

HORNBY HAPPENINGS

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Hi all. Welcome to 2012 and the forthcoming hockey season. Hope you all had a great festive season, are well rested and raring to go again. No doubt you will all have started a bit of personal pre season fitness training in preparation for the big call up.

So what's been happening.

Our AGM was held on the 24th of Jan. To be honest it was probably the worst turnout of players that we have had in recent times. I guess that means either no one cares too much about what is happening or that you are all very content with the way things are going. We prefer to take the latter option. However one thing that urgently needs attending to is the appointment of a junior committee as there were no candidates for Junior Club Capt or very many offers of interest in standing for the junior committee. If this is not rectified we may have to curtail some of the junior operation. Please let us know if you can spare some time to help out.



Apart from that the make up of the committee is pretty much the same as last year but we welcome a new women's club captain Harriet Cameron to the fold. Harriet replaces Jackie Walker who has retired from the job after several years of service. Thank you Jackie for your time and efforts over the years.

Our pre season schedule for trials and other activity is almost completed and will be available on the website soon. Initially for the men [all grades] they are having a weekly Wednesday hit out and fitness session at Wycola from 7.30pm. All welcome. First trial for them is Sunday 19 Feb at St Bedes. Anyone intending to trial for the Div 1 team should report at 1100 for registration followed by a fitness assessment and agility session. A trial game on turf commences at 1200 which is open to all. A possible / probables game has been organized for the following week at Nunweek 2 at 3.30pm.

For the women the first trial for Premier and Div 1 will be held at Nunweek 2 at 2.00pm on Sunday 26 Feb. Please report by 1.15pm for registration, other detail and warm up.

As you are probably aware by now there have been a few changes in the CHA weekend competition structure for 2012. A reduction to 6 teams per grade and automatic promotion / relegation after round 1 should keep us all on our toes and make our games a lot more competitive. As well there are other incentives being introduced which hopefully will make the competition more enjoyable and meaningful. All will no doubt be revealed in due course.

Just for the record our office holders for the 2012 season are

President	Tania Brownlee	
Secretary	John Turner	
Treasurer	Margaret Turner	
Club Captains	Men	Ray Abernethy
	Women	Harriet Cameron
	Juniors	Still to be filled.

We're still looking for coaches for some of our lower graded teams. Why not give it a go.

There has been some hockey activity over the summer months so far.

A weekly Summer league was organized at Wycola pre season with 8 teams participating. Unfortunately the final day was rained off but it was an enjoyable series for those participating. Thanks to those who undertook to organize it.

Masters Hockey has been in full swing since October and has recommenced after the Xmas break. Our women's team continues to set the standard and won the pre Xmas round robin whilst the men in their first year of competition have performed creditably and picked up a win or two. They are pretty happy with their first time up effort.

Super Six kicks off on Waitangi Day. We have 3 women's and 1 men's team entered. For the girls a Premier, Div 1 and a High School team and the men a squad of Div 1 hopefuls. Good luck to all participants.



The Div 1 Wildcats women and a friend or two have been busily fundraising during the summer to raise funds for their pre season trip to the Gold Coast. Whilst it's probably more shopping than hockey they have arranged a couple off games against the Labrador club. Some of you will remember we hosted a couple of their junior teams a couple of years back. It's good to keep the association going.

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