MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2006 hockey season. It’s time to dust off the boots as pre-season training has started. The first game will be held on the weekend of April 1st for seniors and juniors will begin shortly afterwards. Registration day is on 19th February at the club. The AGM is also on February 19th beginning at 11:00am. All are welcome. Congratulations to Ian Wishart and Roy Evans on their appointments as Premier League coaches. I’d also like to welcome Phil Shaw as coach of the PLR men. Phil has had a lot of coaching experience at both State and Club level. We’re still looking for coaches particularly for the women and juniors so please let the respective coordinators know if you’re interested. It was also great to see Brenton Trenwith put his hand up for the secretary’s job. This is a big promotion from last year’s Bar Manager position. The work on the club house extensions has been a bit slow due to Christmas but we expect things to start happening very soon so start cleaning your paint brushes as we will be holding some working bees. The club has also been successful in attaining a MoveIt grant for Making Communities Active. The grant provides assistance for us to run a program to reintroduce mature age people back into hockey. This is very exciting for the club and any help will be appreciated. We especially need a coordinator to get it up and running.

Last year was a successful year for the North East and this was evident in the Hockey SA Medal Count. Ian Wishart and Will Telfer finished runners-up in the count for the player of the year. They were also named in the Men’s Team of the Year along with Ray Ronan and Holly Evans in the women’s. Congratulations also to Holly Evans on her selection in the National Indoor Women’s team. Don’t forget to support the AHL as it is currently causing some financial headaches at HSA. Bring a friend and support all NEHC members involved. See page 2 for dates of AHL matches to be played in Adelaide.

I wish all members an enjoyable and successful season.

Jim Hughes- President

JUNIOR HOCKEY ACTION

SUMMER HOCKEY commenced 27th January with a small turn out & 3 new players. All enjoyed themselves. All juniors are welcome:
• Friday evenings at NEHC
• 6:30pm to approx 7:30pm
• stick skills followed by a scratch match
Please note: sessions will be cancelled if it’s hotter than 35 C at 4pm.
A big thanks to Rodney Thorpe, Claire Standen & Ian Jennings for coaching.

WINTER HOCKEY
All juniors who are unable to come to the club on registration day but want to play winter hockey this year are asked to please contact Anne Mail (or leave a message) on 8254 2711 or 0417 100 258 or email mailesinc@bigpond.net.au.
This will give the committee more accurate player numbers, making team nominations and arranging coaches much easier.

Thank you, Anne Mail
TROPHY WINNERS 2005

Premier League Men
Best and Fairest: Ian Wishart
Peter Noel Best Team Player: Alastair Grieve
Leading Goal Scorer: Ryan O’Shea

Premier League Women
Best and Fairest: Holly Evans
Best Team Person: Leesa McDonald
Most Improved: Cherie Southern
Heggie Trophy: Ceitlin Walker

Premier League Reserve Men
Best and Fairest: Chris Flavel
Most Consistent: Scott Harvey
Coaches Award: Mark Guerin

Premier League Reserve Women
Best and Fairest: Janet O’Shea
Most Improved: Kate Cotter
Encouragement Award: Peta Chennells

Division Three Men
Best and Fairest: Jeremy Hopkins
Most Consistent: Ian Jones

Division Four Women
Most Consistent: Claire Cooke
Most Improved: Andrea Stinger

Division Four Men
Best Player: Travis Wilton
Coaches Choice: Richard Thom

Division Five Women
Best Team Player: Julie-Ann Rehn
Most Improved Player: Hazel Burke

Division Five Men
Best On Ground: Jake Mail
Coaches Award: Neil Hunt

Division Six Women
Most Improved: Carolyn S.......
Most Valuable Player: Claire Standen

Under 18 Boys
Best Player: Ben Sutherland
Encouragement Award: Michael Crab
Most Consistent: Daniel Wilson

Under 18 Women
Most Consistent: Catherine Oermann
Most Consistent: Holly Evans

Under 15 Boys
Best and Fairest: Jake Mail
Most Consistent: Jared Smith
Coaches Award: Patrick Anderson

Under 15 Women
Best Team Player: Nicole Sander
Coaches Award: Hannah Deveraux

Under 13 Red Boys
Best and Fairest: Sean Chamberlain
Coaches Award: Nathan Jennings
Most Valuable Player: Daniel Barry

Under 13 Girls
Most Valuable Player: Jessica Strawbridge
Most Improved: Jack Sedunary
Most Improved: Kai Osbourne
Most Valuable Player: Scott Adis

Support the AHL
See quality hockey & cheer on our AHL teams
15th/16th April  SA v ACT
22nd/23rd April  SA v Victoria
The women’s finals week will also be held in Adelaide at DHHA
8th - 14th May

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SENIOR NEWS

Women’s Pre Season
The women’s pre season kicked off enthusiastically at the clubrooms on January 31st with a good attendance. There were a few creaks and groans from some of the mature and young joints but in general it was a good training session. It was followed by a light supper and a discussion on the season to come. All players from NEHC women’s teams are welcome to join us in the pre-season training sessions.

07/02/06 Tues. Gym Circuit. Fit Life Gym, 42 Warwick St, Enfield. 7:15-8:15pm
09/02/06 Thurs. NEHC. Inter Club Game. White & dark colour top. 6:30-8:00 pm.
14/02/06 Tues. NEHC. Stick & fitness. 6:30-8:00pm.
16/02/06 Thurs. NEHC. Inter Club Game. White & dark colour top. 6:30-8:00pm.
19/02/06 Sun. NEHC. Fitness, AGM, and Registration 10:00-11:30pm.
22/02/06 Wed. Gym Body Pump. Fit Life Gym, Enfield. 7:00-8:00pm.
28/02/06 Tues. NEHC. Stick & Fitness. 6:30-8:00pm.
The schedule for March & April training sessions will be completed over the next 2 weeks. For any further Information please contact Roy Evans, 8349956 / 0418834862 / roy_jen@hotmail.com.

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR COACHING
The federal government is funding sport in a primary school - after school program.

Called the “Active After-School Communities Program”, it is based in local primary schools, usually from 3:30pm – 5:00pm.

Deliverers are paid very well for running the program from weeks 2 – 9 during school terms.

To run a program deliverers must complete the AASCP training course (approx 11 hours) and have a police check. You can make good money while having fun “teaching” hockey. Organisers are flexible with bookings and are prepared to fit in with the deliverer if they have prior commitments.

More people are needed to deliver sport to schools. If you are interested contact Meg Thorpe 8264 2215 for further information.

In Memory

Oliver James Wishart
17.06.05—21.10.05

The club extends its deepest sympathy to Inge & Ian following the loss of their beautiful little Oliver.

Our thoughts continue to be with Inge & Ian and with Brenton, Jo, Emma & Eryn.

Not that desperate housewives
Div 6 Women require players - all ages, shapes, sizes, ability & fitness levels welcome.

COME AND HAVE FUN IN 2006
Contact: Meg Thorpe 8264 2215

Congratulations: Holly Evans, Ian Wishart, Will Teifert, Ray Ronan
NEHC players named in Hockey SA 2005 Teams of the Year.
TRIALS & TOURNAMENTS

State U18 Women's Championship
27 March – 7 April, Adelaide

State U18 Men's Championship
23 May - 3 June, Darwin
Trials (at DHHA)
Sunday 19 March 12:00n - 2:00pm

State U21 Championship
Women 11-22 July, Brisbane
Men 11-22 July, Canberra
Trials (at DHHA)
WOMEN - Sunday 30 April 8:00-10:00am
MEN - Sunday 30 April 10:00am-12:00n

Nomination fee of $10.00 per person must accompany nomination form or nomination will be considered void. Payment cannot be made at the trials.

South Australian U16 School Boys
19th – 26th August, Adelaide
Trials (at DHHA)
Sunday 18th June, 10:00am–12:00n
Sunday 25th June, 8:00-10:00am

South Australian U16 School Girls
12th – 19th August, Newcastle
Trials (at DHHA)
Sunday 28th May, 10:00am–12:00n
Sunday 4th June, 8:00am-10:00am

Please inform ALL interested students. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Hockey SA website (www.hockeysa.com.au) and must be returned to the SA Secondary School Sport Unit by 3rd March, 2006 (fax 8354 2325). A $5 levy is due & payable at the first trial.

INDOOR HOCKEY NEWS

Local Indoor Hockey Competition
The local senior women's Indoor Hockey competition Grand Final was won by NEHC with a golden goal against Woodville. The Junior U15 girls won their Grand Final against Burnside.

Wollongong National Indoor Hockey Championship
The tournament was extremely successful for the women with both teams making the semi finals. The Open women got the monkey off their back by beating arch rival and extremely arrogant WA and in doing so paved the way to the semis. The Under 21 women performed consistently well all week and a ball was had by all.

Representatives
Open Women (4th) Ceitlin Walker, Suzie Cosh, Sarah Hitchings, Dee Farmilo, manager Carol Schmidtke
Open Men (6th) Ray Ronan
U21 Women (3rd) Cherie Southern, Sherilyn Cass, Holly Evans, Laura Haigh, Catherine Oermann, Sam Schmidtke Coached by Roy Evans, managed by Sally McDonald
U21 Men (6th) Brenton Carle, Daniel Thorpe, Rob Mail, Paul Kellens & Tom Hughes Coach Phil Shaw, manager Jim Hughes
U16 Women Invitational Zoe Taylor, Erin Johnson, Jess Sander, Nicole Sander

Erratum
In the last Courier the list of players attending the Level 1 coaching course at the club should have included Alistair Grieve. At least that's why the O'Shea family agreed to baby sit. Now Megan wants to know where Ali really was!

Announcements!

• Congratulations to our social coordinator and PLR player, Richard Telfer, and his lovely wife Alex for their wedding in November.

• We will have another new Zulu soon, with Jeremy and Leah Hopkins expecting their first child. Best wishes!

Memorable Moments
Things players (Claire Standen) say...
Player:- my car's being fixed.
Why?
Player:- I sort of hit a rock.
How did you hit it?
Player:- I sort of slipped into it.
Skidded?
Player:- skidded backwards.
How much damage can a rock do?
Player:- it was more like a boulder.