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The Happy Easter edition

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Congratulations! You've all agreed to put yourself through another grueling season of cold weeknight trainings, during which you'll put in more effort than you think its worth. While the coach talks you'll stand there watching your breath escape the warm confines of your mouth. You'll catch a glimpse of the clock and note that your favourite TV show just finished. Then it will start to rain.

Why do you do it? Is it because you like the look of yourself in yellow? Maybe it's the fact that for a few hours a week other people actually to talk to you? Maybe running after a little white ball in the freezing cold is a better option than going home to your wife/boyfriend/housemate?

Whatever the reason, we're glad you're back on board for another year.

From all accounts, the off season has been busy. There have been births, engagements and weddings in every direction and dribble would like to give a big shout out to all the new mum's and dad's (or mum's and dad's to be) at the club.

Dribble would like to wish Adam "Mixo" Clifford all the best in his new role as A Reserve coach. Mixo was recently spotted in a local bookstore purchasing a copy of "No Choke: how to achieve the achievable." We're sure that after his recent season with the Tigers Mixo has all the skills to help the Ressie boys shake their demons.

The new social team has been busy and they're pleased as punch to announce that the Uni Hockey Club will be the first club to call The Bay Hotel home. Check out the social page for more details on the pub and the all important first pub night.



Lastly, dribble would like to announce the departure of one of its editors, Alicia "Bruce" Scanlon. Bruce was caught stealing office supplies at dribble HQ and has since fled to Europe to avoid public humiliation. If you're interested in filling her stylish shoes drop me a line at dribblenews@hotmail.com. No skill or experience necessary, I am open to bribery.

Good luck for this season and I hope to see you at the first pub night.

XX Charlie

Your new representatives are:

Presidents	
Melissa Ford (Mel)	Ben Fowler
Vice-Presidents	
Katharine Podmore (Pod)	Simon Cocker
Treasurers	
Bec O'Halloran	Nick Smith
Secretaries	
Emma Murray (Charlie)	Roger Campbell
Social Coordinators	
Jane Neasey	Stephen Flynn (Flynn)
Marketing and Sponsorship Coordinators	
Vacant!	N/A
Coaching and Development Coordinator	
Anna Bamford (Pebbles)	Ollie Close
Umpiring Coordinators	
Megan Howard	Peter Bolton
A-pool Coordinators	
Sarah McRobbie	Alistair Brooks
B-pool Coordinators	
Renee Hill	Richard Rollins
Underage Coordinators	
Anna Bamford (Pebbles)	Marcus Haward
Sports Council Rep	
Bec O'Halloran	Ben Fung

.....memo from hockey tasmania

In June 2007 investigations began into the uneven surface on ground no. 1 at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre. This was monitored and by November 2008 the problem had appreciably worsened. GHD Engineers were engaged to carry out an independent investigation of its causes.

The initial investigations involved lifting of sections of the turf and taking core samples from underneath. GHD advised that the work to correct the problem could be undertaken prior to the opening of the season and on that basis the Hockey Tasmania Board decided to proceed with the work to ensure the turf was ready for the AHL Finals.

Unfortunately as the work proceeded further problems were discovered, particularly in the sub-grade base and the drainage system. GHD recommended that rectification of these problems required replacing the entire sub-grade base of ground no. 1 (rather than 40% of the ground) and re-doing the drainage system of the entire perimeter of the ground.

The Board considered the engineers' advice and legal advice regarding these matters last week and has authorized the work to proceed subject to the availability of funds. However, this will result in turf no. 1 not being available for the rest of the 2009 winter season.

The Board is currently discussing with its lawyers legal action to recover the substantial costs involved in the rectification works for turf no.1 and will attempt to obtain as early a resolution as possible. Our engineers have advised that they have no evidence of any fault or liability on behalf of Hockey Tasmania in respect of turf no.1.

Turf no.2 has also been monitored and there has not been any evidence of any faults or problems with the surface. Ground no. 2 has a different drainage system to ground no.1. It is not therefore expected that there will be any problems with ground no.2.

This is a very unfortunate result for our southern hockey community and will obviously affect rostered games this season. We request your patience and understanding in the altered arrangements that will necessary.

We will continue to update you as matters proceed.

Audrey Mills
Board Chair, Hockey Tasmania Inc.

.....subs

Information on the 2009 subs will be released soon. Due to the reduced amount of roster games some subs will also be reduced. However, as there is an element of fixed costs built into our subs, the reduction in subs will not be directly proportional to the reduction in games.

Reduce your subs!!!

The women's club is offering members the chance to reduce their subs by selling Cadbury fundraising chocolates. For each box that you sell you will receive \$20.00 off the cost of your subs, just try not to eat more than you sell! The order forms for the chocolates were distributed with registration information, however if you did not receive an order form you are able to download them from the University Hockey Club website: www.universityhockeyclub.com.au, just go to the Downloadable Forms section in the Club Room to get your copy.

If you have any queries or questions regarding your subs please contact your club treasurer:

Women	Bec O'Halloran	tuwhc@unihockeyclub.com.au
Men	Nick Smith	men@unihockeyclub.com.au

.....umpiring

Umpiring is a task that no one likes, but it's a part of playing hockey in Tasmania. We here at Dribble would like to encourage you all to develop a loving and caring relationship with your umpiring coordinators, they work very hard and no good can come of being a meanie to them.

If you know that you will be unavailable for umpiring during the season, even if it's just for a weekend, please let your coordinator know! Despite their best efforts Meags and Bolts can't read minds and **it is your responsibility** to let them know you won't be here. If you have any queries or issues with your umpiring please contact your coordinator:

Women's Umpiring Coordinator: Megan Howard....womens_umpiring@unihockeyclub.com.au
Men's Umpiring Coordinator: Peter Bolton.....mens_umpiring@unihockeyclub.com.au

.....training times

With the announcement this week that THC1 will be unavailable until August, training is a little on the light side. A Pool teams have only been allocated one training session per week and University have been assigned 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm on Thursdays on THC2. To be fair Beaker and Rocket have agreed to rotate these times between the girls and the boys. The girls have also made an extra booking for 9.00 pm.

Day	Time	Group
Tuesday 14 April	9.00 pm	Women's A Pool training
Thursday 16 April	6.00 pm	Women's A Pool training
	8.00 pm	Men's A Pool training
Tuesday 21 April	9.00 pm	Women's A Pool training
Thursday 23 April	6.00 pm	Men's A Pool training
	8.00 pm	Women's A Pool training

.....coaches

A Grade Men: Rod Clifford (Rocket)
A Grade Women: Chris Hazelwood (Beaker)

A Reserve Men: Adam Clifford (Mixo)
A Reserve Women: Scott Pestrucchi (Scotty)

If you have any queries about A-pool please contact:

Women Sarah McRobbie: sarahmcrobbie1@hotmail.com
Men Alistair Brooks: men@unihockeyclub.com.au

.....training times

With THC1 out of action for what looks like the rest of the season there have been no training slots allocated for B Pool training. The only available time to book for training was 9.00 pm, and fortunately the club has been able to secure training times for both their men's and women's B Pool groups.

Day	Time	Turf	Group
Thursday	9.00 pm	THC2	All B Pool Women
Thursday	9.00 pm		All B Pool Men

This has however presented problems for Bolts' team and an alternative is being arranged so that he can attend both training sessions, hooray!

.....coaches and coordinators

2nd Grade Women Gold: Kate Gillespie
2nd Grade Women Red: Vacant!
3rd Grade Women Gold: Peter Bolton
3rd Grade Women Red: David Driver
4th Grade Women: Michelle Driver

2nd Grade Men: Ben Fowler
3rd Grade Men 1: Shannon Coyle
3rd Grade Men 2: Jamie Lawrence
4th Grade Men: Charlie Ibbott
5th Grade Men: Andrew Brough

If you have any queries about B-pool please contact:

Women Renee Hill: renee.hill0@gmail.com
Men Rich Rollins: men@unihockeyclub.com.au

.....training times

Day	Time	Turf	Group
Tuesday	5.30 pm	THC3	All underage men
Wednesday	4.30 pm	THC3	U12 & U14 women
Thursday	5.00 pm	THC2	U16 & U18 women

.....junior southern teams

Congratulations to our underage representatives in the following southern teams:

Under 13

Boys: Davis Hinton, Mika Kirk-Williams, Damien Mazur (Train - on) and Liam Fitzgerald (Train -on)
 Girls: Madeleine Hinton and Georgia Robinson

Under 15

Boys: Patrick Hinton and James Maddock (Train on).
 Girls: Catherine Webster and Georgia Johnston

Under 17

Boys: James Clifford, Sean Cooper, Charles Haward, Andrew Isles, Patrick Meaney, Iain McLung, Will Mollross, Ed Pascoe, and Jackson Willows
 Girls: Avril Bailey and Hannah Eyles

.....coaches

U18 Women: Yvonne Scanlan

U16 Women: Lauren Wise

U14 Women: Georgia Cruickshank & Ella Dryden

U12 Women: Jane Neasey

U11 Men: Nic Clifford

U13 Men: Marcus Haward

U15 Men: Adam Clifford

U17 Men: Damian Margaritis

If you have any queries about juniors please contact:

Women Anna Bamford: bamforda@inet.net.au

Men Marcus Haward: men@unihockeyclub.com.au

.....fresher of the month



Nickname: Loch or Nys

Team I play for: excellent question, I'm not sure yet...somewhere in B Pool

Hockey background: Played since I was 13 (muddy field in QLD) also Melb Uni (snazzy astro turf). Playing the mud was more fun...used to play full back, but finally got promoted to half-back. We make the wingers look good.

Ultimate job: Ski run auditor specialising in Japanese & French ski fields

Favourite drink: Umeshu (Japanese sweet plum wine).

What are your first impressions of Tassie: Much nicer without the tourists

Finally, Chuck Norris or Macgyver? As an engineer, it would totally have to be MacGyver. What a champ, pity about the hair-cut though.

.....coach of the month

Nickname: Used to be "screwdriver"-- don't know why

My position at Uni Hockey Club: Coaching 3rd Grade ladies and working with juniors where they need a bit extra skills time 1 on 1.

Hockey background: commenced when I was 7 at Princes St School. I have coached all junior grades several times over - "repped" for South and Tassie a fair bit and I've "forgotten" the rest.

Favourite hockey achievement: 1. Playing for the State and 2. Coaching State Juniors. Both were most enjoyable.

Ultimate job: Coaching a team that listened!

Favourite drink: A nice Port by the camp fire after a day trout fishing!

Finally, Chuck Norris or Macgyver? What a pair of wankers! How about Anna Hutchinson? The girl from "fush 'n' chups" land. Well I can still dream can't I?



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.....club pub



Our illustrious social coordinators have announced that The Bay Hotel will be our club pub in 2009. TBH (that's what all the cool kids will be calling it soon) is what the Dr Syntax turned into after they removed the seedy old men and got rid of that mysterious smell. They're offering us plenty of discounts and freebies so you'd be a fool not to get your team down there every now and then, at least make sure you get there for the pub nights. Amongst the goodies on offer is a loyalty card that entitles us to \$10 jugs of cascade draught, 10% off meals and \$5 house wine/sparkling. That sounds pretty good to me.

Got an idea or suggestion? Contact Flynn & Miss Jane: social@unihockeyclub.com.au

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY CLUB PUB NIGHT

saturday 18 april

the bay hotel, sandy bay road

kick off 7.30 pm



Concerned with the dwindling numbers of our junior teams, it seems that University players have taken it upon themselves to populate the future of the club. Congratulations to the following members on their recent baby news:

- Suzanne and Aaron Clausen on the birth of baby Ashleigh
- Kate Bentley on the birth of twins Mia and Ruby
- Kate and Leon Lakos on birth of Aurther Wellington
- Pete Boyles and Katharine Podmore on the announcement of their Podling
- Sarah Cowling and Scott Pestrucchi on their soon to be ginger baby

Adele Peck and Sally Cuthbert spotted in Dodges Ferry at 11.00 pm laughing at a tree. Later witnesses saw them at the Lewisham Tavern bottle shop purchasing every packet of chips at the counter. What the?

Jane Neasey elected Social Coordinator 2009. Theme of the dinner announced as "Trashbag".

Third grade women have recently been spotted with a new recruit at training. Apparently she's a fetching brunette of demure stature who bares an uncanny resemblance to Yahoo Serious. Much to the disappointment of the men's club this recruit is already involved with one of the A Reserve women.

.....next time

Special post Easter feature article "Confessions of a Chocoholic"

Social photos

Subs info

Coach of the month

Fresher of the month

+ lots more