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The end of the regular season is fast approaching and it is a busy time. Semi Finals are upon us and most NDHA teams are on track to qualify for their Semi Finals. This year has been very good to all NDHA teams with great results and a lot of fun. Please keep an eye out for notices advertising Semi Finals and Finals as each team will appreciate all the support and cheering you can give.

Following the Finals series will be the first of our Presentation Days. The Junior's Presentation Day is Saturday 18th September, starting at midday and concluding by 2pm. Please keep this time free to attend the Presentation Day as it is wonderful for all our junior players to be recognised and congratulated for their achievements this year. It is also a great time to discuss with friends what hockey you can play over summer such as Indoor Hockey and Summer Comp at Pennant Hills, both starting after the next school holidays.

NDHA has a long list of junior players this year that have represented SJHA and North Shore but there are five individuals who went further:

Ash Thomas – NSW Boys U15 State Team
Angus Maher – NSW Boys U15 State Trial Squad,
Adam Benari – NSW Boys U13 State Team
Cody Thomas – NSW Boys U13 State Team, and
Linda Nixon NSW Girls U13 State Trial Squad.
Congratulations for such high achievements.

I wish everyone who is pursuing representative selection in the coming months for 2011 the best of luck. If you don't give it a go, you may never know!

This is also the time of year we start thinking and planning for 2011. Things will kick off for next year with a Hookin2Hockey program in late September 2010 where everyone will be encouraged to bring a friend. With this NDHA will be inviting pre-registration for 2011 for all players, current and new. **You will be able to pre-register to play in 2011 on Presentation Day at the 2010 price.** This early registration will assist with planning and kicking off 2011 as early as possible. There are many new and exciting plans for 2011 and it will be the time to get involved and enjoy your hockey.

There is always a lot happening in hockey and with NDHA, though I better stop here and give someone else a chance to continue the news. Hockey is a team sport after all.

Yours in Hockey,
Adrian Wilson



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Welcome back from school holidays and the lead in to the end of season finals. As we finish off another successful season of hockey there are a few reminders and important information that still need to be passed on to our players and families. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and encourage those teams that have completed their seasons. You have all played hard and show exceptional team spirit in all your games. I am sure that your coaches, managers and parents are incredibly proud of your achievements in hockey. To those teams that continue on to the finals, we wish you every success in your games!! Play hard, support your teammates and listen to your coaches.

To all our junior hockey players, don't forget to thank your dedicated coaches, managers and parents who put in their valuable time each week.

The following is a few important dates and events coming up in the next few months:

**Trials for SIHA Indoor U/13 Teams –
Wednesday, 11th & 18th August**

All players currently playing in U/13 teams are invited to these trials at Ryde Aquatic Centre, Victoria Rd from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Hookin2Hockey September 13-16 (see page 5)

Junior Indoor Hockey Summer Competition

Northern Districts will be entering a number of teams (U9 – U15) into this competition. It commences on the 17th October till 12th December and is played on Sundays. Most games will be held at Ryde with two (2) possible away games at other venues in Sydney. Those players interested need to contact me or team coaches by **25th August**.

Trials for SJHA 2011 Representative Teams

All players and families should have received this information and need to forward their details to be me by **13th August**.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing all junior players and their families on Saturday, **18th September** for our Presentation Day.

Katrina Richmond

U9/Minkey – Eileen Tudor

Second Sydney Juniors North Area U9 Gala day held at Pennant Hills - Saturday, June 19

The Under 9 players all had a ball when SJHA North Area Junior Hockey Association ran its second Under 9 Six-A-Side Gala Day at Pennant Hills.

On a beautiful winter Saturday morning Pennant Hills had never been busier. Six clubs, Northern District, Ryde, Briars and Kings Langley all sent two teams each, while Baulkham Hills and Sydney Uni one team for a total of 10 teams and between 70-80 budding hockey stars.



With four games running side-by-side, and 12 players on the field in each game, the field was a sea of activity for two action-packed hours. Teams were split into 2 pools of 5 and each team played 4 games. Cheered on by plenty of family support all teams performed extremely well and left the day tired from plenty of hockey and having lots of fun.

Congratulations and thanks to all from Northern District for organising and running the day.

Eileen Tudor

Premier League Games – Norwest Strikers

Upcoming Premier League games for Norwest Strikers at Pennant Hills are:

NWS vs Ryde-Hunters Hill

Saturday August 14th 3:30pm at Pennant Hills Park

NWS vs UTS

Saturday August 28th, 2pm at Pennant Hills Park

These are great games for juniors to watch and learn positional play. Instead of heading off to watch professional sports on Saturday afternoon on TV, come along and support "our" premier league team for free!

[Juniors who come along to the game in the club uniform receive a free Ice Cup from the canteen.](#)

Umpires

Congratulations to Adam Halmy and Nick Jennings on receiving their junior badges recently. We have a number of other juniors very close to being badged also so keep an eye out for them as we get towards the end of the season. In July, we clocked up over 100 games that our umpires have assisted with and NDHA continues to be the premier club with development of quality umpires in our region. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, players and supporters for their fantastic conduct so far this season. Let's keep up the standard as the finals approach soon.

Larry Maher, Umpiring Convenor

Women's Report:

There are only 4 rounds left of the 2010 season and both ND1 and ND3 are on track to make the finals. Current standings indicate ND1 are 4th, ND2 are 7th, ND3 are equal 2nd and ND5 are 8th. Unfortunately the points table is not up to date which may result in some movement on the ladder. Injuries have affected all teams with ND1 alone having suffered the most with 3 players out for the remainder of the season and 5 players known to be carrying injuries. We wish ND1 well in the remainder of their games, as they focus on the finals. ND2, ND3 and ND5 have also had their fair share of injuries but continue to make the opposition fight for every ball and every goal. We know the finals will be played in September but are waiting to be advised of the dates, time and venues of all the matches. So keep an eye out and come support our teams in September.

The women have participated in several fund raising events this season such as the Bunnings BBQ and most recently the Trivia and Auction Night (see the separate report). Our newest fundraiser is selling Cadbury chocolates and all proceeds will go towards the 2nd turf.

The Women's and Vet's Presentation Night is going to be held at Pennant Hills Bowling Club on Friday 22nd October. Keep the night free as we not only recognise players that have had outstanding seasons but reminisce about what might have been. It is a good chance to wind down from a long season, make plans for Summer Competition or even for the 2011 winter season. Stay tuned for more details.

Julie Osborne, Women's Convenor

Vet's Report:

With only 2 more rounds to go, your ND Vets have clawed their way back into contention. It is likely to come down to the wire, when we play Sydney University in our last round game, to determine which of us moves into the Semi-Finals.

Regardless, the season has been fun but eventful – with people travelling for extended periods, the usual injuries and lots of sweat. Sydney Vets celebrated 30 years of Vets' hockey – a fantastic Friday night, of fine food, free-flowing drinks, great company, Brazilian dancers, funny speeches, and recognition for their inaugural 15 life members.

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	MacPanthers	16	13	1	2	56	31	25	40
2	Southern Highlands	15	12	2	1	76	23	53	38
3	Manly	15	9	2	4	42	19	23	29
4	Northern District	16	7	3	6	37	30	7	24
5	Sydney Uni	15	6	3	6	38	35	3	21
6	Sutherland	15	5	4	6	22	28	-6	19
7	Easts	15	4	2	9	14	28	-14	14
8	Ryde	14	3	5	6	12	30	-18	14
9	Macarthur	14	2	2	10	18	42	-24	8
10	Briars	15	1	2	12	17	66	-49	5

On a serious note, a veteran died from a heart attack on the Olympic Pitch (on the Macarthur team that we were playing). Many of our team worked hard to preserve the 72 year old. I believe that the club and the hockey community need to pressure for this International facility to have a defibrillator, CPR devices and blankets in the near empty First Aid room. I think this is a hockey community issue – it could just as well happen with a men's or women's game, or even at an International!!

Yours in hockey,
Chris Jenkins, Vets Convenor

NDHA CLUB TRIVIA & AUCTION FUNDRAISER – Julie Osborne

The Trivia and Auction Night was held on Saturday 17th July at Pennant Hills Bowling Club. Unfortunately it coincided with the last weekend of the school holidays and the U11 state championships, both of which contributed to keeping the numbers down. There were 80 or so people who attended and a great time was had by all, with plenty of food and good company. The night was a great success with a little over \$1900 raised on the night, which is a fantastic result. This could not have been achieved without a lot of help from our new Quiz Master extraordinaire Sarah Bell who presented us with some very interesting and tricky questions to ponder, such as what colour is Yaks milk? Pink!

The night would not have been as successful without the donations for the auction. Donations were made by Just Hockey, Tailor Made Physiotherapy, Berriman family, Jim Bissaker, Benari family, Priya Masala-Bryan, LJ Hooker Thornleigh, Nicoll family, Chris Jenkins, Benari family, Millingham family, Walker family, Doughty family, Pat McCabe, Alex Cook, Bell family and Osborne family.

Editor's note: A huge amount of time and effort was made to run this fundraising event by Julie, Sarah and their families, for which the Club is particularly grateful.

Kookaburras vs Argentina Sydney in September

The reigning World Champion Men's Hockey team the Kookaburras will be playing a two test series against Argentina on the 11th and 12th of September 2010 at the Sydney Olympic Park Hockey Centre.

Hockey NSW members under the age of 15 receive free entry to the matches but will need to complete a complimentary ticket form from the website.

If your team is interested in being a guard of honour for one of the teams over the weekend, speak to your coach/manager.

For further information on activities, including becoming a volunteer and how to purchase tickets for the test matches follow the links at www.hockeynsw.com.au to the special Test Series page.

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If you have any questions, concerns or other reason to need information about NDHA please contact the relevant member(s) of the executive.



Disappointed every time you hear your child say "I wish my friend could play hockey with me"?

We are trying something new to promote hockey and to provide extra skill training for our junior players.

We have teamed up with OzSports to run a Hook in2 Hockey programme over 4 consecutive nights in the 2nd last week of school term:

Venue: Pennant Hills Park Hockey Field, Britannia Street, Pennant Hills

Dates: Monday 13th–Thursday 16th September 2010

Time: 5:30pm to 7pm

Even if you can't make every night, it's still a great opportunity to Hook in2 Hockey!

Participants will receive small group coaching co-ordinated by head coach Ivan Boulton. Ivan is one of Australia's highest qualified coaches with FIH Grade One accreditation, having previous experience coaching South African teams at the Commonwealth Games (Manchester 2002) and the NSW Men's hockey team (2006-2008).

- New players can sign up for \$55 and will receive 5hrs coaching and a playing pack consisting of a stick, shin guards, minkey hockey ball and stick bag
- Players who have their own stick and shin guards can sign up for \$35 for 5 hrs coaching

[Note: all players must provide & wear their own mouthguard]

This will be run the week prior to the presentation day, at which time we will have a special offer for registration to play the 2011 season at the 2010 price! So your child's friend will have a stick and shin guards, some skills and an introduction to hockey in time to consider hockey as an option for weekend sport in 2011, or even as soon as 4th term as part of our midweek Summer Hockey competition!

Details and a link for online registration can be found at our website www.ndhockey.com.au



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