



March Newsletter 2012

Club 2012 Gala Day action:



Important 2012 Dates!!

Juniors Round 1:

Friday 13th & 14th April

Seniors Round 1:

Saturday 14th & 15th April

Masters Round 1:

Monday 16th April

Member Reminders!!

1. **Club Days** – at Farm Rd
- 1st - R2, Sat April 21st
2. **Please pay your FEES!!**
3. **Come down to training**

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 Peter Mac



From the President:

Welcome to season 2012.

With just over a month to go before the beginning of the winter season, SUHC members have been gearing up for another big year of hockey. In the off season, Farm Road has been as busy as ever with the second Southern United Hockey Academy under John Mowat, SUHC 13 Hockey with Lachlan Anderson, Hookn2Hockey, and summer family hockey as well as pre-season training all taking place.

This year we will field eight men's, 5 women's, 5 masters and 20 junior teams, which is three more than last year. We have managed to find coaches for nearly all our 38 teams which is no easy task even for a club of our size. So an early but heartfelt thanks to all those who have put their hands up to coach this year; your club is grateful of your support and commitment.

2012 is a big year for SUHC with promotion to the new 12 team Premier League for the 2013 season being the big prize. New club coach Andrew Aldons has been in charge of the MSL squad since February with the support of newly appointed MPA coach Shannon Davey who also managed the men's pre-season program. Numbers at training have been very good and the MSL squad is looking fit and strong and has high expectations of success in the forthcoming season. Chris Abaniel has been appointed MPD coach while Brian Paxton and James Erbacher will look after the MPE group with Adrian Rigg overseeing coaching of the Metro group.

The WSL squad has also been hard at it since the early New Year under Andrew Layzell and they too are looking forward to success in 2012 with the same prize on offer, promotion to the 2013 Premier League. Jacky Jacob has made a welcome return to SUHC life as WPB coach with support from Simon Waring as an assistant, and Greg Edwards who will look after WPC.

Apart from new coaches you can look forward to a whole lot of new things at SUHC, such as 8 Peter Mac Big Match days at Farm Road in 2012 with the first one in round 2 on Saturday 21st April 2012. Our new website, www.SUHC.com.au which features online club membership registration, new section information tabs including online team selections and selection policies, player numbers and profiles, coming events calendar sponsor's information, SUHC Blog etc. Go to www.SUHC.com.au to find out about what's going on at your club.

A new playing shirt for our senior men and a new sleeveless playing top for our WSL women.

Free level 1 coaching accreditation course on 24th March 2012 run by John Mowat. A new look canteen service and menu offering under the new management of Helen Abaniel and Jill Arnold.

New and updated club rules as agreed at last year's AGM

New stock in the SUHC Hockey shop e.g. shoes, shirts, SUHC rugby jumpers, stick and bag deals etc.

New players and new families. Our club is made up of over 360 families who are the bedrock of our club. Welcome to all of our new members and their families and in particular welcome to Jesse (Kiwi 4), Celine (from Belgium via the USA), Sam (from UK via MCC) who have joined our state league squads.

Next to promotion to the Premier league, probably the biggest and best new thing to look forward to in 2012 is the re-surfacing of the Farm Road pitch. Preliminary costings have been received from potential suppliers and discussions with the City of Kingston about this project and its financing are well underway. Apart from our members, the Farm Road pitch is the single most important asset the club has and its resurfacing is an critical investment which will improve the our field performance and help secure the future of the club. I will keep you apprised of this project as it develops.

So, lots to look forward to in 2012. I wish you all a happy and successful season and look forward to seeing you all at our first Peter Mac Big Match Day on Saturday 21st April at Farm Road.

David Finlayson

President - SUHC

Men's Section

Hi Everyone and welcome to the serious part of the 2012 season. Things are really ramping up as the season approaches, with practice games and full training sessions with the emphasis on game skills rather than general fitness.

Before I move on to the winter season and the preparations that are underway, I would like to congratulate Shannon Davey for the way he has conducted the pre-season training program. Shannon is new to the coaching ranks and has impressed everyone with the planning, energy and enthusiasm he has brought to the role of Assistant Club Coach. Having attended a few of the fitness sessions, I can vouch for the effort that has gone into the sessions, but probably more importantly, the amount of planning and review of each session. Great job Shaggs.

I think by now, you should all be aware of the appointment of Andrew Aldons as Club coach. Andrew has fitted in seamlessly in coaching the State League / Pennant A squad, with Shannon as his assistant and the playing group has embraced the style and direction that is being employed. Sitting below Andrew and Shannon in the coaching ranks are Chris Abaniel (Pennant D), Brian Paxton (Pennant E) and Adrian Rigg (Metro teams). In the lower teams (Metro 2, 3 and 4), game day responsibilities will be taken by Captains. We have penciled in most of these Captains, but final appointments will depend on squad selections, which are being finalized at the moment. Obviously Andrew can't coach the entire Men's section, despite his title of Club Coach.

This is where the broader Club aspects of Andrew and Shannon's roles come in. As part of the selection process, which will be driven by Brian Paxton (as Chairman of Selectors), Andrew will instruct and work with the lower team coaches in the game style and skills that he would like individuals to develop, so that developing players are being educated in skills and strategy required for modern hockey. A very exciting time for the many young guys we have coming through the ranks, to have access to such a knowledgeable and experienced coach.

Congratulations to Ed Arnold and Ben Hughes for making the Victorian U18 squad as train on players. Great achievement for these guys and while I'm sure they would rather be in the formal team, the exposure to representative hockey at this level is fabulous reward for effort that both Ed and Ben have put in over the last few years.

Finally, if you intend playing this year, we need you to register with the Club. You can now do this online at the new Club website. Simply go to the registration form, (<http://suhc.com.au/section-information/registration-form/>) and fill in your details. You will then receive payment instructions via a return email. Our preference is for online payment directly into the Club bank account, but cash, cheque and credit card options are available. See you all at training.

Mike Campbell
Men's Section Leader

The Road Professor Driving School - SUHC Specials!

Individual lessons: 45 Min (\$42), 60 Min (\$55), 90 Min (\$80)

Package of 6 : 45 Min (\$200 at \$33.33@)
(5 +1Free): 60 Min (\$260 at \$43.33@)

Book now: Call Michael Thiedeman on **0402 563 960**



Women's Section

Slowly but steadily the women's preseason is coming together. After weeks of concern and talks of a rotating roster we warmly welcomed Paige Andrews, our new women's goal keeper, to the club. Paige has joined us from Mentone HC and is a very promising young player who will slot nicely into both our WSL2 and U17GA teams. Another moment of relief was the appointment of Jacky Jacobs as our Pennant B head coach. For those that don't know, Jacky is a long time member of the club who started her hockey career with Moorabbin Districts HC back in the 1980s. Working closely with Jacky this season will be Simon Waring in the role of assistant coach. Greg Edwards has kindly accepted the offer of coaching our Pennant C team.

Getting on the field now; our SL2 girls are deep into their pre-season. Their first hit out for the year was against Kew, the team that knocked them out of the finals last year. With a convincing 8-0 victory on the board and our new Belgium import, Celine Donnet shining, things were looking good. Celine slotted in 3 goals, 2 being very impressive tomahawks. Two weeks ago the girls had a match against another 2011 rival, St Kilda Powerhouse. This time going down 3-1, but with a fight. Coming up soon they will get their first look at Latrobe Uni with 2 matches set for both SL2 and PB.

It's been great to see numbers at both Tuesday and Thursday night trainings slowly on the rise. New faces and old faces are starting to emerge as the season quickly approaches. I urge ALL players, regardless of their fitness levels and abilities to get on down to Farm Rd at 7pm on a Tuesday and 8pm on a Thursday and pick up a stick before the season starts.

Finally, a big congratulations goes out to Traleen Neil, one of our WSL2 players, who got married last weekend in a beautiful beach side wedding down in Mornington. The bride and groom are currently away honeymooning in Thailand, we wish them all the best for their future together!

Alisia Simmons,
Women's Section Leader

Masters Section

The SUHC Masters group have started training and playing inter-club matches, and have practice match's organised with Mentone for Monday April 2nd at Farm Road. All Masters players are encouraged to play these games. A reminder to all players to make sure you have registered with the club and Hockey Victoria, and that you have paid your winter fees please!!!

2012 Victorian Masters State Teams: Now open for nominations - HV Web-site (an online process):
Women's are in **Melbourne – Sept 27th – Oct 6th**. Nominations close 20th April, cost is \$35 with three selection trials.

Men's are in **Hobart, Tas – Sept 29th to Oct 13th** Nominations close 10th April, cost also \$35, two to three trials. **See the HV website for details for both Tournaments and register online.**

Tim Cole,
Masters Section Leader



Juniors Section

Pre-season training is in full swing for all age groups at SUHC, with many sides already involved in practice matches and pre-season tournaments.

So, if you haven't come along to training - now is the time to do so. There is also room in most age groups for new players - so if you have friends who want to come along, bring them down.

As a reminder for 2012 we have:

- a.. 3 under 9 mixed sides, plus Minkeys
- b.. 3 under 11 mixed sides
- c.. 2 under 13 mixed sides and 1 under 13 girls side
- d.. 4 under 15 mixed sides and 1 under 15 girls side
- e.. 4 under 17 mixed sides and 1 under 17 girls side

It is also now time to register if you wish to play - remember, you can't play in matches if you are not registered. To register go to the club web site: <http://suhc.com.au/section-information/registration-form/>. Once you are registered for us, you will also need to register for Hockey Victoria (sorry, the two systems cannot be linked). You will get an email telling you how to register for HV.

I would also like to ask all players and parents to consider that this time of year is very expensive for SUHC, as we enter teams, buy equipment etc., so I would ask if you could please pay promptly.

Finally, the great news - Round one is on Friday 13 April and Saturday 14 April - not far away now!

**Roger Arnold,
Juniors Section Leader**

Junior State Championships – for U13/U15 and U17 Southern Sharks players

This year the U17 Shark teams are being selected at the same time as the U13/U15 teams.

Here are the details: METRO ZONES In 2012 trials will be conducted for all 6 metropolitan Zones on the following dates:

- Sunday 6 May 2012 & Sunday 13 May 2012

Here is the link to register : http://www.hockeyvictoria.org.au/index.php?id=11&tx_ttnews

U16 SSV State Team trials

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic/Pages/Hockey.aspx>

HOCKEY - 16 YEARS and UNDER GIRLS

Preliminary trials: Sunday 22nd April 2012, 7:45AM - 11:00AM, Sunday 29th April 2012, 7:45AM - 11:00AM,

Final trial: Sunday 20th May 2012, 7:45AM - 12:00PM

(NB. 11.00AM to 12.00PM – Compulsory Team Meeting – selected team members and emergencies only).

Venue: State Netball Hockey Centre, 10 Brens Drive, Parkville, 3052 Melway 29 D12

MAXIMUM 16 PLAYERS TO BE SELECTED AGE ELIGIBILITY: TRIAL LEVY: \$15.00 TO NOMINATE

go to: https://sitedesq.imgstg.com/eventsreqform/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_event_detail&EventID=11326&OrgID=1621

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: Thursday 19 April 2012

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Hobart, TAS: 11 - 18 August 2012

