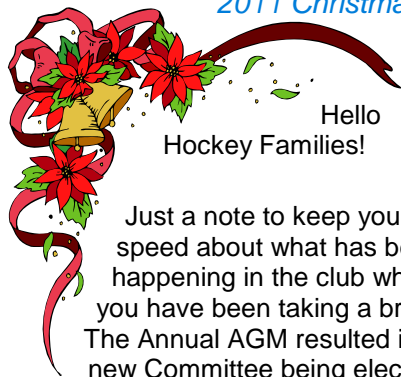




The Sainly News

ST ANDREWS LADIES JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB | FUNFITNESSFRIENDSHIP

2011 Christmas newsletter



Hello
Hockey Families!

Just a note to keep you up to speed about what has been happening in the club while you have been taking a break. The Annual AGM resulted in a new Committee being elected at the Senior level. Your Junior Committee remains unchanged this year (committee information is detailed at the end of the newsletter). I am really looking forward to working with this new senior committee and hope that together we can move the club forward in growth and togetherness.

This newsletter is to inform you of early events on the [hockey calendar](#) so you can get those dates in your 2012 diaries and to give you some early insight to any club changes.

The earliest start to the season is for those wishing to play Turf (relevant to U13 or Junior level players). I would like to give some insight to the turf competition to those juniors who have only previously considered playing grass. From my perspective, grass and turf hockey are both exciting and skilled games and I believe any girl has the ability to play either game. The decision as to which game a player enjoys most rests with the player. I suspect because all representative players play turf that the perception is that it is the more elite game. Having watched both games, my observations are that each surface brings its own unique skill set. Turf is a faster game around the trap as the trajectory is much surer than when

playing on grass. This can translate to an elevated fitness level requirement. Both games are fun and equally challenging. If the player is interested in playing representative hockey at an elite level, however, then turf play is a must. It is possible to play both Grass and Turf, but BWA have strict rules governing what divisions can be played together. If you wish to consider this you need to talk to the Junior Registrar so we can try to accommodate your requirements and provide information on fee levels.

This year we intend once again trying to field an U13A, JT3 and JT1 teams in the junior turf competition. To do this we need at least 40 registered turf players of the appropriate age group. The early training/turf trial sessions are a great idea for any player who is interested in just trying the surface- you will know many of the girls who are out there and the coaches will help with your skill set.

Junior Turf training is held at Burringbar Park at Chermside on a Monday night. Games are played on Friday evening at the Junior level and Saturday morning at the U13 level.

In addition, at the Senior level we are considering fielding a Div 3 Senior team. This will allow junior girls to trial for the Senior Div 3 and 4 teams – Div3 is played on a Saturday and Div4 on a Sunday. Training for these teams is yet to be decided but it will be a weeknight and probably at the State Hockey Centre. An early trial for these teams will be held mid January. Can I ask for expressions of interest from Junior players interested in trialing for a Senior

Division Team be sent to the Junior Secretary, Jayne, at fitzshal@optusnet.com.au upon receipt of this newsletter-- enabling the club to send you the trial dates.

Note, club fees are higher for turf and higher again if you wish to play in more than one team – this is to accommodate field hire for training and game fees for the turf.

We will be sending out an expression of interest form to give us a head start on organising team numbers. Can I ask that you all send this back ASAP – this will enable us to organise coaching and help us determine how many teams we can field. It is just a little reply but a big help to the Junior Committee.

In closing, can I ask that you help our club to grow by encouraging your girls to bring a friend to Hockey. We had girls who had never played hockey before join Junior Grass last year, quickly becoming valuable players to the team--no experience is necessary just a big smile!

Have a safe and joyous Christmas and see you next year in the Blue and Gold!

Rob Schmidt

Date Claimers

Sign on Day **Sunday 5th Feb** 9am – 12noon

Turf trials/training commence on **Sunday 29th January** and will run for 4 weeks.

TBA – Senior Div 3&4 trials



Fitness Sessions

All Junior Level Grass and Turf teams (JG and JT teams) will have a compulsory fitness session in addition to their hockey training session. This will be held on a Thursday evening at Downey Park and will be run by Jeff Miller, a father from the club and former State Rugby coach. These sessions will start the first week in February. More information will be sent out early next year. Of course, any other Junior players are also welcome to attend.

Website

The St Andrews website is a treasure trove of useful information. Wet weather information, fixture times and all Club contact details can be found on the site. The website is currently being restructured and will be your contact source next year – to take the place of the many emails from managers and the Junior Committee.

Committees

Senior Committee:

President	Francis Wright
Vice President	Julie Dunn
Secretary	Jan Spathonis
Vice Secretary	Jacque Leith
Treasurer	Karen Malowiecki
Vice Treasurer	Tammy Griffin
Turf Captain	TBA
Grass Captain	Narelle Goulding

Junior Committee:

President	Rob Schmidt
Secretary	Jayne Shallcross
Registrar	Simone Casey
Treasurer	Karen Malowiecki
Umpire Convenor	Ruth Kelly
Coach Coordinator	Lea Brittain

