

The Bottom Line

QEII UNDERWATER HOCKEY CLUB
NEWSLETTER — MAY 2005



My Word!

Good luck to all playing in the South Island Champs this weekend. We have entered three teams (one in each grade). For the first time that I can think of, all three teams have the full complement of four subs.

A warm welcome to our new members, of which there have recently been many. We hope you all enjoy your hockey and the friendliness within our club.

STAC has about 20 juniors this year and will be sending three teams to the South Island School Zone Tournament on 11 June. Bryn needs someone to help

them on the day as he has work commitments and will be away. Please contact him if you can help.

Christ's College and Rangi Ruru have a lot of interested juniors and will be playing every Wednesday 7-9pm at Christ's College pool.

Cassandra Thompson has been invited to apply to the NZ U19 Girls Academy, set up by NZUWH to help develop youth UWH. Only 40 applicants are accepted per year. I'm sure we all wish her good luck with this and her goal of playing for NZ U19s in 2007.

Matt Toohey is all better and will soon be back in the water which is great to hear (excuse the pun).

Rock on!

Moosh

President's Report from Matt Toohey

Recently there have been complaints from long-standing members of the club that not enough is being done to organise ourselves poolside and in the water during club sessions. There were also complaints from A Team members about patchy attendance resulting in poor practices for those members.

We had a committee meeting to try and address these issues and it was decided to structure the thursday night session in particular into graded games, along with warm-up and skills sessions built in to the thursday night club night. We are also trying for a A grade game against Pegasus on Tuesday nights to sharpen our match practice. Sundays continue to be our most social session, but recent reports show that sunday is becoming as competitive a game as thursday night. Mark, as your club captain, will be picking teams with help from Bryn and we will endeavour to have reffed games where possible to give referees practice before tournaments. Last time we had referees they ended up being abused for their performance and this killed enthusiasm for refereeing our club games. It is quite simple - lay off the refs or we will not have anyone to ref our games.

Attendance is right up and Brendan tells me it is the best hockey we have had in ages, so come on down and get into it.

I was also called in recently by pool management to discuss some ongoing strife between the club and pool staff on Thursday nights. They need us to be out of the water at 10pm and out of the complex by 10.30pm. At this stage they have agreed that the main men's changing room will be available for us until 10.20pm and the family rooms will be available for women. Bryn tells me the female membership is growing (which is great) and that we may need to get the pool to agree to the women's changing room being available to 10.20pm as well. If female members are having trouble, please email or call me and I will get back to the pool management.

I have also asked the pool management to ask their staff to improve their attitude to our members and I expect that if we all stick to the above arrangement, we will have a harmonious pool exit from now onwards.

One last issue is that we have the same guys getting the cage out and putting it back all the time. Please do not be shy - lets share the load.

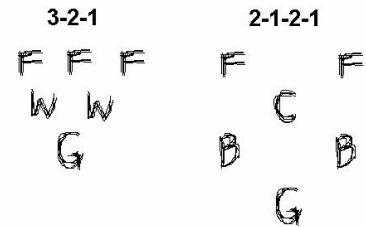
To all our teams in the South Islands, I wish you all the best. My ear has healed and I am clear to play, so see you on the bottom!!!!

Matt

From your Club Captain Mark Heberd

As many of you will be aware, the QEII A team recently decided to change from the more traditional 2-1-2-1 formation to 3-2-1. The 3-2-1 formation is a formation intended to attack with great speed, relying on the water speed of the forwards and wings in particular to swim past opposition. Primarily it differs from 2-1-2-1 in the way the puck can be moved through the formation.

Simplistically looking at the formations, 2-1-2-1 the puck is moved forward or back on 45 degree angles. 3-2-1 by comparison works on the basis that the wings are always looking to flick the puck directly forward between a pair of forwards who can then work together. As an attacking formation in my opinion it is the fastest way to score quick goals against a team of high skill. It's drawback however is in it's defence. Without the centre who can defend the opposition's attack from within, the three forwards of 3-2-1 are usually given the option only of back tackling to help out. It very much relies on the individual skills of the backs to stop a roll back situation by winning the puck and running it to a wall where we can re-set the formation and start the attack again.



Considering the different focus of this new style for us to play (God that's a horrible sentence) I'm really looking forward to seeing how we are going to work together this weekend.

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Mark

Office Dares – Are you Brave Enough?

ONE-POINT DARES

1. Ignore the first five people who say 'good morning' to you.
2. To signal the end of a conversation, clamp your hands over your ears and grimace.
3. Leave your fly open for one hour. If anyone points it out, say, "Sorry, I really prefer it this way".
4. Walk sideways to the photocopier.
5. While going in an elevator, gasp dramatically each time the doors open.
6. When in elevator with one other person, tap them on the shoulder and pretend it wasn't you.
7. Finish all your sentences with "In accordance with the prophecy..."
8. Don't use any punctuation.
9. Interrupt your conversation with someone by giving a huge dejected sigh.
10. Use your highlighter pen on the computer screen.

THREE-POINT DARES

1. Say to your boss, "I like your style", wink, and shoot him with double-barreled fingers.
2. Kneel in front of the water cooler and drink directly from the nozzle.
3. Shout random numbers while someone is counting.
4. Every time you get an email, shout "email".
5. Put decaf in the coffee maker for three weeks. Once everyone has got over his or her caffeine addictions, switch to espresso.
6. Keep hole punching your finger. Each time you do, shout, "dagnamit, it's happened again!". Then do it again.
7. Introduce yourself to a new colleague as "the office bicycle". Then wink and pout.
8. Call I.T. helpdesk and tell them that you can't seem to access any pornography web sites.

FIVE-POINT DARES

1. At the end of a meeting, suggest that, for once, it would be nice to conclude with the singing of the national anthem (extra points if you actually launch into it yourself).
2. Walk into a very busy person's office and while they watch you with growing irritation, turn the light switch on/off 10 times.
3. For an hour, refer to everyone you speak to as "Dave".
4. Announce to everyone in a meeting that you "really have to go do a number two".
5. When you've picked up a call, before speaking finish off some fake conversation with the words, "she can abort it for all I care".
6. After every sentence, say 'Mon' in a really bad Jamaican accent. As in: "The report's on your desk, Mon." Keep this up for one hour.
7. In a meeting or crowded situation, slap your forehead repeatedly and mutter, "Shut up, damn it, all of you just shut up!"
8. At lunchtime, get down on your knees and announce, "As God is my witness, I'll never go hungry again!"
9. Repeat the following conversation 10 times to the same person: "Do you hear that?" "What?" "Never mind, it's gone now."
10. Present meeting attendees with a cup of coffee and biscuit; smash each biscuit with your fist.
11. During the course of a meeting, slowly edge your chair towards the door.
12. As often as possible, skip rather than walk.
13. Ask people what sex they are. Laugh hysterically after they answer.
14. Sign or p.p. all letters with your initials and a swastika.

Happy Birthday to:

Lars Jacobsen	10 May
Hamish Howie	18 May
Brendan Maxwell	18 June
Murray Greig	19 June
Adrian Metcalfe	20 June
Julia Jenkins	29 June

2005 South Island Champs, 28 May

QEII Beefeaters – A Grade

Matt Neale (C) (Ref)
Mark Hebbard (VC)
Brendan Maxwell
Bryn Thompson (Ref)
Aaron Smith
Ian Soutar
Denis Chen
Michael Newton
Toby Nichols
Gary Kearns

QEII Guardsmen – B Grade

Leonie Carter
Emma Somerville (C) (Ref)
Jess Southern
Nicole Brown
Ray Hall
Ian Barker (VC)
Hamish Howie
Allan Brown
Bill Hulme
Jock Hulme

QEII Ruins & Roses – C Grade

Mike Davis (Ref)
Murray Greig (C) (Ref)
John Dunlop
Cassandra Thompson (VC)
Sam Broad
Penelope Spencer
Sam Pipe
Thomas Venning
Tristan Hanbury-Weber
Ben Heese

All players must have a clean **white and black stick**. The club will supply caps.

Also, our playing colour is Black with the QEII logo on the back. Guys, if you do not have togs, I have TYR's for sale for \$10 with the club logo on. Ladies, if you have black that you wish to get screen then please all get them to me by next Thursday, the club will pay for the printing.

The QEII club is running the competition on the day and we are hiring our barriers, so we need help to put them in and take them out, **Matt Toohey will be in contact about this.**

There will not be a function as such, Ian Barker and I will arrange a place for those that wish to go out and have a meal and drinks with other players. So, let Ian or me know if you wish to come and party with us.

Bryn

QEII UWH Committee for 2005

President Matt Toohey
Secretary Matt Neale
Club Captain Mark Hebbard
Treasurer Samantha Thompson

Other Committee members:
Nicole Brown, Ray Hall, Gary Kearns, Brendan Maxwell,
Adrian Metcalfe, Jacqui Spencer, Bryn Thompson, Dave Whyte.

These are the people to see if you have any queries/concerns, etc.

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Pool Bookings '05

Tuesdays	8.30 pm - 9.30 pm 5 lanes - 50 Metre pool (Nth end)
Thursdays	7.30 pm - 10.00 pm 5 lanes - 50 metre pool
Fridays	6.00 pm - 7.00 pm Dive Well Shelf
Sundays	4.00 pm - 6.00 pm 4 Lanes - 50 Metre pool

No Hockey due to other bookings:

June:	Thursday 2nd Friday 3rd Sunday 5th Sunday 26th
July:	Sunday 10th Thursday 14th Friday 15th Sunday 17th
August:	Thursday 18th Friday 19th Sunday 21st
September:	Friday 9th Thursday 29th
October:	Thursday 6th Friday 7th
November:	Sunday 20th
December:	Friday 2nd Tuesday 13th

**Last session for 2005:
Thursday 15th December**

**OLD COMPETITION CAPS ARE
BEING SOLD BY THE CLUB FOR
ONLY \$20.00 PER PAIR.
SOLD ON A FIRST-IN, FIRST-
SERVED BASIS, SO IF YOU HAVE
A NUMBER YOU PREFER, GET IN
BEFORE IT'S GONE.**