

District Dribble

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We are approaching the middle of the traditional hockey season and it's time for the next District Dribble. This newsletter is a great way to catch up and find out what is going on with NDHA and hockey in general. At NDHA we all love a chin wag, especially me, but sometimes even I forget who I have updated or notified of events and future plans. Hence everyone needs to place the District Dribble on their must read list!

Coaching development is one of the current NDHA projects we have underway. Our plan is to encourage and assist our coaches to pursue coaching qualifications as well as getting involved in our new ongoing coaching development program. I will take this opportunity to invite current and past players as well as parents and family members who are interested in coaching or in assisting our coaches, to act now. It's easy to get started, just let me know that you would like to give it a go. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

As part of our coaching development program we are planning on running a Level 1 Coaching Certificate course at Pennant Hills in the second half of this year. If you are interested, please let me know by the end of June.

I am looking forward to the second half of this season as all of our teams are working hard and doing well. Thank you to all of our volunteers as you are the heart and soul of NDHA. I wish to encourage everyone to assist in whatever way they can, as the more we do for one another the better

the hockey experience you and your family will have.

If you and your family are taking advantage of the free junior tickets to the AHL weekend, I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Hockey,
Adrian Wilson



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How Hockey Happens...

It has been great to see so many players enjoying their hockey this season. A club of our size does not continue to grow or function without the contribution of many dedicated individuals. Remember that when you turn up to play, someone has already volunteered their time in advance to enable it to take place:

- Competition draw/match schedules arranged across the zone
- Umpires are trained and rostered
- Canteen stocks have been organized
- Replacement players may have been contacted if the team is short
- Damaged equipment and uniforms are replaced

With this in mind please try to remember that all of us benefit from the time given by families that volunteer to help. These people are all busy people too – they have family life, work and other demands on their time.

Please also respect the need for all families to participate in assisting in the canteen – the canteen provides funds to offset costs of registration, insurance, turf hire, maintenance, equipment replacement and uniforms. Remember that there will be some instances when clubs other than NDHA will be playing games at Pennant Hills and the canteen still needs to be staffed. These are ideal opportunities to raise funds from people outside the NDHA family. In most instances this duty will be shared by NDHA teams scheduled to play either side of the fixture with no NDHA team.

Please respect your coach and team members by:

- attending training
- letting your coach know if you are unable to attend training by email, text or phone
- making positive comments about their coaching and the team's performance
- arriving 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
- informing your manager (or coach) 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
- acknowledging that coaches also have families and commitments outside of their involvement in our club and may occasionally need to put them first.

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 floods. 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.

Train hard, play hard and have fun.

Katrina Richmond

U9/Minkey

The U9/minkey hockey programme is well underway with more than 30 eager players participating each Monday night. Of these, 14 players were available to make up two teams that took part in the first U9 carnival for 2010 that was hosted by the Briars club at Cintra in May.



NDHA hosts the U9 carnival for June at Pennant Hills on Saturday 19th June from 9am – 11am.

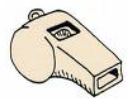
I would also like to thank the parents who help with the U9s/Minkeys as well as the following people who assist:

Julie Osborne
Sarah Bell
Holly Grey (U15)
Harleigh Grey (U13)
Dylan Wilson (U13)
Bethany Richmond (U13)
Jaimee Garard
Rachael Sharp

I couldn't do it without them.
Eileen Tudor

On the Sideline...

Just a reminder to all parents and players 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:

We are well into the season with 8 rounds behind us. The full draw only came out after five rounds and this created difficulties for many of our players who work on Sundays. Many teams have had difficulty fielding a full team and this has been reflected in our results. Graham, Chris and Daniel are working hard at training to ensure all the players have the skills necessary to meet the challenges that arise in games every Sunday and have dedicated their time to include extra training/fitness sessions, including training on public holiday Mondays.

Current standings after 7 rounds are:

1st Grade - ND1 equal 3rd

2nd Grade ND2 5th

3rd Grade - ND3 5th; ND5 7th

Julie Osborne, Women's Convenor

Vet's Report:

As we close in on the mid-way point to the season schedule, ND are currently mid-pack on the table. We have had some great results, including the recent draw against Manly, who sit 3rd on the ladder.

The stress of long & distinguished hockey careers is showing, as several stalwarts are cued up for surgery – Terry Griffiths needs an osteotomy to fix knee cartilage troubles & is out for the rest of the season, Mike Tuckerman fractured a knee while playing last Saturday & is hoping for a swift recovery. We have also lost Rod Hurst, as he has moved back to Queensland.

Still, yesterday is history & tomorrow is a mystery, so we aim to keep having fun out on the turf, while collecting points.

Yours in hockey,
Chris Jenkins, Vets Convenor

FUNDRAISING

The women were asked to undertake some fundraising for the second turf at the beginning of the season and it was decided we would run two Bunnings BBQ's. Unfortunately the only dates available were Anzac Day and Mothers Day. A huge thank you to all those who gave up time and assisted on these days. We raised \$830 which was a great effort considering Bunnings doesn't open

on Anzac Day until 1pm and it was dark by 5.30pm. I know I enjoyed the opportunity to meet players on a more social level. Some of the players who were unable to assist with the BBQ due to other commitments have offered to sell chocolates and this will commence sometime in June.

Julie Osborne

NDHA CLUB TRIVIA & AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Plans are already underway for our biggest fundraiser, which will be a Club Trivia and Auction Night on **Saturday 17th July** at Pennant Hills Bowling Club, so please plan to keep the evening free. We last ran a Trivia and Auction night two years ago and we raised \$5,000 towards the new turf. This year we are hoping to raise even more money through the trivia, games and the silent auctions. Some of the items donated for our last auction included a 1100 L water tank, a one week holiday on tropical Moreton Island (off the coast of Brisbane), cricket memorabilia, gold class movie tickets, hair products from a mum who ran a hairdressing salon and hockey sticks (donated by our sponsors Just Hockey). We are again asking for donations that we can auction off on the night and have already been offered a massage by Paul Taylor from Tailor Made Physiotherapy at Pennant Hills (another sponsor). I can personally vouch for Paul's skill as both a physiotherapist and a masseuse (his skill is keeping me on the hockey field every week).

We need lots of items for the night, both big and small:

- Bottle of spirits for coin toss
- Prizes for heads & tails
- Prizes for the winning table
- Auction items

You may have flyby points, credit card points or similar which you can use to redeem for gifts such as gold class movie tickets, accommodation, meals etc. Let your imagination go wild.

If you are able to donate anything for our auction or would like to assist on the night please contact Julie on 0405 542 022.

Start planning your team tables now (up to 10 people per table) and look out for flyers and check your inbox for hockey emails!

Club Merchandise

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



Executive Committee

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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.

Premier League Games – Norwest Strikers

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

NWS vs Gordon North Shore

Saturday June 19th 3:30pm at Pennant Hills Park

NWS vs Sutherland

Saturday July 3rd, 3:30pm 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.

THANKS TO JEANNINE GREY AND HER BAND OF HELPERS FROM THE NDHA JUNIOR TEAMS FOR BEING BALLPERSONS FOR THE NORWEST STRIKERS PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION 1 GAMES AT PENNANT HILLS:

Jackson Bush, Harleigh Grey, Holly Grey, Patrick Grigg, Callum Nicoll, Patrick Nicoll, Alex Perry, Alex Reason, Hayden Ricardo, Cody Thomas, & Dylan Wilson.



International standard Hockey comes to Sydney in June when Sydney Olympic Park plays host to round one of the Men's Australian Hockey League for 2010.

See World Cup winning Waratahs Simon Orchard, Matthew Butturini and Kieran Govers, along with all-time great Brent Livermore, facing off against a number of their fellow Kookaburras as NSW takes on the best from Victoria, the ACT and Tasmania. The Waratahs are determined to improve on their third placing in 2009 and they'll be out to get off to a flyer in front of their home fans.

Friday 18 June	6pm VIC v ACT & 8pm NSW v TAS
Saturday 19 June	2pm TAS v VIC & 4pm NSW v ACT
Sunday 20 June	12pm ACT v TAS & 2pm NSW v VIC

This is an excellent opportunity for juniors to watch how elite hockey is played - to see live action and learn how to play their position while enjoying watching great games of hockey.