

HORNBY HAPPENINGS

EARTHQUAKE EDITION

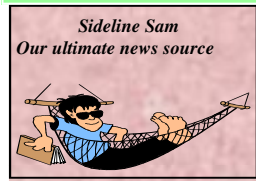
We have all been affected, to a greater or lesser extent, by the recent earthquake. For some, lives have been taken and/or devastated. For others there has been little damage or personal loss. Whatever the case, I think we all feel a great depth of sadness for what has happened to our city and its people. At times like this nothing is more important than family and friends. Our work and pastimes take a backseat as we deal with the things that are most important to us.

So where does hockey fit in?

Everyone will have a different opinion on how playing hockey now fits into their lives. Attitudes will vary right across the spectrum from “how can you play hockey at a time like this?” to “thank goodness I still have hockey”. The comment we have had over the past few days reflects this. We have had contact regarding continuing with hockey at this time and messages of support for doing so. We understand both points of view.

Hockey is a game that primarily we play for one reason - enjoyment. If we didn't enjoy the game we wouldn't play it. Some of the aspects of enjoyment we get out of the game include exercise, companionship, the challenge, the environment our club provides, satisfaction and relaxation. Our sport offers people the opportunity to experience some enjoyment in stressful and challenging times. A chance to escape for a while and have some relief from daily stresses. Evidence of this was seen with the decision to continue with primary trials in Ashburton last Sunday.

At Hornby hockey we believe in the importance of doing some “normal” things at this time and we will be continuing as best we can with our preparations for the season's start. We fully respect those that want to put hockey on the back burner for a while but will still provide opportunities for those that want to play and practice.



Sideline Sam
 Our ultimate news source

So where to from here. Well there's no doubt that the start of the season will prove particularly difficult. As far as we're aware the three turfs have suffered only minor damage but are still playable. However many of the mini turfs particularly at schools around the city have suffered extensive damage and putting together a junior competition is going to prove difficult.

We at Hornby are carrying on trying to organize and select teams. Find coaches and managers etc. and we hope to run all the sessions that are published. It is going to be a challenge to have all our teams up and running by the due date. We are lucky that Wycola has suffered no damage and at least we have somewhere to practice.

We are presuming that all those that have registered still wish to play. If this is not the case and you want to put hockey on the back burner this season it would be appreciated if you could let us know. Or if you are unable to attend any particular sessions please make sure we are aware.

The instant info page on our website will be regularly updated so please keep an eye on that and the news page for the latest Hornby Hockey info.

It will be a trying time, we do appreciate your patience and understanding as we try and get the 2011 season under way

March 2011

From the committee
 Trials & pre season games
 Team selections
 Money

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One thing that is going to be in short supply for everyone is money. There is no doubt that obtaining grants and sponsorships this year will be extremely difficult and some ideas for reducing our costs are already under action.

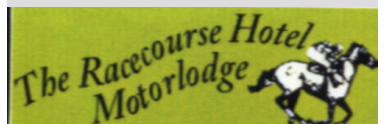
There has been a minimal increase in the club subscription and the substantial early bird discount still applies if paid by the due date. Good news for the juniors tho is that although there is a small increase in subscription the one off turf fee this is not required due to the generosity of two of our club benefactors and life members who have offered to cover this fee. It means that the net cost for a primary player will actually decrease this year.

You can all help here by either paying your subs early or at least on time or if you may find the total payment difficult start now paying it off now in small amounts.

You can direct deposit into the club's bank account

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Just make sure you use your name and maybe team as a reference



Congratulations to Bridget Blackwood .. Called into the Blacksticks for the test series against Japan