



Welcome to the 2011 Hockey season!

We started with a bang with all 4 teams having winning results. There is a contact list later in this Newsletter, so any problems please contact your team manager or coach. If they can't help you then feel free to contact me on my mobile number at any time day or night.

We train if the fields at Graceville are playable. We do not train if it is raining heavily. If in doubt contact your coach. For Saturday's games there is a wet weather line (ph.1900 962 018) for all Brisbane Hockey Venues.

If your child cannot play on the weekend, you need to contact your team manager before the end of training on Thursday Night. We need 11 kids on the field for Under 11s and Under 13s, 6 for Under 7s, and 9 for Under 9s. Sometimes we have to bring kids up from lower grades if a team is likely to be short of players, so we need to know what is happening. Likewise if you are running late, let the team manager or coach know.

If your child is sick on Saturdays or there is a transport problem, let your coach or manager know.

At this stage we need a gun coach for the under 11s, team photographers and match reporters for the Under 7s, Under 9s and Under 11s.

See you all at Training.

Tony Meredith, Junior Coordinator

Club Ethos

- We are all here to enjoy ourselves and for our kids to have fun.
- We will play to the best of our abilities, we aim to win, but winning isn't everything.
- We will play fairly and treat our own players and the opposition as we would want to be treated.
- We adhere to the Brisbane Hockey Codes of Conduct for Players, Spectators and Officials.
- Everybody, regardless of their abilities will be treated equally and will get a fair turn on the field.
- Every Player and Parent is a valuable asset to our Club Community and will be treated as such.

Draw – Saturday April 9

Team	Time	Venue	Vs
U7	8.00 am	Rasey 7	Easts
U9	10.00 am	Rasey 3	Commercial Blue
U11	10.30 am	Shaw 1	Easts 2
U13	8.00 am	Redcliffe	Easts

Results – Saturday April 2

Team	Score	Vs	Score
SWU U7	5	Norths Eagles	0
SWU U9	6	Norths Vipers	0
SWU U11	3	Kedron Wavell	1
SWU U13	12	Valleys	0

Thursday night BBQ

Just a reminder that there will be a BBQ at Graceville training every Thursday night. Prices are great, with a **Sausage in bread, Can of soft-drink, or Bottled Water, all \$2.00 each.**

The funds raised all go toward the club, purchasing trophies and equipment, so please support the club and give yourself a break from cooking tea in the process!

From the Newsletter Editor

Jenny Gill Newsletter Editor

Gone are the Saturday morning sleep-ins and Thursday night TV, and back are the hours of driving, watching hockey games and that frantic shopping trip on Saturday morning when you realise it's your week to bring oranges and treats to the game... which is admittedly better than the mad dash back across the city when you realise you've forgotten to bring the shirts you washed last week!

But also back are the 'hockey' friendships, the joy of watching your kid's skills improve, the happiness of seeing them mix with a different group of mates and develop confidence through working as part of a team.

This newsletter contains club news, weekly fixtures and results, important club contact details, and will hopefully also include match reports and photos as the year progresses. If you can help out with any of this content, I would greatly appreciate it!

Well done to the kids for playing so enthusiastically in the first week's games, and especially well done to the parents for getting them where they needed to be, when they needed to be there, and with the gear they needed to play!

Forms and Fees

Just a reminder to anyone who has not yet submitted their forms, had their birth certificates sighted, or paid their fees, these are all now due.

The birth certificate is required to ensure that kids are playing against those in the same age group. They are also important to verify the age of players if they decide to try out for representative teams when they are in the Under 11 or Under 13 age divisions. Don't laugh – you might be surprised at what your kids can achieve!

The other forms and payments are necessary to cover costs and insurance. These must be finalised before the season gets underway.

If anybody needs a payment plan for their fees please feel free to contact the Junior Coordinator, Tony

Meredith, and we will sort this out. Otherwise we need to get the dollars in A.S.A.P. as we have to pay money out to the associations.

Games and Gear

A note to all parents - we expect all players to be at the ground ready to play **30 minutes before the game**, which gives them time to warm us and lets the coach and manager know that they have a full team.

Please make sure that your child turns up to all games and training with a mouth guard, shin pads, club shorts, club socks, a bottle of water and a hockey stick.

The players will not be allowed on the field without a mouthguard and shin-pads, and these are also required at training sessions.

I recommend that all parents purchase a stick bag from a supplier to hold this gear.

I suggest that you purchase a stick bag to keep all the gear in. For teams playing on grass, soccer boots are good and available very inexpensively. For the Under 13's (and the Under 11's late in the season) you will need a good turf shoe. Any sports shoe with a deep soft tread will do, we play on wet surfaces so footing is important. Hard studded boots like soccer boots are not allowed on the turf surfaces.

If you are running late to a game, please call your coach, team manager or let me know. My contact number is 0427427231 - Tony

2011 Junior Coordinator and Coaches

2011 has seen a few changes in the club,

We'd like to welcome **Tony Meredith** to the role of Junior Co-ordinator. As anyone who has spoken to Tony for more than two minutes can testify, he lives and breathes hockey, and will ensure that our kids are well looked after during the coming season, on and off the field.

Tony has played more hockey at various levels of the sport than most of us have had hot dinners, and has been involved as a parent, umpire and coach for South West United for the past six years. He is still playing hockey himself, and is currently the keeper for the SWU Men's Masters Division 3 team (sub-Elites as they prefer to be known!).

We'd also like to welcome **Gareth Hughes** as coach of the Under 13 team this year. Gareth was once a junior South West United player himself and has now accepted the role of coach to give something back to his club. Gareth plays Division 1 Men's Hockey for United. It is not unheard of for Gareth to travel to all Brisbane Turf venues on a given Saturday to watch, coach and play in various games, so we are very grateful to have him commit still more of his time to our kids.



Gareth will have the support of Assistant Coach **Linda Francis**. Linda not only coaches one of the SWU indoor teams, but has played competitive indoor hockey, and field hockey at club and State levels.

Dave Cox has also agreed to help with coaching the Under 11 team on Saturdays. Dave is an ex-international player, who is now starring for the South West United Master's "Sub-Elites", and brings a wealth of hockey knowledge to the club. He will be assisted by **Simon Whitney**, again a very experienced and able hockey player himself, and Tony Meredith, as it is difficult for Dave to make Thursday night training.

Also stepping into a coaching role for the first time with SWU is **Ross Hocking**, who is looking after the Under 9s team this year. Ross has played for a number of years interstate, and is also a member of the Sub-Elite Master's squad. It is great to see a new parent with the club volunteering to step into a coaching role – our kids all benefit from a number of different coaching styles over the years and new ideas are always welcome.

Finally, we'd like to thank **Katie and Kieran Moss** for taking on the Under 7s this year. They have been involved in coaching for a number of years, but this time have taken on the little guys which is where the club all starts off. The competition at this level is all focussed on fun and learning; it will be great to have our newest players benefit from the encouragement that Katie and Kieran always bring to their charges.

Ways you can help

Your kids will love it if you are involved! So what kind of jobs can you do? Here are a list of jobs we'd love to have you help out with:

Uniform Co-ordinator

This involves selling the shorts and socks at training at the start of the season (usually the first 4-5 weeks, and then on request), keeping a list of what stock you have sold, and letting the junior co-ordinator know if you need to order extra.

Team Managers (one for each team)

This role supports the coach by filling out the list of players names in the provided match books at the game each week, helping with substitutions on and off the field during games, drawing up a roster for shirt washing and oranges/watermelon/treats.

Match reporter (one for each team or a roster)

We love to get a short blurb on the game each week and include it in the newsletter. The kids love seeing their game written up in the newsletter, and it is a lot of fun for other parents to read these too.

Team photographer (one/many each game)

The newsletter and website are always much brighter with some photos, and again, the kids LOVE seeing themselves in 'full flight'. If you take some photos at the games, please send them in for inclusion. We also run a 'Find the ball' competition (free) for the kids during the year, so any suitable photos are welcome – just make sure you don't show your kids first or they won't be able to enter the competition that week.

Match Umpires

Any parents with half decent eyesight and a reasonable knowledge of the rules would also be very welcome to help with umpiring games. If you would be interested in this, please let your Coach or the Junior Coordinator know.

Match Reports

SWU U13 vs Valleys, 12-0 Win

Ross Vile, wordsmith and match reporter extraordinaire!

The first game of the new season was upon us. It was an early one at the State Hockey centre on the number 2 field. With some of the stars from last year moving on, it was up to the other old hands and new recruits to lift and take a more active role in the team. And lift they did! Although it was made easier by a relatively young opposition team, the impressive part of this week's play was the teamwork and combinations that have already started to develop.



SWU Forward line on the attack

Normally we do a detailed run down of each of the goals, but due to the number involved – here is the shorthand version.

- 1-0 3 minute mark Valleys keeper stopped a cross by Mickey J from outside the circle and Alistair was there to put the rebound in the net.
- 2-0 10m Mickey J mistimed a Tomahawk shot at goal, and it dribbled past the keeper
- 3-0 14m Mickey J dribbled the ball from the left side of the field and pushed it past the keeper
- 4-0 15m Will took a good pass from Mickey J and Will pushed it past the keeper.
- 5-0 20m Valleys keeper stopped a duffed shot at goal, Mickey J was on the pads for a rebound
- 6-0 23m Will drilled one from the top of the circle.
- 7-0 33m Ben hit from deep in defence to Alistair who tipped the ball on to Will. Will drilled another one home from the top of the circle
- 8-0 35m Cornish earned us a short corner. Will converted
- 9-0 41m Morgs let a ball that entered our circle go out. Matt's 16 yard hit went to Mickey J who ran to the net, passing a couple of fullbacks and a keeper on the way
- 10-0 I gave up keeping time. We got a long corner that Will passed to Ben who took a backstick shot (not worthy of being called a Tomahawk) that went in the goal
- 11-0 Will did a great run, that was saved by the keeper. Nick took the rebound to score
- 12-0 Nathan took the shot (saved) Alistair took the shot (saved) Mickey J took the shot (saved) Mickey J finally scored



No shortage of volunteers in the circle – this one was Micky J's though...

The best scoring shot of the day went unrewarded. Towards the end of the first half Ben had finally perfected his tomahawk that soared past the keeper, smacking into the post and bouncing out. Lesson here is that they don't have to look pretty, they just have to go in to count!



Gareth's half time Dugout... they are almost listening...

You might be excused for thinking that this game was all about the forwards. It wasn't – it was all about the mid field set up. Whilst we had our rocks at the back – Benny and Matt that kept the ball away from Morgs as much as possible, it was the half line that set up the game.

First you had Caleb and the Brick marking their opposing wingers out of the game. The Brick frustrated his opponent so much that the Valleys winger decided that his only chance was to sit with

Morgs in goal. The Brick made sure he kept his goal side marking position strong. When the ball did come to the Valleys winger he couldn't get close.



The life of a goalie... theirs....



... and ours.

Through the mid field you had our fab four with Cornish and Michael T controlling the play and dependably feeding the ball through to the hard running Nathan and Lucky. These players showed determination, strong tackling, good stick work and tireless up and back running. The combinations made scoring easy. We were showing good strength in all positions across the field, not just through our goal scorers Nick, Alistair, Ben, Will and Mickey J.

A special thank you to Richard who umpired very well (to be honest Will, I thought you hit that one from just inside as well – but that makes up for the ones you got away with being outside the circle during the indoor season). Coach Gareth was pleased with a strong first up effort, with Fizzes and Sour Worms all round. Next week will be more challenging against the experienced East's squad.

SWU U11 vs Kedron Wavell, 3-1 Win

Tony Meredith – die hard hockey tragic

Well here it was, the season was upon us, new team members and some “old hands”. After a couple of rainy days, it was a bright warm morning at Finsbury Park, the Under 13’s, the Under 9’s and the Under 7’s had all won this morning so it was up to us to keep up the good work.

For some of our players, it was a big step up from under 9’s, for some of our players it was to be their first taste of hockey in any form! And for a couple of our players it was to be their second game of the day. Welcome to Edmond, Michael, Caleb, Taylor, Khan and, Bailey to full field hockey. Welcome back to Tom, James, Callum, Nathan, Gilbert, Chris and Will. Welcome back Simon, Scott and Dave who will be involved in coaching and Team Management this year. We thought we were a bit disorganized but at least we had a Goal Keeper and 10 field players ready to go. Simon had warmed everybody up, the Uniforms were on and we had stopped playing handball with the opposition and our Under 13’s and we were ready to go.



With new players who have never been exposed to positional play and their actual roles, the game can be a steep learning curve. Well done Callum, Gilbert, James and Tom at the back closing down any forward movement by the opposition. With Chris, Nathan and Will controlling the centre, the newbie’s had a chance to get the feel of the game. We were down their throats early on but Kedron were still padding up a player as Goalie and we had to wait a full minute to have the first short corner before they could get him on.



This wasn’t a problem as most of our players had never heard about short corners let alone seen one and so we didn’t score but at least we were up there. In the 9th Minute, after some good defence, followed up by some team passing and a good run from Will, we were in and Will scored. 2 minutes later we were in again and Will scored his second. For the rest of the half, the ball moved up and down the field, Michael had the feel for the circle but just couldn’t get his hit away and whilst we had our chances we just kept missing the net.



Half time, the oranges were sucked, water drunk and we were out again. Kedron had changed their Goal Keeper and once again the play was up and down the field and whilst we were hammering the goals, good scrabbling by them and inaccuracy by us meant we were missing the goals. Half way through the half we made some field changes, bringing some of our hard working backs up forward and pushing our mid fielders back for a rest. The guys soon learnt that being a back wasn’t as easy as they thought and in the 46th minute they scored. This was actually good for us,

because we woke up that their was an opposition on the field and so some quick team work and another good run from Will and he had his third Goal. Try as we might, we kept missing the Goals and this was the final score.



Very good games, from Chris, Nathan, Will, Gilbert, James, Tom , Callum and Edmond; well done Bailey, Taylor, Khan, Michael and Caleb. We all learnt a lot today and I look forward to an interesting season. See you all at training.



SWU U9 vs Norths Vipers (6-0)

Ross Hocking, Coach and Volunteer(ed) Match reporter (for this week anyway!)

It was good to finally get the season started. The weather gods smiled down on us even though the ground was a bit "damp" under foot.

Ben Moss was chosen as Captain, being one of the more experienced under 9 team members, while Sophie volunteered to go in goals (thanks Sophie) and

we sorted out the rest our positions using the "Gadafi" method of democracy.

We started with a rush and scored the first goal in the first 2 minutes with Sam Hocking (fortunate name for a hockey player) putting the ball in the net after some good work by the Bens (Ben Moss & Ben Ward). They also scored the rest of the goals Ben "M" 3 goals (could have been 4) and Ben "W" 2 goals.

The game seemed to be played mainly in our attacking half with Sophie wondering if she was ever going to get a touch. Player of the day was Emma Crowhurst who played her position really well and always gave us someone to pass to from free hits. We also had good work from Jaimee Ladbrook, who when she moved forward worked well with Sam H to dominate the left.

Our defence was very strong and stopped the North Vipers from spending much time in our defensive area. This was the result of Remus Ashwell, Samuel Kenny and Georgia O'Sullivan playing their positions well and working together with Amber Diggelman who was the main link between our defence and attack.

The second half continued much the same as the first with the two Bens putting together a very professional short corner set up which Jaimee and Amber nearly capitalised on.

The heat started to toll on a few players and the interchanged bench was worked efficiently by Jenny, ably assisted by Katie when Emma got a nasty knock on the knee mid-way through the second half. Although it would help if the coach could count as he realised after the end the game that he was playing one short.

Thanks again everyone for making it a dream debut, but expect a hard game against Commercial next week who won 3-0. I believe the game is at 10.00am at Rasey Park. We need to be there by 9.30 to select our goalkeeper and captain for the day and practice our pre-game cheer.

See you all at training on Thursday at 5.30pm

PARENTS: Photos wanted for next week!! (Ed.)

SWU U7 vs Norths Eagles, (5-0)

Katie Moss, Coach and super 'Hockey Mum', who's able to get four kids to different hockey fields (sometimes at the same time) on a Saturday morning, and even pick up some other players en-route!

The first game of the season arrived and all our players were assembled super early and were ready to go when the opposition looked at us and said "but you're all boys - isn't that dangerous?"

Luckily for us the chief umpire wandered by and pronounced that an all boy team was just fine and that it was not at all dangerous. The only player injured during the match was of course one of our new players, Adam. He bravely returned to the field after a rest and played a brilliant game in all 3 sections of the field.

Patrick started in his favourite middle section and then moved to the forward line where he promptly scored a goal and was quickly rotated to the back line where he patiently awaited balls to be dispensed forward again.

Lucas also managed a goal in the second half having played in all 3 sections. He narrowly missed a second goal (just mm in it) before he too was dispatched back to the middle of the field.

Aston started the game a little nervously (as it was his first) but grew into it and played a fantastic section up the front when he paired up with Hafzan. Hafzan (red mouthguard) also shone as he played up the front and narrowly missed a couple of goal opportunities.

His brother Hafzal (yellow mouthguard) had a little less time playing up the front but also grew with confidence over the match.

Jordan started at goalie but distinguished himself in the middle and remembered how to start with a bully which did take a while with some of the starts!

Toby also scored a goal and managed to concentrate for more than half the match which is a big step up from last year!

Kieren also bravely stepped up onto the field and helped 8 year old Ben with the umpiring and coaching, despite not knowing many of the kid's names.

Thank you also to Soraya, Adam's mum, for taking on the manager's role - very much appreciated.

I think the final score was 5 nil, which means I missed some goals but all in all it was a great start to the season with no hint of danger from our boys.

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South West United Club and Team Contact List

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Team Reports	Vacant		

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Team reports	Vacant		

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Find the Ball -IT'S BACK!

Back by popular demand (that's you nagging Tom Head!), we will again be running a Find the Ball competition for the kids (and the grown-ups too!). It is FREE TO ENTER, so have a go!

A photo will be included in this newsletter each week, and you enter by placing an X where you think the ball would have been in the photo (we have digitally removed it!). If you forget to print out an entry, we usually have a few spares at the BBQ, but can't guarantee enough for every player. Only one entry per player per week.

The person who gets their mark closest to the ball wins a FREE SAUSAGE AND A CAN OF DRINK from the following week's BBQ. Winners will be announced in the newsletter each week.

Please make sure you include your name on each entry!

NAME: _____ TEAM (eg. Under 7) _____

Place an X on the spot where you think the ball was and drop your entry into the box at the BBQ on Thursday night.

