



Newsletter October 2011



Southern United Under 13 Girls A celebrate a Grand Final victory and the greatest premiership so far in the Club's short history

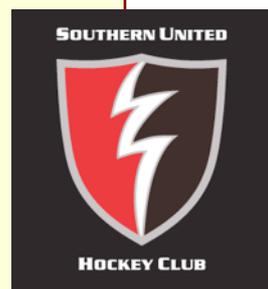
IMPORTANT

Call for expressions of interest to coach junior teams in the 2012 winter season.

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Senior Presentation Night

**FRIDAY 4TH
NOVEMBER,
SOUTHERN GOLF CLUB, 7:00PM**



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Junior Coaching Positions 2012 Winter Season

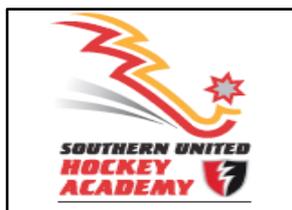
Call for Expressions of Interest

The club is calling for **Expressions of Interest** from those interested in coaching Southern United's junior teams during the 2012 Winter season. The Club's preference is that 2012 junior coaches get as much exposure as possible to the 2011/2012 Academy program conducted by John Mowat beginning in November.

Please forward Expressions of Interest to Warren Davey at Warren@wojosigns.com **no later than 20th October 2011**

We expect to compete in all Mixed shield competitions at under 11, 13, 15 and 17 age levels. We will also compete in all under 13, 15 and 17 Girls' Shield grades. We plan to have Pennant and District teams entered at every Mixed age level, and at this stage expect to enter at least 4 under 9 teams, together with conducting our annual Minkey Program.

If you have any queries please contact Ross Walker on 0425 836 613 or rossandcheryle@bigpond.com



Deadline for applications to the Southern United Hockey Academy 2011-2012 has been extended to Friday 14th October 2011

Road Professor Driving School

The Road Professor Driving School is a sponsor of Southern United Hockey Club.

The Road Professor Driving School specialises in providing driving lessons to learner drivers. Driving lessons are aimed at helping young drivers as well as mature aged drivers obtain their driver's licence.

One of the most important decisions a parent and teen will make is selecting a driving instructor. Will issues regarding Road Safety be covered during driving lessons? Will the learner be taught to drive rather than just be taught to pass the driving test?

Michael Thiedeman from the Road Professor Driving School was em-

played by the **Transport Accident Commission** (TAC) for more than 37 years.

The TAC manages claims resulting from transport crashes involving cars, motor cycles, trucks, buses, trains and trams. Michael was involved in the investigation, assessment and negotiation of more than **20,000** personal injury claims resulting from these crashes. This has given him extensive insight into the causes of crashes, and the physical and mental impact on individuals and their families.

Michael draws on his wealth of experience and incorporates into his driving lessons many issues about Road Safety.

Driving School - Areas Serviced

The Driving School is located in Bentleigh East and services a number of surrounding suburbs. For a more detailed list of the areas serviced, please visit the website www.roadprofessor.com.au and search under 'Driving Schools – Areas Serviced'

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that the hockey season has finished, it is time to reflect a little on our performance this year both on and off the field.

On field our results have been mixed. Ultimately we managed to get 3 teams out of 35 into grand finals and win one; the **under 13 Girls A**. And how good was it for these young girls to beat an undefeated Waverley in the last game of the year through grit, determination and talent. Very well done to everyone associated with the U13 Girls A squad. I have no doubt that we have some future high-grade women players in the waiting in this group. Berwick narrowly defeated our **U15 South Silver** team but our boys can take pride in their performance throughout the year and be congratulated for a brave showing in their final. It was heart-break yet again for Mike Stansby and the **M2S men** in their final against Kew. Once more the score line did not indicate the competitiveness of this team that finished the home and away season undefeated and earned promotion to M1 in 2012. Victory when it finally arrives will be that much sweeter.

At the other end of the ladder our **MSL1** team improved tremendously this year and was frustratingly close to earning more points than the 9 they finished with on many occasions this year, but are relegated once more to MSL2 in 2012. One of the bright notes for the MSL1 squad this year was the opportunity several of our junior players got to experience the top league. This can only benefit the group in the long term and I look forward to the further development of these young players next year as we set ourselves for the Premier league in 2013.

Our **MPA** team just survived this year in the highly competitive PA competition, which was much less than we expected from this group of talented young players and experienced campaigners, while we retained our important **MPD** and **MPE** grades with young and improving squads.

Our **metro men's teams** had mixed success at both ends of the ladder and next year we will field teams in all metro grades 1 to 4.

In the women's section the renaissance of our **WSL2** squad continued with the girls finishing 4th after a narrow loss to Kew in the semi finals. Once again one of this year's highlights was the introduction of new young talent into WSL2 squad and the emergence of a committed and harmonious group under coach Andrew Layzell.

Our **WPB** team retained the grade after a torrid year of player injury and unavailability and they must be congratulated for a fine effort. Similarly our **WPC** team did well just missing the finals. Our **WMS1** team had a disappointing season and will play in **WM2S** next year while our **WM3S** team was competitive and enjoyed their season.

Our juniors were the most successful section of the club in 2011 with 6 teams making the finals led by the victorious U13 Girls A. We retained all of our Shield grades this year except U15GA who had several players in the U15A squad for much of the year. Success in juniors is however not just about winning premierships. Junior hockey really is all about developing players of all abilities to help them improve their hockey skills and know how so that they continue to love and enjoy playing the game as senior hockey players.

This year we had the strongest representation at regional and state under age level for many years so the future of our club is looking very good as waves of these committed and talented junior players come through all of our junior age groups.

My thanks to all of our junior coaches, team managers, age group coordinators, parents and players for your efforts this past season.

Off field, the highlights of 2011 included the fund raising efforts led

by **Julian Pratt** who organized the highly successful car raffle and Peter Mac Big Match days. These two initiatives not only raised a very substantial amount of money for our club but also enhanced SUHC's profile as a community conscious club throughout the hockey fraternity.

And so what's next?

Apart from more hockey i.e. indoor, family and summer hockey, McKenzie's Skills Clinics, Southern United Hockey Academy, senior presentation night, searching for a new senior club coach...the SUHC AGM, hardly anything at all.

This years **AGM** will be particularly important because we will vote on some significant changes to both our club's rules and Committee of Management team with **Julian Pratt, women's section leader Tamsin Nelson, junior section leader Paul Duggan and Secretary Alan Tilbrook all not seeking re-election**. Each has worked tirelessly on your behalf this past year and for many years beforehand and will be sorely missed and I thank them for their valuable contributions.

It is very important that we continually refresh the management team of the club so that new people with ideas and approaches to addressing the challenges of running our club are given their opportunity to flourish.

All positions on the Committee of Management are up for re-election at the **AGM on Sunday 27th November 2011**, and I encourage all members and parents who wish to become actively involved in the running of our club to nominate for election to the Committee of Management.

David Finlayson

President SUHC

CLUB RULES AND THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Notice of Special Resolution

The Club's annual general meeting will be held at Farm Road, Cheltenham, on
Sunday, 27 November 2011 at 9am.

It is intended that following resolution will be moved as a special resolution at the annual general meeting:

- A. *The current rules of Southern United Hockey Club Incorporated are to be replaced in their entirety as soon as practicable with the new rules which have been posted on the club's website http://www.suhc.com.au/cms/?page_id=305 since Tuesday, 04 October 2011.*
- B. *Upon the new rules being approved by the Registrar of Incorporated Associations, the inaugural section leaders for the purposes of those new rules will be the individuals provisionally elected to those posts by this meeting.*

Alan Tilbrook
Secretary
Southern United Hockey Club Incorporated

Please view the following page for more information including the proposed rule changes here
http://www.suhc.com.au/cms/?page_id=305.

The New Committee of Management

The new rules propose that the Committee of Management will consist of the following positions, elected by the membership. **All positions will be open for nomination.**

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

- Men's Section Leader
- Women's Section Leader
- Junior Section Leader
- Veteran's Section Leader

Please give serious consideration to nominating for one of these positions. The Committee needs new members.

The following are retiring from the Committee of Management and are not seeking re-election

- Alan Tilbrook, Secretary
- Tamsin Nelson, Women's Section Leader
- Paul Duggan, Junior Section President
- Julian Pratt, co-opted



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FAMILY FUN COMPETITION

Summer outdoor mixed competition at farm road news

Due to the u15 indoor mixed and senior outdoor being on a Tuesday, and now the need for the ground for the Southern United Hockey Academy, we are moving the summer family mixed competition to **Thursday evenings**. The competition is open to all players from girls, boys, mum's and dad's and vets. It was a great success last year with a free BBQ for all present.

Starts: 20th October

Games: 6pm, 7pm and 8pm. Full field with goalkeepers, 25 min halves.
\$5 per game

9 rounds finishing with Christmas special on 15th December.

6 teams, mixed men, women, juniors and seniors.

Umpires are needed and will be paid

We need six team managers

Get your friends and family together and
email Julian ASAP on julian.Pratt@rmit.edu.au

SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Friday 4th November 2011
7pm at
Southern Golf Club,
Lower Dandenong Road, Dingley

Ticket Price: \$50.00 (Includes 2 course dinner and entertainment)

See your team manager for tickets

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MEN'S SECTION

With the on-field season now completely over, we can truly reflect on the season that was and begin to plan for 2012. Looking to the teams we'll have in 2012, there will be State League 2, Pennant A, D and E and Metro 1,2,3 and 4. A good mix of teams, with plenty of opportunities for us to realistically challenge for Premierships. This is particularly true of the State League team, where we would expect to build on the good performances that we saw in State League 1 in the past season.



If we are to build on the performances of the past few years, the appointment of a new coach is critical. We have had discussions with likely candidates, but as yet, have not got a signature on paper. The search continues, so keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for updates.



Before the season formally comes to an end, we have two significant events remaining, Presentation Night (Nov 4th) and the Annual General Meeting (Nov 27th). Presentation Night is a good chance to reminisce on the season that was, over a few drinks and a meal and acknowledge the efforts of our Club mates from all Senior sections of the Club. The AGM is the final event of the winter season and the beginning of the 2012 season, with the election of office bearers and your chance to give feedback on the administration of the Club and even put your hand up to make a positive contribution to the running of our great Club. The AGM is a vital part of the Club calendar and while it may not be at the top of your social event list, please consider attending to have your say and maybe learn a little bit about what makes the Club work.



Once the formalities of the AGM are concluded, the new 2012 Men's Committee will need to start planning and working towards making 2012 a successful season, both on and off the field. If you are interested in contributing to the running of the section, contact myself or Alan Hughes (Secretary) to discuss a role for the coming season.

Mike Campbell

Men's Section Leader

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JUNIOR SECTION

Two Teams in Grand Finals

It was fantastic to see the **Under 13 Girls A** and **Under 15 South (Silver)** make it through to Grand Finals. It is a major achievement to get to that game of the season. Congratulations to both teams.

Go Strikers!



Under 15 South (Silver) after the Grand Final

The achievement of the Under 13 Girls A (below) is an historic event for the Southern United Hockey Club. It is the first premiership win of a junior Shield side, brilliant in its own right, but it is also the first premiership from a “firsts” team, a team in the top echelon for the given competition. Congratulations to the players, coaches, managers and parents involved.



**Under 13 Girls A
celebrate a
premiership**



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Junior Section Award Recipients for the 2011 Season

Congratulations to All

| | Best and Fairest | Best Team Player | Coaches Award |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Under 11 | | | |
| The Lewis Family Award | Brad Marais | | |
| Under 11 A | | Benjamin Erbacher | Craig Marais |
| Under 11 South | | Luka Duggan | Zo-Ellen Stannus |
| Under 13 | | | |
| The Mal Sundstorm Award | Nathan Ephraums | | |
| Under 13 A | | Thomas Youds & Mackenzie Thompson | Samuel Chilcott |
| Under 13 Pennant South East | | Nick Davey | Rees Leighton |
| Under 13 South | | Davis Green | Annelise Quig |
| The John Lonsdale Award | Nicole Amiet | | |
| Under 13 Girls A | | Nicole Amiet | Freya Wickenden |
| Under 15 | | | |
| The Phyllis Howe Award | Joshua Ephraums | | |
| Under 15A | | Joshua Ephraums | Steve Athaide |
| Under 15 Pennant South East | | Ben Gray | Stephen Attard |
| Under 15 South Silver | | Chris Chapman | Ashley Bingle |
| Under 15 South Red | | Gabriel Coleman | James Gleeson |
| The Joan Sydenham Award | Kirsten Gardiner | | |
| Under 15 Girls A | | Samantha Hickey | KerryAnn Millan |
| Under 17 | | | |
| The A. Veal Award | Ben Hughes | | |
| Under 17A | | Daniel Sweeney | Thomas Hamilton |
| Under 17 PSE | | Hayden Jones | Harrison Gee |
| Under 17 South | | Danesh Rustomjee | Simon Dunkley |
| The Sue McIvor Award | Emma Cole | | |
| Under 17 Girls A | | Taryn Clothier | Allara Zylberberg |
| SUHC Junior Club Person Award | Sam Youds | | |
| Jnr President Award | Julian Pratt | | |
| State Selection 2011 | | | |
| VPSSA U12 Girls | Nicole Amiet | VSSSA U16 Boys | Jarni Blakkaryl |
| VPSSA U12 Girls | Alice Arnold | VSSSA U16 Boys | Daniel Sweeney |
| VPSSA U12 Boys | Calvin Martinz | VSSSA U16 Girls | Molly Tilbrook |
| VPSSA U12 Boys | Nathan Ephraums | VSSSA U16 Girls | Freya Fajgman |
| HV Under 13 Boys | George Katsaras | | |
| HV Under 15 Boys | Joshua Ephraums | | |



Please come to the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!!

We need our members to participate in the running of this Club.

We need members to nominate for positions on the Committee of Management

Information on how to nominate will be released shortly.

Contributing to the Newsletter

The Committee of Management has decided that the Club will attempt to put out a newsletter most months. Items from each of the Sections will be included and we would like to invite all members and friends of the Southern United Hockey Club to contribute too. If you would like to contribute to the Newsletter please feel free to do so and email your contribution to secretary@suhc.com.au. Submissions by **the 4th of the Month** will be considered for inclusion in the Newsletter for that Month.

Free Driving Lesson for Learner & Supervising Drivers

keys2drive- an Australian Government-funded program - is providing learner drivers and their parents/ supervisors a free driving lesson with a **keys2drive** accredited professional driving instructor. Get your free lesson now!

Contact Michael from the **Road Professor Driving School** on **0402 563 963** for more details.

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Are you a Southern United Hockey Club Facebook Friend? Check it out!!

Keep up to date by following the official SUHC Facebook page! The SUHC Facebook page is used to provide information about results, upcoming events and messages from the club executive team. To become a member of the Facebook page

click <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Southern-United-Hockey-Club/124822410897359?v=all> and then select the 'like' button. To become a member of the page you will need to ensure that you have a Facebook profile. If you do not have a Facebook profile, you can register at www.facebook.com.

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JUNIOR SECTION



SOUTHERN UNITED HOCKEY CLUB



Hookin2Hockey is Hockey Australia’s national recruitment program and provides an environment where young participants learn the fundamental skills of hockey in a safe and fun environment.

Southern United Hockey Club is running the **Hookin2Hockey** program to provide children with the opportunity to learn basic hockey skills in the hope of finding the next Australian hockey star such as **Jamie Dwyer** (pictured) of the Kookaburras (four time world player of the year) or **Casey Eastham** of the Hockeyroos (2009 world young player of the year).



Program consists of : 4 x 1 hour clinics (+ festival day at State Hockey Centre – Dec 3rd)

Commences : Wednesday 19th October 2011 - 6.30pm

Cost: max. \$50 incl. equipment pack

Venue: Kingston Reserve, Farm Road, Cheltenham

Every participant can receive a pack which includes:

- a fold out backyard hockey goal
- a t-shirt with the newly designed Hookin2Hockey logo
- a sweat band
- a welcome message from one of the Hockeyroos or Kookaburras
- participation certificate
- Hookin2Hockey stick
- shin guards
- ball
- DVD

For further information please contact:

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or to register, go to <https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v5/regofom.cgi?alD=17178&formID=15214>



SOME REMINDERS OF THE 2011 SEASON

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