

District Dribble

The Newsletter of the Northern District Hockey Association

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Find the Hockey Balls Competition

Congratulations to Patrick Nicoll who correctly counted 13 hockey balls in the May edition of the District Dribble. He has won a Northern District Cap.

Find the Hockey Sticks

The competition for this edition is to count the hockey sticks that match this one
Write the number of sticks that you find scattered throughout this edition, 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. The prize will be an "Eat. Sleep. Hockey. What else is there?" t-shirt! Entries close Sunday 5th July. Have fun counting!

President's Piece

I would like to thank the current committee members for their time and dedication to hockey, noting that not all committee members have children that still play in the Junior competition or even the Women's comp so I really appreciate their able assistance. We meet once a month or two, at Pennant Hills Bowling Club, some of us even manage a social get together over a very nice meal from their bistro or a social drink. Everyone is more than welcome to join us at a committee meeting.

I would like to welcome to the committee Charles Devine who has volunteered as the Equipment Officer.

A big thank you to the lovely ladies who put together the updated first aid kits for each team. Thanks also to those who have been able to obtain supplies for these. Each team manager should now be equipped.

There are many facets to NDHA. We have our Junior Club that comprises of mixed teams up to and including U15s. Our girls join our Women's teams which play on Sunday afternoons. Their uniform is blue and yellow and is worn by some in their early teens through to others that are...older!



Our young lads join our affiliated senior club NorWest Strikers which starts with the U17s playing Friday nights or Saturday mornings through to the Premier League teams who play all over Sydney on Saturday afternoons. Its very entertaining hockey and well worth 'checking out'. Our men wear red, white, yellow & navy as seen in the picture above.

The men's Veterans team is another part of our Club. This team comprises of men over 40 who still enjoy playing and not just reminiscing or giving instructions to others from the sideline!

That's enough of my rave for this newsletter, might catch up with some of you at Pennant Hills Bowlo. Don't forget that the Hockey Club gets 20% back on all purchases made at the Bowling Club which helps keep costs down.

Larry Maher

Women's Report

We have reached the half way mark in the season with ND1 and ND5 at the top of their pools and ND2, ND3 and ND4 proving extremely competitive. Each team makes the opposition work hard for the full 70 minutes and is showing a marked improvement since the beginning of the season.

With every team being hit hard by injuries, fielding a full team with subs on the bench continues to be a problem. This includes three out of our four goalkeepers currently unable to play. I would like to thank the players that have put up their hands and played more than one game a weekend.

Attendance at training has been fairly low this season, with many teams having to train together due to the small numbers. Although this gives some players the opportunity to train with some higher skilled teams, it doesn't help teams to gel and learn to play together.

It is imperative that you inform your manager/coach if you are unavailable to attend both training and games. Coaches put a lot of effort into planning drills for training. It is very difficult to determine a game plan and player positions if players are unexpectedly absent.

I would like to wish all the teams good luck in the second half of the season, and the injured players a speedy recovery.

Julie Osborne
Women's Convenor

Vet's Report

As the season progresses, Northern District Veterans Men's team (over 40's), has continued to enjoy the season.

The mid-season break is upon us, as vets hockey rests in order to enjoy watching State of Origin matches "come on you Blues!". A good chance for the many injured to get physiotherapy too!

Glebe should probably be in the division above, but your club's team is sitting at 3rd place on the ladder & takes an optimistic view that all the team's we've faced are defeatable when we are on song.

A few committee members joked that they will come to a Vets game in the near future for an entertaining night out. We will hold them to this promise. There is a new website for Sydney Vets:
<http://www.sydneyveteranshockey.com.au/home.aspx> ? and you can view fixture times & locations on this site, to plan your outing. We'll look out for you all - Bring a thermos & wear your ND beanie.

Yours in Hockey,
Chris Jenkins.

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	Glebe	10	9	0	1	52	7	45	27
2	Southern Highlands	10	8	1	1	39	19	20	25
3	Northern Dist	10	6	1	3	33	21	12	19
4	Macarthur	10	4	2	4	16	21	-5	14
5	Sydney Uni	10	4	1	5	23	15	8	13
6	Sutherland	11	4	1	6	15	22	-7	13
7	Easts	11	3	0	8	8	36	-28	9
8	Briars	10	1	4	5	9	36	-27	7
9	Ryde	10	1	2	7	8	26	-18	5

CONGRATULATIONS to....

- *Our newly badged Junior Umpires – Jack, Lachlan, Ash
- *Mitch who has been selected in the U15 State squad
- *Brian, David, Rohan and Darren for selection in NSW Vet teams
- *David who has also been selected in the 45 Vets team competing in Hong Kong in October.

Premier League – Norwest Strikers Yates Shield and Yates Cup

Sunday June 28 at Cintra.

Yates Cup – PL1

Moorebank v Norwest Strikers
3.30pm game time

Yates Shield – PL2

Sutherland v Norwest Strikers
2.00pm game time

Be there to support our top Men's teams – a great afternoon of hockey.

Upcoming Norwest Striker Games:

Come out and support our Men's first grade team over the next month and remember any juniors that wear our club colours at the Pennant Hills games will receive a free ice cup.



27th June - 3.30pm v GNS at Pennant Hills
4th July - 2pm v UTS at Pennant Hills
11th July - 2pm v Bankstown at Pennant Hills
25th July - 2pm v South West Strikers at Pennant Hills

JUST HOCKEY MID SEASON SHOE SALE

Just Hockey's Mid Season Shoe sale is now on. Brands include Adidas, Ditta Turf, Gray and more. Examples include: Adidas AdiStar L - \$175, Ditta Turf King - \$95 and \$65, Gray G6000 - \$95.

Champions Trophy July 11- 19, Homebush



The Hockeyroos will NOT be wearing official Australian team colours on Sunday 12. **They will wear full pink uniforms to mark their charity partnership with the National Breast Cancer Foundation.** This will be the first time any Australian national team has completely altered their official team uniform for charity. In addition to the Hockeyroos wearing pink uniforms, Pink Ladies Day will also be an opportunity for spectators to contribute to breast cancer research, with pink NBCF merchandise available and a signed pink bodysuit up for auction after the game. The International Hockey Federation will also be providing pink shirts for the umpires to wear in support of the day.

Have you got your tickets? Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to see the World's best in Women's hockey, here in our own backyard. Seven of the 18 in the Australian squad chosen are from NSW - Alison Bruce (Regals Hockey Club), Kate Hollywood (Sutherland Hockey Club), Emily Hurtz (Macquarie Hockey Club), Toni Cronk (Revesby Workers), Casey Eastham (Albion Park RSL), Megan Rivers (Moss Vale and Bowral Hockey Clubs) and Fiona Johnson (Parramatta Hockey Club).

The Hockeyroos will be looking to build on their recent performance in South Africa, having returned the winners of the Spar Cup, beating world number two - Argentina in the final.

Match Schedule:

Sat 11 11.05 Netherlands v England
13.05 Germany v Australia
15.05 Argentina v China

Sun 12 11.05 England v Germany
13.05 Australia v Argentina
15.05 China v Netherlands

Monday 13 – Rest Day

Tues 14 18.05 Germany v Netherlands
20.05 Australia v China

Wed 15 18.05 China v Germany
20.05 Argentina v England

Thur 16 18.05 Netherlands v Argentina
20.05 England v Australia

Friday 17 – Rest Day

Sat 18 11.05 China v England
13.05 Australia v Netherlands
15.05 Argentina v Germany

Sun 19 10.05 5th v 6th
12.35 3rd v 4th
15.05 1st v 2nd

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 or call 1300 888 104.

 Fox Sports, as the official broadcast partner of the Samsung Women's Champions Trophy will broadcast games live and exclusive throughout the Champions Trophy in Sydney. Some games will be televised live throughout the tournament and others will be delayed telecasts between July 11-31. Channels to check are Fox Sports 1 and Fox Sports 3.



Kookaburras in Canberra

Canberra will host the Kookaburras, Malaysia, Canada and Australia A in a 3 Nation/4 team series from July 29 to August 2.

Canada will then play Australia A and the Kookaburras in 3 games from August 4-7.

Burras – U21 Men's

Congratulations to the Burras who recently claimed Bronze (beating New Zealand) in the Junior World Cup.

Don't forget to count the Hockey Sticks and take your entry to the canteen before July 5!

