is important to warm up, get goalkeeper gear on, and to establish playing positions and tactics for the game.
- Please inform your coach and manager in advance if you anticipate not being available to make it to a match. There will be times when for various reasons players will be unavailable but if we know, the club will endeavour to have replacement players.

- If you would like to assist other teams by playing extra games please let me know. I am going to make a list of available players and give it out to each team manager.
- Please attend training and let your coach know if you are unable to attend.

We have already completed the first 2 rounds of the Nth Area competition with all teams going well & I look forward to each player's & team's success and enjoyment during the year.

The draw will be finalised during the Easter break and as soon as it is ready it will be placed on the club website. Please keep checking the website for information about the club, including results, draws and up-coming events or news items. Our turf at Northern District is an all **weather turf**. The only reason training or a game will be cancelled is due to **lightening** or in the event, the field flooding. **For training** please use your common sense, if you think it is too wet and cold for your child to train please let your coach/manager know, otherwise turn up and see if your coach is willing to get wet and train.

All games will go ahead regardless of the weather.

**I hope you all enjoy the hockey season.
Play hard, have fun
Eileen Tudor**

Mouth Guards and Shin pads



You've paid to play so don't miss out on getting on the field because you forgot your mouth guard or shin pads.

Without them you will

be a spectator. **THEY ALSO NEED TO BE WORN PROPERLY**

– a mouth guard that is being chewed, popped in and out of the mouth or any other variation other than where it should be doesn't count! **Parents** – please remind your players. Although we have a coach who is a dentist, this isn't how he wants to get his business!



Club Merchandise

Club caps, t-shirts, shorts, socks, beanies and fleecy jumpers are available from the canteen. Those Friday nights on the sideline can get cold – dress warmly and support your team!



Junior Teams for 2009

U9/Minkey

Contact: Eileen Tudor
Training and games commence Friday 27th March from 5.30 to 6.30pm. It's not too late to come along and join in.

U11 Gold

Coach: Brian Doughty
Manager: Adrian Wilson

U11 Blue

Coach: Madisen Clarke
Manager: Katrina Richmond & Jodi Reason

U11 White

Coach: Kathy Peiris
Coach: Brian & Sean Doughty
Manager: Elicia Leitch

U13 Gold

Coach: Rohan Tudor
Manager: Rosi Whyte & Janet Nixon

U13 Blue

Coach: Rob Paynter
Manager: TBC

U13 White

Coach: Eileen Tudor
Manager: Robert Nicoll

U15 Metro

Coach: Chris Hawkins
Manager: Kay Berriman

U15 Blue

Coach: Phill Burke
Manager: Sam Redfearn

U15 White

Coach: Colin Haycroft
Coach: David Collier
Manager: Ros Halmly



THANK YOU to all our Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Managers!

On the Sideline...

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.



Women's Report:

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2009 winter season. There have been a lot of changes within the numbers of the women's club this year. We farewelled a number of players from all the grades, except ND5 who retained all but two players from 2008.

It is with great excitement we welcome 30 new players of various experience across all the grades. With the discontinuation of the U18 competition many of the U18 players have decided to play in the women's competition.

Our teams for 2009 are:-

1st grade

-ND1 coached by Graham Hutton

-ND Blue coached by Chris Jenkins

2nd grade

-ND Red coached by Daniel Johnson

3rd grade

-ND4 no coach appointed

-ND5 no coach appointed. Currently coached by myself.

Keith Rogers will be coaching ND4 & 5 during my four week absence.

For the first time we had official grading occur prior to the commencement of the season. We had two successful trial match days against Manly which enabled us to grade players and to practice the experimental rules for 2009.

The first round was played on the 29th March with wins by ND1 5-0, ND4 5-0, and ND5 2-0. ND2 2-1 and ND3 3-2 sustained losses but were highly competitive against strong opposition.

Julie Osborne

Women's convener

Umpiring

Are you interested in becoming a fully qualified umpire? Our umpire ranks have improved substantially over the last few years but we definitely need more. If you are interested then contact Larry at mahertian@yahoo.com.au or 0439968701.

Ice Bags

Ice bags for injuries are now kept in the freezer in the dugout on the far side of the field.



Executive Committee

Patron	Nick Berman	
President	Larry Maher	0439 968 701
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North Area Delegate	Donna Collier	0408 615 300
North Area Delegate	Larry Maher	0439 968 701
SJHA Delegate	Jim Bissaker	
NWStrikers Delegate	Anne Maher	0409 815 578
NWStrikers Delegate	Eileen Tudor	0402 127 763
Second Turf Committee	Pat McCabe	Larry Maher
	Rob Peterson	Gary Prowse
Committee Delegates	Jim Bissaker	John & Kay Berriman
	Kerry Marshal	

2nd Turf Update

Now that we are over the excitement of last years announcement and have enjoyed the slumber of the off-season, we will be putting the vast majority of our focus on pooling our development funds during 2009 to help make this development a reality.

It's a mammoth task for our club and supporters. As a starter, we are looking at expanding our highly successful trivia night from last year to raise much needed funds. Additionally, we will looking to run a calendar of off-season competitions for hockey and soccer during summer to maximise our use of the existing turf. If you have any ideas that would help the club with its fundraising (cash or services) the please see Larry Maher, Gary

Prowse or Pat McCabe. We'll keep you posted on our progress throughout the year.

P.S We are after a surveyor. Please let me know if you are/know one.

Premier League Games – Norwest Strikers

After the U15s male players move from Northern District to Norwest Strikers.

The next Premier game for Norwest Strikers is:
NWS vs Manly
Saturday April 4th, 2pm at Pennant Hills Park,

Stay informed...

There are a number of ways to stay informed with hockey:

At a Club level

- * Read the District Dribble
- * Visit the Clubs website

www.ndhockey.com.au

It is updated regularly with Club information, team draws, results and match reports, contacts, links, uniform information and much more.



At a Sydney level

- * Visit the Sydney Hockey Association website

www.sydneyhockey.com.au



At a State level

- * Visit the Hockey NSW website

www.hockeynsw.com.au

* "Hockey NSW Enews" Receive the free fortnightly email newsletter. Go to www.hockeynsw.com.au, then to About, then to Enews and follow the directions.



At a National level

- * Visit the Hockey Australia website

www.hockey.org.au

* "Hockey Huddle" This is a fortnightly email newsletter from Hockey Australia and includes news and information on the Hockeyroos, Kookaburras, development teams, AHL, National Championships and more. Subscription is free. Go to www.hockey.org.au, to Publications, to Hockey Huddle and then "Click here to subscribe."



AHL (Australian Hockey League)

The AHL is Australia's premier national domestic hockey competition. The 2009 AHL will see the NSW Arrows (Women) and NSW Waratahs (Men) go head to head with the rest of the nation in a four-week home and away competition followed by a finals week.

Women

NSW Arrows are currently 2nd.

Finals Series - Melbourne

March 30 - NSW Arrows V SA

March 31 - NSW Arrows V TAS

April 2 - NSW Arrows V WA

April 4 - Semis and playoffs

April 5 - Finals and classifications

Men

Waratahs are currently 1st.

Finals Series - Hobart

April 6 - NSW Waratahs V TAS

April 7 - NSW Waratahs V WA

April 9 - NSW Waratahs V SA

April 11 - Semis and playoffs

April 12 - Finals and classifications

Champions Trophy

Australia is the place to be this year for International hockey.



Samsung Hockey Champions Trophy - Women

July 11-19, 2009

Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush

Australia, Argentina, China, England, Germany, Netherlands.

Tickets on sale now through www.ticketek.com.au or call 1300 888 104.

ABN AMRO Hockey Champions Trophy - Men

November 28 – December 6, 2009

State Netball Hockey Centre, Melbourne.

Australia, England, Germany, Korea, Netherlands and Spain.

Tickets on sale from Monday April 6 through www.ticketmaster.com or call 136 100.

