



## WOMBATS NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2010

Hi everyone and welcome to the Wombats latest newsletter. So far this year we have been doing well on the field with 6 teams in the top four of their group and couple of teams only just out with a chance to be in the finals action for September.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August is our **club day** and a great chance to come down and support your club and see some great hockey as the season heads towards its close. It would be particularly great if the juniors could make it along to support our Div 2 women at 2pm, followed by our Div 1 men and 3.30pm. There will be free sausages all afternoon for Wombats.

The draw for the club day is:

- › Under 14 Boys - Albury Hockey Centre 1, 8:15 AM
- › Under 14 Girls - Albury Hockey Centre 2, 8:15 AM
- › Under 12 Boys - Albury Hockey Centre 1, 12:25 PM
- › Division 2 Women - Albury Hockey Centre 1, 2:00 PM
- › Division 3 Men - Albury Hockey Centre 2, 2:00 PM
- › Division 1 Men - Albury Hockey Centre 1, 3:30 PM
- › Division 2 Men - Albury Hockey Centre 1, 5:00 PM
- › Div 3 Women Gold Albury Hockey Centre 2, 5:00 PM
- › Div 3 Women Green Albury Hockey Centre 1, 6:30 PM

This year has been a joy with the draw compared to last year and we are grateful to the Director of Competitions (Gay Harvey and Jo Duffy who works with her and does most of the draw) for the work that was put in before the season to enable us to have a far more organised year. The work with the ground is progressing with concrete currently being laid between fields 1 and 2 at Albury. Please be patient with accessing field 2 while these works are going on. Don't forget that Albury and Wodonga Hockey Centres are both smoke and dog free zones.

A week ago was our always successful trivia night which was won by Kelly's Heroes, with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places so hotly contested that we had to call a draw after extra time (no flicks at trivia nights). Our thanks go to many people – those of you that came and supported us, those that helped on the night and our sponsors whom we could not do this without. Please check the end of this newsletter ( or the Sponsors page on our web site) for a list of our sponsors and support them where you are able. A special note of thanks needs to go to Gaye Hales who was responsible for most of the collection of prizes for the trivia night. The net result for Wombats was \$1500 to put in the club coffers.

And our annual (or bi annual depending on the year) wine drive is on again. The order form is on the web site. The wines come from Gapsted and offer great quality at a great price.

Our completely updated web site [ <http://www.wombatshockey.com/> ] is looking great with Pete O'Dwyer putting in some great work. Among other things we now have a Trophies Page showcasing all our perpetual trophies. We also have a loyalty page for anyone to advertise their business – so if you need a local business – check our page first!

We have managed to acquire some more sticks through our contacts at Hockey World and are able to offer them to you at the greatly reduced price of \$40. Some examples of the types of stick are the Black Magic and the TDK silver and gold range (36.5 or 37.5 inch.)

Our U16 pizza night was a great success with much noise and fun and I am sure some of them just inhaled the pizza. The raffle on the night which was a much coveted \$100 Hockey World Voucher was won by Sam Kramer.

### **Life outside Hockey.**

We have a new Wombat on the way with Tim and Stacey Hartwich expecting their first baby in December. Congratulations on this excellent news.

Congratulations to Kerry Brown on her recent engagement to Peter. We wish her and Peter all the best for their future together.

On a sad note Robyn Rodd, the Scots Hockey Club secretary and mother of former Wombat Lachlan Rodd, died on last month in a cycling accident near Harrierville. The committee and all our club members express their deepest sympathy to Richard, Lachlan, Cameron and Nicola. Robyn always did an excellent job and gave her all and will be sadly missed.

### **Rep News**

**Rep trials for next year are now!!.** Boys are this weekend the 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-10.30 and the girls are on the 15<sup>th</sup> from 8-10.30. If you wish to trial and have missed getting your form in, please contact Julie Versteegen (Junior Rep coordinator) at training this week or call her on 0403 499 561.

Congratulations to all our Rep players this year who have all acquitted themselves well both on and off the field. Special mention here needs to go to **Jessie Nixon** who has just been selected in the U13 Victorian State team, **Ben Hooppell** who has been selected in the U15 Victorian State team and **Andrew Nixon** who has been selected in the NSW PSSA boys which are being played 8-13 Aug at Gold Coast Qld. Congratulations and well done to the three of you.

We also need to mention Jocelyn Bartram who is excelling at her hockey having just returned from China as part of the Australian School Girls side and then from Brisbane in the NSW U21 side (an excellent result for Jocie who is only 17).

Our **Albury Rep players** this year are listed below and congratulations to all of them also.

- > U13 boys: Zac Kraich, Nathan Lee, Dylan McLennan, Andrew Nixon
- > U13 girls: Ti'ana Crawford, Jessie Nixon
- > U15 boys: Jamin Barrett, Ben Hooppell, Jack Saunders, Ryen Versteegen
- > U15 girls: Cassie Lee, Catherine Pratt, Tegan Rennie, Amy Rooke
- > U17 girls: Mallory Campbell, Ellie Lewis, Sanne Norden, Magella Wendt , Tessa Yonson

We also had players selected in the **North East Knight teams**.

- > U13 Girls: Ti'ana Crawford, Jessie Nixon
- > U13 Boys: Dylan MacLennan, Zac Kraich
- > U15 Girls: Cassie Lee, Amy Rooke, Tegan Rennie
- > U15 Boys: Ryen Versteegen, Jamin Barrett, Ben Hooppell, Caleb Hudson
- > U17 selections will be held this month.

### **Dates to Remember**

- > 7 August Club day for Wombats at Albury
- > 19 August 6.00-9.00pm Pizza and Junior Trivia night for U12's & U14's
- > 23 September Junior Presentation Night (tentative)
- > 24 September Senior Presentation Night

### **Trivia Night Sponsors**

- Albury Newsagency
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- Baker Motors
- Bakers Delight Lavington
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- Dr Jana's Veterinary Centre
- Hockey Albury Wodonga
- Hockey World
- Hot Bake
- IGA East Albury
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