

The Magpie



Fremantle Interfoods Magpies Newsletter

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Issue One

by Evan Standley

The 2002 season has snuck around again. I hope all have had a relaxing and festive break (only for some I might add).

Over the summer period some enthusiastic individuals have been slogging it out in the indoor court and bringing home the State Classic League Indoor Title defeating the "Australian" Indoor stacked side of Melville in the final in early February at the South Lake Recreation Centre.

Other eager beavers are Blaza's band of weekend warriors, {Goundrey Cup}, and a number of blow ins keen for a workout which informs me off "regularly". So here is where you can find him and the boys doing it over the next couple of week, so feel free to join in.

Thurs	07.03	18:00 Stevens Reserve
Fri	08.03	19:15 Gryphon Cup v Melville @ PHS 2
Sun	10.03	09:00 Coogee Beach
Mon	11.03	17:55 Gryphon Cup v WASP @ PHS 1
Tues	12.03	18:40 Training PHS 2
Wed	13.03	17:55 Gryphon Cup v YMCC @ PHS 2

Friday the 8th is the beginning of the potential top squad's season with the pre-season competition the "Gryphon Cup" to be held at the stadium The comp consists of five games over ten days.

As a special note for the club we have attained the casual services of Peter Freer, who is an accredited level 3 coach previously with Mods and also has coached 1st Division in England to assist

with the early season running and pre-season Gryphon Cup – due to Blaza having to possibly don the strips himself with numbers being short due to NHL commitments.

The president - (Andrew Robertson) – for those who weren't at the last AGM has our Social and Operational Committee's humming to a fine beat.

Dates of importance:

Juniors: -	
12 th March	Senior Training Starts at Stevens Reserve 18:00 Tuesday and Thursdays
21 st March	Junior Training Starts
23 rd March	Goundrey Cup Season starts
6 th April	Busy Bee at Stevens 10:00am
11 th April	Senior Players Tea
13 th April	Ladies Senior Season starts
20 th April	Mens Senior Season starts
27 th April	Black & White Night

WANTED JUNIOR COACHES

Play for free by either finding a player sponsor or coaching a junior team. If you are interested in either of these deals, please contact Glenn Strother at the soonest possible occasion.

SOME OF OUR GURUS AND THEIR EXPLOITS

Nathan Eglington and Leon Martin selected to train with Aussie squad but unfortunately weren't required for touring duties. Well done all the same lads.

Unfortunately, for the Goundry Cup side, they will be sadly missing explosive forwards; Jason "Tacca", Baedon Sharp, Matthew Gorton and dependable mid fielders; Phil Sharpe and Timmy "Toot" Price. Hopefully we will be getting regular updates from the lads on their tales and adventures.

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WHERE ARE YOU NOW ?

If you've received this via "snail mail" but you've moved into the "noughties" and are online then let us know what your email address is at slothgrs@touch88.com.au ,

Have you changed address since last season then let Glenn Strother know on 94349940.

FREO ONLINE

The Freo website is undergoing a update so for any club information make this your first stop. Just punch in "Fremantle Hockey" into your search engine or type in <http://mmc.arts.uwa.edu.au/freo/>

HATCHED MATCHED AND DISPATCHED

Congrats to Pam Parkin and Murray on the birth of Jay Emerson in January this year.

Also to retiring Vice-Pres Nicky Jeffs and Adrian who tied the knot over the off-season.

A number of our Goundrey Guys have answered the call to spread Aussie talent to the north, among them Matty Gorton, Baedon Sharp and Jason "Tacca" Hart while Phil Sharpe has gone on tour with the Aussie Cricket Team in South Africa.

PRE-SEASON TRAINING

We know the Goundrey Squad are hard at it but for those who prefer to start a little later stalwart Banksy will be commencing pre-season training at the club Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00pm from Tuesday the 12th March.

Junior training will commence Thursday the 21st March.

STADIUM PASSES

Stadium passes this year will cost you \$100 and are valid for the CALENDAR year. They will give you entrance to everything EXCEPT international events. For more information check out the WAHA website

<http://www.hockeywa.org.au/waha/index.htm>

or call Sue at WAHA on 9351 4300.

COACHES

The call is on again for those interested persons who would like to coach a junior team. Anyone who has done it before can tell of the satisfaction of coaching a great bunch of kids.

Contact Graham Greenacre to register your interest. ggreenacre@ghd.com.au or 9339 5902

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE

Pres	Andrew Robertson
Vice Presidents	
Juniors	Graham Greenacre
Mens	Andrew "Bubby" Evans
Ladies	Lee Abbott
Treasurer	Ian Darby
Secretary	Glenn Strother
General Committee	
	Clay Wright
	Helen Wilmore
	Genny Fisher
	Martin Spencer
	Mary Kerr
	Andrew Shorter
	Pamela Parkin
	Ross Brown

BUSY BEE

10:00am 6th April at Stevens Reserve.

As with any club things wear out and need replacing or repairing, however these things don't just happen.

Come down for a few hours and hit a nail or splash some paint around so we can start the season all fresh.

We'll chuck a couple snaggers on the Barbie at lunch time.

JUNIOR DATES

21 st March	Junior training starts
7 th April	Mentor Day
16 th April	1 st Turf training Day
4 th May	Junior season starts
9 th May	Junior Players Tea
14 th May	2 nd Turf training day
26 th May	Mentor Day

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TALES FROM A BROAD

By Matthew Gorton

Hola all!

I am now back at Hurst coaching and helping take lessons. I got back yesterday after a 2 week vacation in the Canary Islands where I stayed on Fuerteventura at the town of Corralejo, with the j being pronounced k. I flew from Manchester which was a bit of a mission to get to and I spent Christmas by myself but it was more than worth it. The flight was cheap and the Canaries are dirt cheap to holiday at if you shop and cook for yourself and buy your beer at the supermarket. 330ml cans of beer were about 40cents Aus with the exchange rate and the local rum was about Aus\$12. Of course with this being the case I drank shitloads. I lived on seafood, olives, fruit and a little bit of chocolate.

I arrived on the island at about 8.30pm Boxing Day knowing where I wanted to go but without a clue as to how I was going to get there or where I was going to stay. I managed to get on a tour bus and got dropped smack bang in the middle of town where the streets were packed with people. Some pommy surfers told me of a couple of hotels I could try but both were full. I managed to find one for 7000 pesatas which is above the norm but the place was nice and unlike the other places you got a buffet breakfast. The next day the breaks around town were pretty small so I hiked up a volcano and you could make out the entire North Shore coast line. There were plenty of breaks around which had swell so I was pretty excited.

The next day I loaded up with water and a bit of food, left some belongings at the hotel, made sure I had a room booked for New Years and I was off. I started walking the track for quite a few kms when an American longboarder picked me up and we drove to the BUBBLE (Kenty its all true the place goes off). The waves were unreal, the water was warm, there were crew on it but the vibe was cool. This little stretch of coast line which was about 1km had so many breaks that there were peaks everywhere that weren't being surfed. Not to mention about half a dozen good quality breaks on the track out there that weren't being surfed because it was a bit of a paddle. I surfed for hours came in and then found a nice little shelter to lay in that had been made out of the volcanic rocks that are found on the beach. The surf was good and for the next couple of day and I met heaps of crew from all over the world. Camping on the beach was awesome and the "Sirocco" did blow pretty hard one day after being very light in the morning but I stuck it out and got rewarded with a glass off with only about 5 people out and the swell was thumping. I hiked back into town but again got picked by another Yank that had been living back and forth between the US and the island for about six years. He put me onto a good hostel were I stayed for the second week of my holidays. I surfed almost everyday and another time I walked out and got picked up by some crazy young local. He gave me a lift back as well and drove like a madman on the way to town because he was late for work. It was amazing and I would recommend travelling by yourself to any one. I never once thumbed for a lift but got picked up every time and met so many people. I have heaps more stories of my surfing adventures but I will save them to tell in person.

New Years was a blinder and the place was jumping, there are heaps of tourists and the female locals are also really friendly. You don't need to be able to speak Spanish but I tried all the same. You just have to be polite and geet people in Espanol which is cool anyway.

It was an amazing trip and I ended up sleeping in Manchester Airport and catching a train at 5.20am. The trip home turned out to be a mission as well with a couple of delays and a couple of tube rides in London because the Thameslink to Brighton at Kings Cross had no power. I stepped out of the taxi at college at 2.15pm just as my boys were making there way to the astro pitch. I was looking as rough as guts but just grabbed my stick from under the stairs where I stashed it, dumped my gear and coached them in jeans and desert boots (£17 from Shoe Zone, bargain).

It was a trip that I will never forget and a place that I will definately visit again. I took a disposable camera and I am looking forward to getting the photos developed.

Adios

Matt

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