

# District Dribble

The Newsletter of the Northern District Hockey Association

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## Find the Hockey Ball ●

This is our first Dribble Competition! Count ALL the orange hockey balls scattered throughout the Dribble, write the number with your name and team on a slip of paper and hand it in at the hockey canteen at Pennant Hills Park. There is a silver tin to put the entries in. The winner will be drawn from all correct entries and will receive a Northern District cap. Entries close May 31<sup>st</sup>. Have fun counting!

## Are you a fundraising guru?

As planning for our 2nd turf take shape, we need a group of people with ideas, energy & commitment to form a fundraising committee to help us raise much needed funds for our 2nd turf. So forget those global financial crisis blues, we need to get people seriously involved raising much needed \$\$\$ right now.



Our fundraising will need to come from many different areas such as government grants, sponsorships, trivia nights, raffles and a range of other smart ideas I have not thought of as yet. If you think you can help in anything from at least one great idea or just helping on the committee then your club needs you.

Please contact Larry on 94566870 or [mahertian@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mahertian@yahoo.com.au) to help make a difference for the future of your club.

## Women's Report – Julie Osborne

Firstly I would like to welcome Phil O'Grady who has taken on the task of coaching the ND4 team. Phil comes to Northern District with both previous playing and coaching experience and I'm sure the team is looking forward to putting his coaching into practice. Now all of the teams except ND5 have a coach. We currently have 78 women registered, which is ten more than last year. Unfortunately despite the increase in numbers some teams are still having difficulty fielding a full team each week and it has been great to see other teams helping where they can. It has also been great that last years U18's have been able to be incorporated into three of the five ND teams.

The season is 6 weeks old and all of the coaches and players have settled into a routine, and currently the teams are training between 7.30pm and 9.30pm on Tuesday at Pennant Hills Park. Currently ND1 and ND5 are leading their respective grades with mostly successful campaigns each week. ND2, ND3 and ND4 are highly competitive with their skills and team play increasing every week.

All teams are making the most of the new free hit rules with an increase in pace of the game and each week are finding new ways to work the rules into their game play. It may be early days yet, but we are looking forward to hopefully another year with Northern District teams making the finals in September.

Julie Osborne, Women's Convener

## Vets Report – Chris Jenkins

Northern District Hockey Club's Veterans Men's team (over 40's), has strong links to the Junior & Women's side of the club. Many of the players are parents of junior players. Indeed, many were Northern District juniors themselves, when they were young whipper-snappers. At least three are currently coaching Juniors or Women's teams too!

The Vets team is enjoying a strong season, with 4 wins, a draw and a loss after 6 games - putting them 2nd on the ladder 🟡

The recruitment campaign was a success, seeking new players through the Club Registration Day and following up responses to the club website (still coming in!!). This new blood, has given us a new injection of youth & we are running onto the ball strongly in attack, whilst keeping goals against at an all time low - so far the fewest goals against tally of any team in the comp.

If you enjoy cold weather, the draw is available on the Sydney Hockey website, so please feel free to get out on a Monday or Wednesday night, for a night of free entertainment, to support these club stalwarts.

### Points Table:

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Glebe	7	6	0	1	33	5	28	18
Northern District	6	4	1	1	15	5	10	13 🟡
Southern Highlands	6	4	1	2	16	12	4	13
Sydney Uni	8	3	1	4	15	11	4	10
Macarthur	7	3	1	3	12	16	-4	10
Sutherland	6	2	1	3	6	16	-4	7
Briars	7	1	3	3	8	22	-14	6
Ryde	7	1	2	4	5	12	-7	5
Easts	6	1	0	5	2	15	-13	3

## Westleigh Bakery

A big Thank you to Westleigh Bakery for supplying our bread this season. The bakery is located in the Westleigh Shopping Centre on Eucalyptus Dr, Westleigh. Their range of products varies daily and includes cakes, slices, tarts, pastries, breads with various toppings and fillings, finger buns, scones (my favourite is the cheese and chives on a Saturday), pies and sausage rolls. When you buy something let them know that you are with Northern District Hockey.

### Free Ice Cups



EQUALS



A free Ice Cup will be given to all Northern District Junior players who wear their team shirt or jumper and come along to watch a Premier League Game

### Norwest Strikers Premier League

The next home game for the Premier League is Saturday 16 May 12.30pm.

Come along and show your support. Remember to wear ND colours for a free Ice Cup!

### Dugout Courtesy

The dugouts are for the teams currently on the field, and the Coaches and Managers of those teams only. Can parents, family and friends please stay out of this area.



Please let teams clear the field and dugouts before the next teams enter. 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



### Australian Hockey League

The NSW Arrows (Women) were victorious at the recent Australian Hockey League Championships. The team did not lose a game during the tournament. Congratulations!

The NSW Waratahs (Men) came 3<sup>rd</sup> with team member Brent Livermore being awarded the Men's Player of the Tournament. Well done!

### Upcoming Tournaments for Australian Hockey Teams

#### Kookaburras

- European Tour (England, Germany, France)  
26 May–12 June

#### Hockeyroos

- Spar Cup, South Africa (South Africa, India, Argentina)  
2-6 June
- Test Series vs Germany  
4-6 July

#### Burras

- Men's Junior World Cup, Singapore and Malaysia  
7-21 June

### Champions Trophy on Facebook

The Samsung Hockey Champions Trophy, Women 2009 Sydney is on Facebook! Sign up for Facebook to connect and keep in touch with the latest information about the event.

### Win Return Airfares and Tickets to the Samsung Champions Trophy – Women or the ABN AMRO Champions Trophy - Men

"Getting Tricky With It!" is a competition being run by Hockey Australia for anyone 18 years and under. BE QUICK as entries close at 9.00am Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Go to [www.hockey.org.au](http://www.hockey.org.au) to find out how to enter.

### Champions Trophy – Tickets now on Sale

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



**Samsung Hockey  
Champions Trophy -  
Women  
July 11-19, 2009  
Sydney Olympic Park,  
Homebush**

#### Match Schedule:

##### Saturday 11

11.05 Netherlands v England  
13.05 Germany v Australia  
15.05 Argentina v China

##### Sunday 12

11.05 England v Germany  
13.05 Australia v Argentina  
15.05 China v Netherlands

##### Monday 13 – Rest Day

##### Tuesday 14

18.05 Germany v Netherlands  
20.05 Australia v China

##### Wednesday 15

18.05 China v Germany  
20.05 Argentina v England

##### Thursday 16

18.05 Netherlands v Argentina  
20.05 England v Australia

##### Friday 17 – Rest Day

##### Saturday 18

11.05 China v England  
13.05 Australia v Netherlands  
15.05 Argentina v Germany

##### Sunday 19

10.05 5<sup>th</sup> v 6<sup>th</sup>  
12.35 3<sup>rd</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup>  
15.05 1<sup>st</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Pricing:

● Grandstand Tickets (reserved undercover seating)  
\$35 Adult  
\$13 Junior & \$20 Concession  
\$70 Family (2 Adults, 2 Juniors)

General Admission Tickets (unreserved seating)  
\$30 Adults  
\$9.50 Junior & \$18 Concession  
\$60 Family (2 Adults, 2 Juniors)

Grandstand tickets are already SOLD OUT for  
Finals Day, July 19.

Tickets through [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) or call 1300  
888 104.

**Tickets for the Men's tournament go on sale to  
the public on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.**

**ABN AMRO Hockey  
Champions Trophy - Men  
November 28 –  
December 6, 2009  
State Netball Hockey  
Centre, Melbourne.**



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and Spain.  
Tickets through [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or call 136  
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**Don't forget to count the H  ockey  
Balls and take your entry to the  
canteen before May 31<sup>st</sup>!**

