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President's Report

Another great season has come to an end, thanks to everyone who has played, umpired, coached, spectated or was on the BoM. Many hands do make light work so think next year how can you help out in one other way to continue to make UCHC great.

Highlights

On field

Prior to the 2015 we successfully lobbied Hockey ACT to include at Women's SL2 team, which we have not had in the past three years. This meant we had a team in all Women's grades. We had another great start to the season with a good turn out to UC Market Day and Grading Day.

We had 7 teams in finals MSL1, MSL2, MSL3, MW, MSL3, WSL4, WSL5 which is a great result for the club. It was great to see so many people supporting the club, all wearing their yellow finals shirts! We had 4 teams in Grand Finals, Midweek, MSL2, MSL3 and WSL3 and 2 premiers - Midweek defeating ANU 2-1 and MSL2 defeating Daramalan 2-1.

We also had another successful umpiring season, with only one missed umpiring commitment at the time of writing. To put that in perspective we do approximately 9 umpiring commitments per round with 20 rounds, that's approximately 180 games! A big thank you to Madden for coordinating this and the umpires that help out each and every week!

Major Sponsor

We secured a major sponsor with the RUC Bowls Club Turner coming on board. The BoM are looking to ensure this relationship is mutually beneficial for both us the RUC to make sure we continue the relationship for many years to come. The RUC has given us a great place for social functions, after game drinks and team dinners. Please continue to support them throughout the finals series and into summer and make sure they know you are from UCHC.

Culture and Social Events

One of the BoM's main goals this year was to increase the culture within the club. Hockey ACT have assisted this with most weeks UC teams playing back to back or close to each other so

there was always an opportunity to watch another team play. We have also celebrated off the field with social functions, starting with our Season Launch Lawn Bowls at the RUC, Bar Rally, the inaugural Christmas in July and Trivia Night with Pres Night to come. These functions are important to get to know your teammates and fellow clubmates, there lots of relationships/hook ups/stories that start with a UC Social Function!

Finance

Extra sponsorship and fundraising was a huge bonus to the clubs finances and helped us to stay in the black. We were able to reduce fees for all members despite increasing overheads from Hockey ACT. We have also been able to allocate some of our budget to buying more equipment for the club such as new balls and goal keeping kits.

Uniform

The club also updated its uniform for the first time in over 9 seasons, on field we look like we have a uniform and off field its great to see people in supporter gear. Whilst there were some challenges at the start of the year the BoM is thankful for your patience think it was worth the wait! A big thank you to Sean for pushing the new uniform and dealing with any of the issues that arose.

Challenges

With so many highlights there are bound to be some extra challenges.

Fee Payment

With new penalties from HACT for late payments we had to enforce our fee deadlines more. This was met with some resistance with some players not paying fees until just prior to finals, this makes it difficult for the club to meet our financial commitments and if this continues the club will look for new arrangements for fees payments.

Lower Grade Women's Teams

There was some extra strain on the lower womens's with teams with smaller player numbers and Hockey ACT combining the SL4 and SL5 competitions. The coaches of the teams did a great job to continually field teams each week.

Uniforms

As mentioned there were some challenges in getting the entire club to purchase new uniforms. We understand that is it an extra commitment to buy a new uniform at the start of the season but I think the benefit has definitely outweighed the challenges.

My time

Having a baby in December has taken up lots of my time this year (who knew)! So my time to work on hockey things has had to work around nap time! A big thank you to the BoM who have been patient with me and have stepped in to take up the slack.

Goals for next season

1. Making sure we continue to develop our relationship with the RUC
2. Club Culture – We will continue to host great social events and encourage people to watch other teams
3. Help out the BoM by paying your fees on time, buying your uniform on time and purchasing social function tickets on time!

I say it every year but if everyone in our club did one thing other than playing each week, whether it be as little as watching another team play, attending a social function or umpiring for our club, or as big as coaching or being on the BoM the club would be better off for it, and I encourage everyone to do so next year.

It would take too long to thank everyone personally, but a huge thank you goes to every player, coach and umpire who has helped to make the club better in 2015!

Lastly a massive thank you to the BoM who give up their time to organise the season. Take your time over the next few weeks to appreciate the amount of work that goes into running the club and thank each of the board members!

Hope to see everyone back for a bigger and better 2016.

Jolly Moore
President

AWARDS

TEAM AWARDS

Best and Fairest

Mens SL1	Mitch King
Mens SL2	Rob Ewens
Mens SL3	Andrew Martin
Mens SL4	Aidan Smith
Midweek	Jackson Leckie
Womens CL1	Jen Feltham
Womens CL2	Megan Mackay
Womens SL1	Kate Smyth
Womens SL2	Sarah Edwards
Womens SL3	Tania Bretton
Womens SL3	Bianca Letki
Womens SL4	Anneke Rebel
Womens SL5	Helen Arnold

Coach's Awards

Mens SL1	Taylor Green
Mens SL2	Kyle Ratcliffe
Mens SL3	Alex Gray
Mens SL4	Garth O'Connell
Midweek	Chris Ronan
Womens CL1	Emma De Kefte
Womens CL2	Tracy Hambridge
Womens SL1	Ash Thompson
Womens SL2	Paige Edwards
Womens SL3	Clare Braiser
Womens SL4	Emily Fry
Womens SL4b	Dawn Vassel
Womens SL5	Beth Logan

CLUB AWARDS

Rookie of the Year

Mens	Will Rose
Womens	Harriet Williams

Most Improved

Mens	Ryan Dix
Womens	Bianca Letkie

Goalkeeper of the Year

Brick Shit House	Steven Gee
Womens	Dawn Vassel

Shooting Star

Mens	Jackson Leckie
Womens	Morgan Evans

Most Games In a Season

Iron Man	Steven Gee
Iron Women	Tania Bretton

Coach of the Year

Ian Morrow and Jackson Leckie

Umpire of the Year

James Robertson

Clubperson of the Year

Megan Mackay

Presidents Cup

Mens	Lincoln Green
Womens	Dawn Vassel

LONGEVITY AWARDS

100 Games

Andrew Smith
Ian Morrow
Dane McCormack
Paul Douglas
Kerri Jentzsch
Katie Magee
Simone McKenzie
Tessa Bailey

150 Games

Dean Stewart
Jackson Leckie
Meredith Bone
Tania Bretton
Kellie Stewart

200 Games

Zeb Holt
Todd Hennessy
Jolanta Moore
Emma Prime

250 Games

Cameron Mortimer
Kate Wilson

300 Games

Suzi Foley
Toni Hennessy
Sarah McCooey

350 Games

Chris McNally
Mathew Hewatt
Lincoln Green
Rob Ewens
Brianna O'Keeffe

400 Games

Steven Gee



The team experienced a few player changes from 2014 but with the core remaining there was a buzz during pre-season that we might go one better in 2015 and be playing September hockey. The competition had expanded introducing Goulburn making ten CL1 teams. Unfortunately this is how the season unfolded.

Our first round (of two) was patchy. Good periods of matches were interspersed with lapses in concentration and consequently we missed good opportunities to register premiership points. The four top sides, however, all had very solid starts clearly separating them from the bottom six.

The girls lifted in the second round but we had conceded too much ground to the top four and, with a couple of less than satisfactory performances, found us finishing sixth.

There is so much more to sport than the games you win and it would be fair to say the UC girls once again proved to be a wonderful and supportive team who took the highs and lows of the season with a positive attitude. Ultimately we play sport to enjoy the experience and that is what the team achieved.

Report Card:

Merph (c):

A move to Centre Half was the perfect change to Merph's 2015 season. She stamped her style on the position and was rarely bettered. Such a pleasure to see Merph selected as Co-Captain of the ACT Strikers.

Jen:

How good is this chick! I have seen Jen play a number of seasons now and this was the finest I yet. While a little extra recovery might have been needed after some games she was a trooper all year.

Rita:

Our foundation in the defensive group on which so much of our structure was built. A move to Left Half late in the season was a great change and cemented the UC defence as one of the finest in the competition.

'D':

No longer the pup of the team D was a key

member of our Defence. A fantastic year and improved throughout the rounds.

Ursh:

Welcoming Ursh back to UC was a welcome task mid-way through the season. First game – rusty. Second game – solid and then ... outstanding for the remainder.

Greta:

Greta came into the team to fill in for CL1 player out injured or away... and never left. The only problem with Greta is she returns to Germany at the end of the year and we will miss seeing her develop into the outstanding layer she will become.

Jaz:

For two years now Jaz has been my 'go to' player to fill in any gaps in the team. She is so versatile

Lil:

A move to the midfield proved challenging for Lil and she absolutely embraced it. She prides herself in skilfully getting out of the deep left

pocket and will consistently defeat opposition players who try to prevent her doing so.

Emily:

Injury prevented us seeing enough of Em this season but when we did it was great stuff. Em played up front this year and added skill and flair to the forward line we missed after her injury.

Cassie:

We started with Cassie and then she went on holidays... then came back. Now she is off to Melbourne – all the best Cassie! She was a super addition to UC and will be missed.

Tracey:

At least 2015 saw you play more games than last year... still not enough. Plan for 2016... "Don't get a season ending injury". In fact, no injuries at all!

Penny:

A good club will always maintain a solid pipeline of players developing their skills and improving their leadership qualities. Penny has come so far in 2015 and will be a huge asset for UC in the years to come.

Cha:

Our amazing speedster consistently delivered in 2015 and was also ready to listen and act on advice. Cha is a super competitor and was always threatening in attack.

La:

Ditto!

Jolly:

She's back! Few goals and a couple of impressive games bodes well for 2016.

Tessa:

Tessa came into CL1 after a few rounds. This was a development year for Tessa and she took every

piece of advice and looked to implement it. With a natural turn of speed and a genuine interest in learning, 2016 will be a watershed season I am sure.

Louise:

Another recruit from Orange – keep them coming! Lou meshed with the team very quickly and contributed on the field consistently each week. Lou was another member of our outstanding defensive group.

Alisha:

Alisha came into CL1 from CL2 in 2014 and quickly adapted the faster tempo of the game. Starting in the half line Alisha moved into the midfield for the second round. A solid year in 2015 with some great patches of play and she will build on this in 2016. With such a pleasant and pragmatic attitude the results will be outstanding.

And finally thank you to Suzi Foley who always popped down when free to Tech Bench for us and to all our Ball Girls who supported the team.





The season started out tough as a coach, with grading this year requiring some deep thinking, a few agreements and some very tough decisions. With so many great juniors coming through it made the team selections very difficult to try to determine the best team for the season. We ended up going with a diverse mix of many ages, from 13 to experienced, that in the end proved to be a very strong and competitive team.

We began with 2 wins straight up. Off to a flyer! However with 8 girls away extending your Easter break, this saw our winning streak come to an end and be brought back to the middle of the pack.

At the half mark we'd had 3 wins, 3 loses, and 3 draws. A Zarah Mason hat trick against top of the ladder and reigning premiers St Pats was a highlight in one of our best games of the season winning 5-2.

The second half of the season saw us again string some wins together before another week off saw us lose momentum with consecutive loses following the break.

A few games in Tuggeranong nearly broke us. Never in our lives have we seen so many 50/50 decisions and crucial calls go against a team. Even with the circumstances the girls came back from 3-0 down against Time Travellers to be 3-3 only to lose with 4 seconds left on the clock.

Some of the matches we lost produced some of the best efforts from the team, with Zoe Mason making the save of the year in a controversial

game against Tuggeranong in the second last round.

Overall, CL2 had a really strong year. We were either in the top 4 or only a win outside of it right through the season. Unfortunately a heartbreaking draw and loss in the 2nd and third last round required us getting 18 goals to advance to the finals. The girls gave it their best effort with a clinical 6-0 thrashing of United to end the season.

We played a lot of well-structured, smart hockey this season that was very pretty to watch. Your continued commitment to games and trainings made our jobs as coaches much easier and very enjoyable. Congratulations on the season!

Players

Liz Yuen – 15 games

Year after year Liz proves she is a dominant defender who also communicates very well on the field helping our midfield out to be aware and close down attacking opportunities. Liz was also our captain this year, playing strongly and leading by example, giving our younger players something to aspire to.

Sarah Broomhall – 16 games

Versatile Broomelda. Due to her strength, skill, ability and determination to win the ball Broom's became our everywhere player this year. It doesn't matter if you lose or win big Broom's is always smiling after the game. With her

consistent playing performance and mixed bag of short corner hits, she is an extremely enjoyable member to have on the team.

Millie Butt – 18 games

Having played every game and only missing one training Millie's commitment was outstanding this year and it showed up front. Making some great leads and winning free hits, Millie puts everything in to winning the ball and producing results in the circle.

Tracy Hambridge – 14 games

Tracy had a great year. Whenever Tracy is on the field you can be confident that she'll always be there when needed in defence and make smart decisions when attacking. Tracy is tough to beat and will run all game if you ask her too. An idealistic player to have on the team.

Greta Luschen – 18 games

We were very lucky to have Greta play with UC this year while on exchange. We got the most out of her time with us as she played both CL1 and CL2 most weeks. Such great strength and skill for a young player, the Hockeyroos could be in trouble in Greta finds her way into the German national team in years to come. Thanks for all the laughs.

Megan Mackay – 17 games

Without doubt, one of the best and most consistent players all year round. With Megan at half, it made it easy for us to work the ball up

the sideline each and every time. Should have probably been playing a grade higher however we're glad she was in our team. Not only a brilliant player, but excellent club and all-round nice person. We wish her luck as she departs Canberra next year but would welcome you back anytime.

Zoe Mason – 14 games

Zoe made the step up to CL2 this year and proved herself as an outstanding goalkeeper. Zoe's quick reflexes shaped our excellent defensive record. Almost every week Zoe featured pretty high in the players player points demonstrating how confident her players around her were having her as our last line of defence.

Zarah Mason – 16 games

Our youngest player this year yet our third top goal scorer. Zarah improved throughout the year, is strong in the tackle, always in the right spots in the circle and channels defenders out until they have nowhere to go.

Mel McKean – 18 games

Mel re-joined UC after a couple of years off. Thrown right back into centre half, Mel controls the ball with such casual ease, literally walking through defenders and creating many of our attacking opportunities. Mel also isn't afraid to let an umpire know what she thinks of some of their decisions.

Amy Minahan – 14 games

Mish had three goals at the start of the year. Get Mad Skills, Use Mad Skills, and become affectionately known as Mad Skillz. Little did she know she has always had Mad Skills, and by the end of the year had achieved the last goal. With great strength in the tackle and the ability to run the ball, Mish contributed valuably as a half and inner.

Emma Prime – 15 games

Emma is one of those players who manages to clean up in the circle and put goals away from nothing, even producing a random backwards hit this year to score. She was our top goal scorer for the year, however her intensity is what I like most, she will not stop running or demanding the ball throughout the game.



Megan Sharp – 17 games

Ever reliable at the back, Megs strength and composure helped us work the ball out of defence and launch our attack. With a very level head and great skill set Megs was a calming influence and very rarely lost possession.

Zanthe Sheargold – 10 games

Making the step up to CL2 this year, Zanthe displayed her skill and agility with the ball, and tenacity in back tackling. So young, but such good manners always asking if it was ok to get a drink or if she could leave at the end of the game.

Jessie Thearle – 18 games

JT had a stand out season. Half way through we moved her to the forwards where she excelled using her speed and determination to make sure she was always first to the ball. She played every game and was one of our best performers each and every week. Jessie even managed to only slide tackle one or two people this year.

A big thanks to all that contributed to CL2 this season. We had 27 players throughout the year. It's great to see so many younger players step up to CL2 this year and always nice that anyone in the club is willing to help out and play when required. Thanks to Clare Bradshaw, Sarah Haines, Tessa Bailey, Dee Barnes, Emma De Kieft, Jen Feltham, Sarah McCooey, Alisha Nolan, Lauren Sewell, Penny Slater, Kate Symth, Dawn Vassell and Sheridan Hall who all played at some stage.

Thanks for another truly enjoyable year.

Moz & Leckie.



This season brought many new aspects to the SL1 team for the year, a new coach, new players to the club joining the team as well as a new style of play for the team to learn. While the beginning of the year included us playing the top 2 teams in as many weeks the girls didn't show any fear or apprehension leading into these games and as a new coach to the club I had no idea what to expect from my new team for the season. These first 2 games showed the team as very competitive and eager to challenge the rest of the competition; unfortunately the girls narrowly lost these games even though they dominated parts of the games.

As the season went on a clear pattern began to form for our team, while we had a good team and high hopes we were only able to win one game for the season. Our pattern was lack of goal scoring on our part, we were competitive in nearly all of our games usually losing by one goal while creating as many if not more opportunities than the other teams. We had a lot of trouble when it came to the actual scoring part of the game, which is rather important for winning games.

While I know the girls are disappointed with how the season eventually turned out, it was good to see them still having fun playing hockey, which ultimately led to us having more success in our attack and scoring some goals in the final few games for our season (some of which our backs scored). Overall I am immensely proud of the SL1 team for their hard work learning a foreign style of hockey, which they stuck to until the end of the

season which eventually provided some results.

Lauren Sewell

One half of the sister duo, Lauren played mostly in the backs and halves this year, due to other injuries she had to play in full back for most of the season (a seemingly hated position). Her cool head and clutch tackling in the backs saved the team on more than one occasion. The end of the year allowed for some positional changes and Lauren got her chance to play in the forwards, this resulted in her getting a surprise goal in the last game of the season. Lauren always made everyone feel welcome, new and current players, and was at the forefront of organising team meals and reminding us about the club functions.

Victoria Sewell

The other half of the sister duo, Tori played mostly in the backs and halves this year, due to other injuries she also had to play in the backs for a majority of the year. Her good tackling, powerful and accurate hitting helped the team get the ball out of defence for the season. The end of the year Tori also had her chance of glory playing in the forwards which didn't disappoint, she also scored a goal at the end of the season showing the regular forwards how it was done. Tori was always at training and games, always putting in a much effort as possible.

Jess Wotherspoon

Jess was our goalie sensation, often keeping our team in the chance of winning with her goal

keeping abilities. As I always have said it takes a special (slightly insane) person to be a goalie and we were lucky this didn't transfer into her personality off the field. Jess was always kind and easy to talk to, got along well with the rest of the team.

Sacha Edema

Sacha was our regular full back for this year who always put in maximum defensive effort, her powerful hitting and good passing helped the team in a lot of messy situations on the field. Unfortunately she copped a hard hit to her thumb midway through the year and put her out for the rest of the season. She still showed her team commitment making it to games after her injury for moral support.

Claire Bradshaw

Claire was our young gun fullback, aggressive when attacking and uncompromising in defence. Her good and quick skills helped her to open up the oppositions press and find penetrating passes to our attackers. One part of the group officially dubbed the "twelvies" by the other team members (referring to the young teenagers of the team). Claire was the more laid back part of the group.

Sarah Haines

Sarah was a late comer to the team due to injuries and trouble making trainings at the beginning of the year, although this didn't stop her becoming one of our key players taking on

multiple roles and playing almost every position on the field at one point in time. As a defender her good passing and skills, as a midfielder her calm play and as a forward her elimination skills. These were all assets that the team thrived on. Sarah was always willing to listen and adapt her play to help the team. She was also a known member of the “twelvies”.

Sarah McCooley

Sarah was our workhorse midfielder, preferring to play inner she helped the team a lot playing centre half at the beginning of the season and periodically as needed later in the season also having stints at full back. Always at training even though she trained and played with many other teams encouraging the others to put in more effort (as she constantly reminded them she was older but still super fit). Off the field Sarah was always at functions and friendly with everyone making them all feel welcome. She was also the unofficial captain of the team although we never remembered to have an official vote.

Niki Armstrong

Was our constant fill in from SL2, always happy to play 2 games over the weekend, Niki helped us a lot as we constantly had injuries and people who couldn't play. Playing mostly in the halves she helped with her super hard pushes and always put in maximum effort for the team. Niki was always eager to learn and to help the team and tried to make it to our team functions even though playing multiple games.

Kate Smyth

At the beginning of the year Kate mentioned to me that she hated being fullback every year for the whole year. Fortunately we played in the same social team and we found she had some talent playing in the midfield which is where she spent most of her time for the season. Inner to begin with working well with her gal pal Dee playing in the other inner, the end of the season she found awesome form playing in centre half. Hardly ever missing a training or game. Always first for a witty (or not so) remark or comeback and was always a good sport coping a lot of smack for her club functions partying.

Dee Barnes

Dee was our amazingly skilled inner playing there

for most of the season, she had an incredible ability to turn most defenders inside out leaving them thinking “how the hell did that happen?” Always seemed to turn up to trainings and games at the exact time of Kate her gal pal leaving most to think they would wait in the carpark for one another. Always at trainings and games regardless of other commitments. Dee always attended the club and team functions always helping making people laugh, either at herself or at Kate's expense.

Zanthe Sheargold

Zanthe didn't spend the entire year playing with the SL1 team as she plays many different sports and was also poached by the CL2 team for good reason. Zanthe was our solid midfielder with her quick skills, elimination ability and spot on passing she was a welcomed part of our attacking and defensive unit. Also a part of the “twelvies” group Zanthe got on best with the younger girls of the team, despite this Zanthe had a special connection with Kate, never as far as Kate's shadows at trainings or during warm ups. Zanthe was a confident, fun (sometimes aggressive) and talented players of our team.

Ash Thompson

Our ultimate utility player, Ash was our fastest player and constantly running (a blessing to all coaches). Ash always put in 100% even after having a big night, making the most tackles of the team after running someone down. Ash played in most positions (all except fullback) with the grace and speed of a professional sprinter. Ash was always at trainings, fitness and games and attended all of the club and team functions. Very kind and willing to compete in events specifically made to make you look like a fool.

Tegan Burnett

Tegan was our surprisingly mature (I never got used to the fact she was older than me), playing in the forward line for the season and having some play in the midfield to help them take a break. Tegan found awesome form up front, making solid traps and incredible passes and having her best game in her last for the season. Tegan was always at trainings, fitness, games and every club and team function, she always had the best stories and seemed to be the life of the party.

Skye Sutton

The youngest of the team, played the entire season exclusively at right wing until the last weeks of the season. Was an expert at using her speed to run around her defender and take the baseline giving good ball across the circle. At the end of the season Skye unwillingly tried her hand at playing half, inner and wing on the left side of the field (throwing a spanner into the mix) we saw some definite talent in these unfamiliar positions, although Skye didn't feel the same way. The youngest, most vocal and unofficial leader of the “twelvies” group Skye had no problem barking orders at the coach or other players during training and wasn't afraid to tell us when we made a mistake. All this was well worth it with her ability and seriousness on the field during games.

Sheri Hall

Sheri was always at training and games but was always inexplicably late when it came to fitness or team talks always being vocal about her hate of anything but playing hockey (fitness running). Sheri played in the forwards for most the season, the end of season position switches showed us that Sheri had some mad skills playing in fullback which lead to her playing a couple of full games in that position. Was always in the right position in the backs and her hard hit found some excellent passes to our forwards (even though she claimed to have no idea what she was doing). Sheri was a fun and loud part of the team always giving the best stories and actions leading to the team's common phase “that's classic Sheri”.

Cara Stones

Cara played most the season at forward and at times during the midfield and halves, she supplied the team with a lot of running with her seemingly endless energy. Was always at training and willing to take constructive criticism to improve her game. Cara was another for the excessive chasing down and tackling opponents but was never comfortable with the ready position or team adopted in the press when people hit the ball, may times her gymnastics type leaping to avoid anything harder than a push drew a lot of attention from the bench and players after the game. Cara would always have a laugh at this and never seemed short of comebacks for the other girls.



This year saw the club was finally able to field a side in SL2 after a number of years not having a side in the grade. So without a team in this grade last year we had to build a brand new team, this was pieced together from people promoted from last year SL3 team, new players to the club and a couple people dropped into the squad to help strengthen it. With one of the largest rosters in the Canberra the SL2 grade had eleven teams. It was a very competitive grade with all the teams in the grade providing a competitive game. Unfortunately for our team a number of the results went the wrong way. We still had a lot of fun playing through the season. There was a lot of development of players and I hope next year to do a lot better.

Let me introduce the players

Kerri Jentsch – Games 17

Kerri was forced into the leadership role by her coach. But proved her had the necessary skills and leadership to perform the role. Kerri began the season as a forward and was moved into a defensive role. She had an outstanding season



which was recognised by the team as Kerri came second in the best and fairest vote. As Captain of the team Kerri worked relentlessly to achieve the best results for the team.

Paige Edwards – Game 18 – Goals 4

Although the youngest player in the squad and a new player to University of Canberra her family should be one of the most recognised supporters of the University of Canberra (Zeb and Kirsty Holt). Paige started as defender and ended up in the forwards after scoring 2 goals in her first game as a forward she never looked back and was a key player our attack. As a player Paige probably ran the most (a fact backed up by her pedometer) and has also grown the most as player. No seriously she has grown at least 15cms. Paige is the most deserving for the coaches' award.

Sarah Edwards – Games 18 – Goals 4

Sarah or "Bav" as most of the club would know her, is one of the veterans of the club who was moved to SL2 to strengthen the team. Although she had previously played a forward her main



role this year was as a defensive player. But that didn't stop Bav from moving into the goal circle and scoring a few goals. Bav's performance on the field has been recognised by her team mates and she was voted the Best and fairest player. Bav also stepped up and played a leadership role in the squad and was vice Captain of the squad. Bav had an outstanding season and I look forward to her playing next season.

Tracey Hasler – Games 17 – Goals 1

Tracey played most of the season as centre half and was one of the workhorses of the team. An injury late in season caused her to be sidelined for a few games but Tracey was determined to return to hockey field. Tracey was happy to play in any position given to her.

Kellie Stewart – Games 17 – Goals 1

Kellie is one of the quiet achievers of the squad, always willing to play any role you give her, she had an outstanding season as defender but



was equally useful in assisting out attackers especially in our offensive short corners.

Megan Rodd – Games 6

Megan season was cut off early in the season with an injury, this did not stop Megan from supporting the team or turning up to club functions which is greatly appreciated.

Megan Vallance – Games 17 – Goals 3

The other Megan or “Normy”, Normy was unable to make a lot of trainings due to other commitments so she placed into our team. Straight away Megan connected to the team and really made an impact as one of our key offensive.

Caitlin Baxter – Games 15

Caitlin or Katie was a welcome new addition to the club as a key defender of the team she was outstanding throughout the season. Katie also took it on herself to humble other members of the squad (Normy)



Nikki Armstrong – Games 15

Nikki was an outstanding addition to squad able to play in any positions, often Nikki played multiple games and she should be a player the club develops for the future.

Simone McKenzie – Games 14

Simone defiantly doesn't run enough, or maybe she does and it's just that she makes it seem effortless, we really missed Simone in the middle of the season we she decided that she wanted to do an overseas trip, but were glad that she made it home safely and swans out the rest of the season. I still think you need to run more Simone ;-p

Rebecca Neish – Games 13

Bec Bec Bec what can I say? Bec was one of the veterans (there I didn't say old players). Bec's drive and commitment in the forwards was pretty impressive. Her support of developing players and leadership was also very impressive. Injuries late in season sidelined Bec from a few games but hopefully Bec will recover to return to the team next year.

Clare Bundy – Games 12 – Goals 1

Clare is another new player to both the team and the club, Clare was a welcomed addition to the squad, Clare missed quite a few games because she went overseas, and she still had a very impressive season.

Loren Cousins – Games 12

Loren had a very impressive season and played and many different roles. Was one of the Best and Fairest in the squad and if she hadn't missed quite a few games for family commitments might have given Bav a run for her money.

Bri O'keeffe – Games 12

Bri was our goalkeeper, I was meant to find volunteer for her to train to replace but after a few games in goals the team trusted her so much there was no way to replace her

Although not proper members of the team, B and Tam played quite a few games for the side and I would like to acknowledge them:

Bianca Letki – Games 8

Tania Bretton – Games 7 – Goals 1

I would also like to acknowledge Jessica Wotherspoon, Lauren Sewell, Victoria Sewell, Isobel Sloan, Arnold, Helen, Suzi Foley, Sarah Haines, Sheridan Hall, Sarah McCooey, Kate Smyth, Skye Sutton who at some time in the season filled in for the squad



After a bit of a disorganised start, SL3 was able to settle into a consistent team. The girls that we ended up with should all be proud of their efforts this year. Everyone was usually required to play a 2nd game every week, meaning there were games where we had a bunch of extremely tired girls. Despite this, we were able to finish in 3rd place on the table, meaning we got to play finals.

Throughout the year the girls only lost games to 2 teams: Central and Tuggeranong, going 7 games before we had our first loss. The team suffered from a lot of injuries, with broken hands and noses, torn muscles, dodgy knees and ankles, and scabby knees that would never heal. Despite all of this, the girls played through and continued winning. The teams should be commended as I don't believe I have ever been involved with a team so tough.

This was a team that perhaps enjoyed the club social events a little too much, and many games were spent trying to work out if they were still drunk or hungover. This made for a fun season to say the least. The girls' involvement at club social events and the team bonding that occurred was terrific to see, and something the club has been sorely missing. The highlight was having all those girls dressed as presents and truly taking over Christmas in July.

After finishing a strong year in 3rd, the team faced an elimination final against ANU. After a hard fought 60 minutes, the girls struck off a short corner with an excellent goal from Nat Boal. However ANU struck back within 30 seconds and

we had our first penalty shootout. After some nerves and freaking out, the girls really stepped up. After 2 initial goals from Bianca and Joyce, the shootout was at 3-2 to ANU. With our last penalty taker Tam stepped up. Cool, calm and collected Tam began her attack by almost tripping, but then dragged the keeper, slotting her penalty and taking us to sudden death. Our incredible goal keeper Dawn was able to make the save and then clear the ball off the line. An ever cool Tam stepped up without hesitation, sending us through to the next final with a perfect penalty goal.

The final was against Central, a team that we hadn't been able to beat this year and a team that most of the team have had a long history and rivalry with. This game the girls played the best they have all year. Despite this, the game finished at nil all and went to shoot outs again. After the first players went it was still 0-0 when B stepped up. After having a sneaky vom, she dragged the keeper and slotted the penalty. Dawn then made another terrific save, going in to the final penalty at 1-0. Central then scored their last. Once again, it was left to our hero Tam to win the game for us and once again, Tam was incredible, dragging the keeper and scoring the goal. We were through to the grand final and it was stacks on all around.

Thank you girls for a wonderful year. I wish all the girls the very best this weekend in the grand final: they truly deserve it and hopefully will get the win to finish up such a great season.

Morgan Evans

What can we say about Morgan that hasn't already been said? Our top goal scorer and loudest apologist when she missed the ball, Morgan really developed her strategic play this year, as well as some beautiful scars on her knees. Combined with confidence to back herself, this made Morgan a truly formidable forward. Morgan also stood up and tried some new positions this season, showing us she can also make a mean half. It was hard to get Morgan to focus on warming up...particularly when she is ordering pizza instead.

Meaghan Clack

Meaghan spent a lot of time on the ground this year. Literally on the ground. Despite this Meaghan was our rock at the back. No matter what was coming at Meaghan she would never panic and usually come away with the ball even if after she would be on the ground. Meaghan's distribution has come a long way with the team enjoy Meaghan's ability to get them the ball from the back. Meaghan should be congratulated for another great year on the field and should be thanked for all the hard work she puts in off the field.

Caitlyn 'Scout' Hall

Scout was a most welcome addition to the team this year. Her skill and intelligence on the field saw us lock away some important games with some truly great goals. When the opposition dared to injure her, it always inspired an awesome rage play. She was another player that should be commended

for putting up with the team, even if she needed to read a book to get her through it. Scout is another player who could hold her own in the higher grades, so hopefully we will see her back next season.

Jess Edington

Jess finally got her priorities right and joined in the fun this season. Her ability to use her body and hold positions made her crucial to our defence. You always knew Jess was ready for action once the sleeves were rolled up. Jess' strategic game play really developed this season and her versatility and aggression made her a very valuable member of the team.

Tania Bretton

Tam is SL3's most valuable player. She brings determination, control and skills well above SL3 level to the field in every game she plays. Always there to bounce strategic ideas off and light a fire under the team, Tam was our go to player in attack and defence. Tam showed her leadership and composure under pressure consistently all season, but most especially when she led the team through 2 successful shoot outs in finals. Tam will be sorely missed next season. I am sure we will all still hear her booming voice, especially if we ever need someone to be on the post. Thank you for all your efforts this season, on and off the field. We love you.

Dawn Vassel

Dawn's goalkeeping has constantly improved this season as she smashed every new challenge she faced whether it be jumping 4 grades to keep CL1 or killing it in penalty shoot outs. There truly isn't a goalie at the club that has challenged themselves as much as Dawn this season. Dawn's attitude both on and off the field is to be commended, from training with the men to filling in for any team that needed her or forgiving her team mates for never bringing back a vegetarian pizza... ever.

Joyce Hall

Joyce joined the club this year to get her daughter back into it, and gee are we glad she did. Joyce provided our attack with much needed strength and intelligence. Her beautiful hits at goals were the hero of many games. We hope to see Joyce around for many years to come, as we need all that wisdom and perspective, and who else will bring family to make umpires cry?

Katie Magee

A versatile, skilful and intelligent player, Katie was reliable where ever we needed her to play this season. Our consistent quiet achiever, Katie continued to develop her skills and confidence in all aspects of the game, perhaps her biggest achievement was putting up with the rest of the teams... uniqueness. Well done Katie.

Anneke Rebel

Anneke Rebel had a standout first year with the club excusing her inability to properly dye her hair. All that was needed was to wind her up and watch her run up the right side of the field resulting in many goals and short corners. Anneke grew from strength to strength this season, making her way onto the SL3 team as a permanent member, with some very valuable skills to add.

Lexi Galvin

Lexi's positive attitude and improved fitness saw her take the field for SL3 this season as our utility sub. Lexi improved greatly this season, learning many new skills, positions and finding some new confidence. Happy to be running around with her friends and willing to play in any position, we soon had a permanent 'Lexi role' in the team. Whether you played her for 5 minutes or 55 minutes, she always played hard and rested harder. After all, she had to save her energy for when she needed to spontaneously kidnap other team mates and coaches with B.

Clare Brasier

New to the club this year, Clare brought with her a strong fighting spirit and a mean tackle with compliments from Checks. It's hard to put into words how much we loved having Clare on the team this season: she would charge back in defence, slam the opposition, listen to her team mates and often be the sole reason we were counter attacking. Every time we put Clare on the field, she provided us with new opportunities. Clare was one of our only players to get a green card this season, which we think points out just how valuable she is, even if she was upset about it. Her attitude on and off the field was great to have around and we truly hope she comes back next year to battle it out for us again (and 100% so we don't have to face her in opposition).

Ashlee Malcolm

There are the ways you are supposed to do things,

then there is Ash's way. Ash was a valued member of the team's attack, with her strategic leads really opening up play and helping win some important games. Never fazed about anything, Ash fit in perfectly with this bunch of girls this season and we hope to see her back for many more.

Bianca Letki

B spent most of the year tangled, but despite this she managed to have a truly superb season. Her skills on and off the ball as well as her confidence to back herself, made for some beautiful hockey to watch. Her tremendous toughness and determination was admirable, as B continued to play (and beg to play) through injuries. Our most valuable and one of our most social players, we sure are stoked that the higher grade coaches didn't listen to us and take her up at the start of the season.

Natalie Boal

Nat has had an absolutely terrific season in SL3. Nat made a huge influence on the play in each game, controlling that inner channel, maintaining possession and setting up and scoring some key goals. She is definitely up there with the best of the team and should be very proud of her efforts.

Martina Noronha

Martina is lucky to have any fingers left after this season, sustaining a new injury most weeks and was somehow out for half the season with a bruised finger. By the end of the season however, Martie managed to stay on her feet and play some great hockey. Let's hope she keeps Jonathon around so we can continue seeing some great work.

I also want to say thank you to everyone who filled in. There were so many of you I don't think I can name you all but sincerely thank you. Thank you to the supporters, who were at times extremely vocal. We do appreciate all your efforts. Thank you to everyone who helped me coach this year- Sean, James, Bram you guys are amazing. Thank you to anyone else who I have forgotten. Finally thank you to Meaghan for managing the team, sending out emails and making last minute phone calls on Saturday nights or Sunday mornings.

Cheers,
Mat



It was yet another interesting and enjoyable season coaching the lower grade women's teams. As always, there were plenty of challenges along the way that we can safely assume no other team or club has had to deal with. Another very social team, you could count on Lexi to be drunk or hungover at most games throughout the season. These drinking habits only encouraged other girls, so a fair few may need interventions and entertained the others. Despite this, the girls were able to play extremely good hockey. With one of the highlight wins beating checks 4 nil. The girls were able to secure 4th spot, winning 11 games throughout the season.

The team secured a finals spot 3 weeks before finals started. The last 2 games were against 1st and 2nd on the table and if we won those we would be sitting in 2nd. We knocked off first place- Tuggeranong- with a 2-1 win, and a terrific game that the girls thoroughly dominated. The next game was against checks and after 70 min of great hockey neither team could score a goal and the game end nil all. This unfortunately meant that we had missed out on 2nd. We had knocked checks into 3rd meaning we would see them in an elimination final.

The elimination final saw the girls start fired up and ready to go. However after 20 minutes, a turnover in our own end saw checks sneak a goal in. The girls worked extremely hard to get back in the game and came within millimetres of equalizing with Anneke hitting the inside of the post. Unfortunately, the girls were knocked

out. After 140 minutes of hockey over 2 weeks, there was only one goal, showing how close the competition was.

All the girls should be very proud of their efforts this year. You have all improved and started thinking more on the field. The girls should be especially proud of the toughness they showed throughout the season, with many girls playing with serious injuries or illnesses. Despite this the girls effort never dropped off. Thanks for the great season girls and we hope to see you all back next season.

Lexi Galvin

Lexi has improved greatly this season. Her willingness to learn and play where she was needed made her a true asset to the team. With her commitment, attitude and some help from google saw her strategic and positional play improve this season. Making the move up from SL5 this year, Lexi didn't miss a beat and was one of our stronger players. Also proving she is an attacking threat, Lexi scored two very important goals this season and it can't be said she wasn't determined to win.

Anna Gabriel

Anna who could be counted on running faster than most girls in the competition, Anna's strength on the ball and ability to play smarter hockey made her a true force this season. Unfortunately illness sidelined Anna a fair bit this season, but she still managed to influence

the outcomes of many games with some truly spectacular games.

Emily Fry

New to the club this year, Emily only grew in confidence this season. Her composure on the ball and her ability to read play, allowed Emily to dominate the centre of the field and really opened up our attack. Emily scored my favourite goal of the season, from right half with a beautiful lead and superb shot. Emily was the most valuable player in SL4 and after getting her uniform in time for the last game, we hope that means we will be seeing her again next year.

Anneke Rebel

Another new player to the club this season, Anneke really showed us what she was made of. A right half specialist, Anneke has had a truly excellent season. Anneke's ability to run the line and her skilful drags and turns to secure many short corners, provided great strength and increased options for our attacks. Well done Antlers.

Kia Gorrel

Kia's good speed across the pitch let her exploit a number of breakaway opportunities which were often created as a result of her own good positioning. Kia played through the inners, as strong as a Korean made hatchback! Kia's versatility was a great asset as she was willing to try anything.

Angie Arblaster

Angie had a tough season, battling illness and her drunken climbing expeditions resulted in broken ribs. Lucky for us she didn't lose her dogged determination to get to the ball and continued to provide strength in our defence. We look forward to seeing Angie back next year, fit and healthy.

Natalie Mazouin

Nat was another returning member of the SL4 team. Nat's distribution game improved this season and she managed to control our mid field confidently. Nat's talk on the field improved greatly, helping guide the team with some much needed communication.

Charlotte Wilkinson

New to the club, Charlotte was the token ranga this season and after getting over her need to apologise all the time at the start of the season has turned into quite a decent player. Charlotte really made a difference when the games counted. Making the inner position her own, Charlotte was consistent in her performance.

Sheree Murray

Sheree is another silent achiever at the club, always giving 110% in whatever role she is put in and provided much needed strength to the team. Sheree was one of the girls that ran a little too much, fainting due to exhaustion and over-heating. Unfortunately an injury sidelined Sheree this season, however her commitment to the team is something to be commended.

Sharyn Thomas

Sharyn returned to the club this year, and made her presence known. Her unique tackling style left a many opposition players stunned as she dashed away with the ball. Sharyn scored many important match winning goals thanks to her superb positional play, which was best shown in the clash match when she slotted away the only goal, on the back post. Sharyn's flight for the ball helped lift the team in crucial moments throughout the season.

Bri O'keefe

Bri provided great strength and resilience in our half line this season. Her ability to read the play and intercept the ball, helped facilitate many of the teams successful counter attacks.

Bri would be a solid addition to any team, as she is a tremendously versatile player and rarely had a bad game, unfortunately we lost Bri to goalkeeping commitments frequently this season, showing just how diverse her talents are. However, Bri's influence was strongly felt when she took the field for us.

Corrinne Henderson

Corrine made her return to UC after many years this year, and became a vital member of our attack. Corrine occupied the central forward role though the aversion to stand in front of the ball for 16's was nearly as comical as her turning circle. Her unique style in holding up the ball and her ability to get goals helped us win many tough games.

Nat Boal

Nat is a very capable inner with the speed and determination to fight for the ball. Having made the move into SL3 this year, Nat's skills and game play continued to develop and improve throughout the season.

Katie Wilson (GK)

Katie Wilson was solid again in the pads this year. Katie made some great saves and worked hard with our defence to shut down the opposition. Despite having a rough year personally, Katie managed to make some great strides forward as a keeper. As always, we appreciate Katie's efforts and all the work she does for the team.

Helen Arnold

Helen's hockey really improved this season, which considering we doubt she sleeps or stops going on weekends was great for us. Her ability to read the play and her determination made her a great asset to the team. Even if she scored goals in SL3 rather than for her own team.

Tania Bretton

Tam worked her ass off for this team and her influence could be felt every time she took the field. Tam helped coordinate the defence for this team, leading them to several victories. She also secured several wins through her impressive plays in attack. Just one of her many, many games played each weekend, Tam always put in 100% effort when she took the field and we really appreciated every minute of it.

Bianca Letki

B was there too.

I just wanted to say thank you for all the girls who filled in for us throughout the year. You were all amazing. However, there are way too many to list you all. Thank you to all the helpers- Jimmy, Bram, John and anyone else who helped out this year. Thank you to all the family members who came and supported us throughout the year. Finally, thank you to the girls. You are all terrific and we wish you all the best.

Cheers,
Mat and Sean



SL5 this year saw the long-time coach Kenny move on up and there was a need to find a new coach. With a bit of guidance, the amazing Meaghan Clack jumped in to this role. The SL5 girls struggled to find a consistent team each week- with exchange students leaving, girls getting injured (stop hitting yourself Tegan) and poorly timed holidays. Thank goodness we were running a 45 girl squad this season and had people to ring in. Despite all of this, the girls were able to make finals. This was a huge achievement as Hockey ACT in all their wisdom, decided to merge the SL4 and SL5 grades this season. This meant that the girls were up against teams that had girls on the turf who were up to 3 grades higher than them. However, SL5's positive attitude and hard work meant they never lost a game by more than 3. The girls were able to finish 3rd, putting them in an elimination final against Tuggeranong.

The elimination final was played late on a Sunday but there was a good size crowd out to support us. The game was a back and forth contest, that saw each team dominate the game at different times. With only 4 minutes to go, super sub Morgan Evans was able to break the dead lock putting a great goal in. The girls defended their hearts out, but unfortunately let a goal in with only 30 seconds left on the clock. This meant some more penalty shoot outs. At least our teams know how to put on a show for the spectators right? Tuggeranong put their best player first, who ran and took a shot but our amazing goalkeeper Helen, was able to make

the save, putting them on the back foot. Caitlyn and B charged forward slotting their penalties with ease. One more meant a win and Morgan had a chance to win the game for us. Unfortunately a dodgy call by the umpire (welcome to our whole season- thanks Hockey ACT and ANU) meant that one save from Helen would win us the game- and she killed it. There were more stacks on.

We then played a final against Wests, a team playing below where it should. The girls fought so hard but an early goal from West in the first 10 minutes was too much for us to overcome. Finishing the game 1-0 and ending the season.

This team should be extremely proud of what they were able to achieve. We are truly proud of these girls. Almost the whole team improved tremendously. From Jess Butters and Cadie learning to play, Dawn and Helen took on new positions and absolutely killed it, veterans like Beth and Tegan really stepping up and developing new skills and our super subs coming into the team and helping anyone who wanted to listen, learn and improve. The girls attitude was perfect this season. They played hard and had fun.

Beth Logan

Beth is by far, our most improved player this season. The change in her positional play and improvement in her skills were evidence of Beth's hard work during the games and at training. Beth also stepped up her role in our attack, developing a great push out option for our shorts.

Tegan Sharwood

Tegan provided great composure and calm in our defence. Controlling the game from the back, Tegan's talk and skills really improved this season. Her reliability in defence help run an often chaotic team line up with confidence. Learning from her mistakes, Tegan's played some smart hockey this season, excluding her controversial tactic of hitting a ball into her own head resulting in time spent on the sideline.

Jess Butters

Jess was a late comer this season, but she definitely hit the ground running. After an apprehensive start, Jess picked up the game quickly, always giving 100% on the field. A truly solid half, Jess' attitude and enthusiasm made her an excellent addition to the club.

Dawn Vassel

Dawn ventured out of the pads and onto the field for SL5 this season, and we are so happy she did. Dawn carved up the opposition in the inners, running her heart out every game and chasing back hard. Dawn rarely got a sub and never complained, instead always looked to improve her game. A well-deserved recipient of the Coaches award this year, thank you for all your hard work this season.

Cadie Artuso

Cadie was another late arrival this season, conned in to the club with the promise of beer. Her enthusiasm and naivety, made Cadie the perfect inner for our

team. For someone new, Cadies tackles flawed some of our best opponents and her ability to work with her team mates was spot on. With a natural knack for the game, Cadie improved every week.

Suzi Foley

Suzi tried a new position this season, helping control the middle of the field. Her ability to hold the ball up and distribute it when needed, was important this season.

Jess Edington

Our super sub, who never actually got to sub. Jess made her way on the team silently and effectively. Never complaining, and always complimenting those she played with, Jess helped the girls learn how to play smart hockey and to get back 5 – with a green card that Jess shrugged off with class. Jess could always be relied upon and I never had to explain my clues and subtle directions to twice.

Katie Wilson

Katie was one of strongest players this season. Her reliability, strength and skills in the halves kept us in many games. Despite claiming to be unfit, Katie never let the team down and most of the time went without a sub. While she underestimates her on field ability, Katie definitely has the ability to play higher grade hockey.

Helen Arnold

Helen came to the rescue this year, jumping into the goal keeping kit with no hesitation. To say Helen improved this season would be an understatement, but would also down play the fact that she was pretty fantastic to start with. A vital member to our team, Helen's composure and positivity kept us alive in our toughest games.

Chris Murray

A veteran of the team, Chris proved she could be a strong member of our defence this season, having a run in the halves. Chris used these new skills when she played on the wing, seeing her battle it out with the opposition for the ball.

Stephanie Rhode

New to the Club this year, and off to Melbourne next year, Steph has had a whirlwind experience at UC. Steph's ability to put off the most random tackles and aggressive fight for the ball made her a great asset to our defence.

Harriet Williams

Hatti was a solid member of our defence this season, until an ankle injury ended her season on the field. From then on it was the sideline support Hatti provided the team that was invaluable and exact the club spirit we were looking for. Or that could be the memories of the warm hot chocolates she delivered on those cold, cold days. We look forward to seeing you out on the field next season Hatti!

Frederica Hendriksen

Fred was only with us for a short period of time, but she quickly became our go to player for problem opposition players. Her dogged determination to get to the ball made her a true asset to the team and she was very missed in the second half of the season.

Zoe Mason

Zoe was our ring in sub. Always playing hard, we loved having Zoe provide us with a few more legs on that field. Her skill, patience and ability to chase down the opposition really pulled us out of some sticky messes this season. You are welcome to play anytime Zoe.

Paula Sheather

Another ring in sub when numbers started shrinking, Paula quickly showed us what we had been missing- witty calls in the dugout and aggression on the field. Get back to hockey next season Paula! We really miss you!

Morgan Evans

Morgan quickly got used to Saturday night messages begging her to play for UC2 the next day, which must be a nice change to her usual late night messages. Morgan really was our super sub – numerous times when Morgan ran on, we would get a goal. One game she ran on for 30seconds and saved a goal before running off again. Morgan made life easier by always being around this team this season, and we truly appreciated it. But not enough to let her avoid the penalty shoot outs.

Bianca Letki

B was another player that always made herself available for the UC2 team this season, and none of us were complaining. B showed her class and skill in this grade by the way she played with the girls and helped them learn and develop. Always encouraging everyone, and still working her butt

off even if we were her 4th game, B took a lot of stress off me this season, often waiting around just to make sure we were ok. I think maybe B enjoyed playing as well, but I am only going off the begging and awkward laughs when she thought she may not be taking the field for finals.

Caitlyn 'Scout' Hall

An original member of the team before SL3 poached her for good, we loved it every time Scout played with us. The aggression, the brilliant takes and the runs were all obviously well above this grade. Another super sub who rarely got a sub and who can forget her great shootout goal.

Lexi 'illegally playing but don't tell Mat' Galvin

Lexi filled in for us whenever we were desperate enough to break the rules, when we needed a goalie those 2 times and then finally, the times we had permission. But even when she wasn't on the field, Lexi was cheering the girls from the dugout and helping the new girls by being their own personal coach while we tried to run the rest of the team. A valuable member of the team regardless.

Tania Bretton

Another person who didn't necessarily need to be on the field to be a valuable member of the team. Aside from being a last minute ring in frequently, Tam also became our go to when we needed a goalie. And she killed it. Although I don't know why we were surprised, I truly wonder if there is a part of hockey Tam sucks at. Thank you for your support, yelling, assistant coaching, advice and answering your phone to begging messages at random times over the weekend.

To all of our amazing super subs and adopted team members, thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who helped us this season – your advice and help was so very much appreciated. Thank you to our assistant coaches Amanda, Bram, Lexi, Tam, Jimmy for helping us keep things going smoothly and helping out when games clashed. And finally, thank you to all the girls for their hard work and patience this season. We hope to see you all back for another great season next year!

Cheers,
Meaghan and Mat



This year got up to a great start with the majority of the 2014 team returning and the addition of some great new recruits. We had a fantastic season of hockey this year with only 2 losses and two draws from twenty matches. Our defence had a stellar year only conceding 15 goals for the season and helped us on our way to the SL1 Minor Premiership.

I really enjoyed coaching this season and seeing the work the team has put in over the past 4 years really pay off. It is always great to show up to hockey on a Saturday (and the odd Sunday afternoon) knowing that all the players were out there with the passion and drive to give it their all.

After our outstanding regular season our run into the the finals was not quite what we expected. Unfortunately we lost our Semi Final 2-1 after fighting tooth and nail to come back from a 2-0 deficit. Luckily we were in the position to get two bites of the cherry and played Checks in the Preliminary Final. Unfortunately, despite dominating the game we went out by narrowly losing the one-on-one shootout.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone

who made it possible for me to coach this again this year by helping out with Edie and walking endless laps of the field or up and down the stairs over and over and over again. I'm sure I will forget someone but special thanks to Kellie, Janice, Malcolm, Jolly, Alisha, Tessa and Kat who always managed to keep her entertained. It is really special to be part of a club with such a wonderful community spirit!

Players

Pete "Clean Sheet" Carling

Pete had another excellent season. Although he didn't always have a ton of work to do, he sure did pull it out when we needed him to. His commitment to training and the team was awesome.

Dean "Put Me Up Front" Stewart

Dean came back to hockey this year fitter and faster than ever before and he really helped anchor our outstanding defence. His communication on the field was top notch and his ability to get under opposition players skin

was highly effective. Dean also showed us his attacking prowess when given the opportunity.

Todd "Calm Down Cristel" Hennessy

Todd and his long reach and cool head was another of the reasons our defence was so formidable this season. He also had the ability to push further up the field and have an impact when required. Thanks for keeping me in check Captain.

Mitch "Green Machine" King

Mitch was a welcome return to the club this year. His strong tackle and sweet backstick shot certainly added a new dimension to our half-line. His passion for the game was evident and sometimes resulted in a 2 minute break here or there.

Matt "The Thinker" Hewett

Matt had another great season for us this year. His ability to play across the the half and backlines gave us strength and the opportunity to push some of our backs up forward when needed.



James “Permanent Nudie Run” Watson

James had another season as our utility, playing though various lines on the pitch. His ability to adapt was important to us and after scoring a double in the last game of the regular season he showed exactly how versatile he is.

Cameron “The Beard” Mortimer

Cam was another one of our utility players this year playing through the halves, backs and up front when needed. Cameron also managed to magically pull off the regular season without being carded despite all the angry whistles and attention he drew from the umpires and scored a great goal to avoid the fabled nudie run.

Jakob “Missed Leg Day” Gisih

One of our new recruits to the club this year Jake certainly took like a duck to water playing with us. Strengthening our midfield Jake showed great one-on-one skills but was also able to make some great passes and both score and save goals.

Jackson “Good To Go” Leckie

Jackson’s speed and skills were certainly on show again this year. Leckie was able to break through opposition defence without too much trouble and was involved in setting up numerous goals (along with scoring a handful of his own too).

Chris “Bandage Man” McNally

Chris was an asset to our midfield this year

pushing though the bandages to put his body on the line with his tough defensive skills. His ability to get the ball to our forwards out wide was a key to our success.

Ian “Another Reward” Morrow

Moz had another great season for us alternating between the midfield and the forward line. His physicality and strong shot certainly added to our fire power and his short corner hits were very reliable (unlike his shots in warm-ups ;)).

Taylor “Rookie Mistake” Green

Another great new recruit to both the team and the club. Tayler’s speed and skill were a great new addition and he adjusted well to our systems. He was always willing to try new things and responded really well to feedback on and off the field. Tayer’s sense of humour was also introduced to the club with his entertaining interlude at Trivia Night this year.

Toni “You Got Beaten By A Girl (again)” Hennessy

Toni’s work ethic payed off again this season and she slotted a number of goals for us this year. Her ability to pressure opposition defenders and turn over the ball was second to none. Toni was a role model for all in regard to hard work and was an important part of how we managed to win many of our close matches.

Scott “Deep Heat” Moore

Skip was another important part of our forward

group this year and it was obvious on the field that his hard work at training payed off. He was also able to slot into the midfield when required and was always thinking of ways for both himself and the team to improve.

Brenden “The Mentor” Mand

Brendo returned to the team for yet another season and we were certainly over the moon to have him back. His passion for hockey and want to be on the field to help create chances was infectious. Brendo was also sure to let everyone know what they needed to be doing and was a great support to our new and returning players.

Anthony “Quick Feet” Simeonovic

Sim’s speed was important to us again this year as it made it possible to break though many defenders. Unlucky not to score more goals, Sim was always right in the mix when we had the ball upfront.





SL2

This year SL2 have had a fantastic year both on and off pitch. There were many fairytales, some heartache, and of course Prince Charming, wait, hang on a minute, it sounds like a Disney storyline more than anything... So maybe, we should start with... Once upon a time, way back in the warmer months a group of guys decided that they would like to play hockey. Add in a few phone-a-friends and for the most part, SL2 was formed. Throughout the year, we managed to rack up 15 wins, 4 draws and a loss, and this was a significant effort by all the boys, and secured us with the minor premiership.

But back to the fairy tale... There were in the end, 16 members of the SL2 squad, some princes, some the court jesters and the jokers, the token celebrity and those that assisted in the battle for the win... So where to start, maybe with the token celebrity...

Ryan "Bieber" Dix

It's hard to believe that "Ryan" ever existed this year, after a very terrible hair cut that reminded us mostly of Justin Bieber, "Bieber" was born and the name stuck... And just like Justin, Bieber took a hiatus, and then resurrected himself at the Hillsong convention, via the Top End, and came back to hockey a determined young man out on the wing. A player that always gives a 100% each game, Biebs certainly gave everything this year.

Paul "I wish it was the 90's again" Douglas

Pauly provided so much entertainment this year. He certainly brought back the 90's with a vengeance. Facebook was out, and MySpace was back in. Paul also found the perfect pick-me-up before the game in a newly created nutella espresso, and the craze caught on with Jim deciding to try the new craze... Paul also became eye-candy for a certain player, but more on that a bit later. Paul, also gives everything in his games, the inner strength of Batman always reigns supreme and provided a stellar performance yet again

Jim "I scored the Princess" Winefield

Jim was one of our players that scored the happily ever after, when he married Simone (thankfully before hockey season started). Jim would be one of the court jesters, always up for a laugh, even if it is on him. Jim is usually our source of entertainment week-in, week-out and provides us with some classic one liners, normally before the jokes gets turned back on him. Jim often looks at me funny when I tell him where he might be playing, but hidden behind all the jokes and the laughter Jim was able to play some of his best hockey at inner and half. Jim also found a new lease on hockey with the nutella espresso, and gave everything to the game.

Cam "I got my happily ever after" Esler

Cam also scored a happily ever after (with noisy attachments) in the form of his first child with Anne. Cam became all soft and mushy off the field like all new parents do, but found a new tenacity on the field. This new tenacity also found more bounce in the "flat passes" and a new lease on life, albeit probably a little bit sleep deprived. And I wonder if there were a few moments of sleep deprivation where Cam forgot he was a field player and reverted back to being a goal keeper, nonetheless, still a really solid season from Cam.

Mick "Mr Nice Guy" Collins

Mick called me early on in February, seeing if I was still coaching and if there would be a spot on the team for him, of which I jumped at the chance. Mick is genuinely the nice guy, and after a bit of hockey ball botox mid-season, he came into his own and played some of the best hockey I have seen him play. The new haircut also made most of us think he was one of the young guys. Mick dedicated most of Saturdays to driving up to Canberra from the coast, and we appreciate the effort that you put you to your hockey this year Mick, truly a stellar season for you.

Adrian "I will get the princess and the castle" Roff

Roffy is just about to get the princess and the castle, with him and Eryn moving in to their house in the next couple of weeks, then they are getting

married a week later and also dealing with finals. Lucky for Roffy, he is calm under pressure and nothing fazes him at all. Roffy was one of our goal hungry forwards who has the ability to score goals from phenomenal angles, and was always looking to net a couple more goals.

Kyle “The Larrikin” Ratcliffe

Kyle stepped up to SL2 from SL3 last year, and certainly became one of the larrikins in the team. He was always up for a laugh and a joke at training and after the game. But when he needed to be serious, he put everything into the game at hand and would always give 100%. Kyle had a stellar season and would always do what was asked of him and more. And I think that the duet with Pauly of Strawberry Kisses was certainly a highlight for many, and maybe asked if there was going to be career change.

Jake “A pie and a sausage roll” Whiting

Jake was a brand new addition to the club, and provided some interesting laughs. Jake started out all shy, but after bar rally, he came out of his shell and formed some really good bonds with the younger guys in the team. One of the many classic moments that Jake had, was turning up to the game eating a sausage roll, and then informing us that he had already had a pie. By half time, he was maybe regretting the pie, but still had a really great game... Jake was formidable out on the wing and as an inner and provided us with some very positive movement forward.

Simon “Mr Dependable” Gavin

Simon was one of our dependable forwards, always running, always wanting to create space and always searching to score the goal. Simon still danced in the attacking circle always ensuring that his feet didn't get hit by the straying ball. Simon, however succumbed to some hockey stick botox this year, and after having a week off, was back out on the pitch ready to take on his next opponent.

Bill “Old School” Douglas

Bill was my other counterpart from the coast, who would dedicate Saturdays to driving up to Canberra for a game of hockey and to also catch up with Paul. Bill is that typical old school player,

plays a bit rough, but gets the job done. Bill provided us with a voice from behind that often helped our forwards in their movement forward.

Tom “Water boy” Castillo

Tom was another new addition to the club after moving to Canberra for university. Tom took some time to come out of his shell and to start interacting with the rest of the team, but Tom has a wicked sense of humour and enjoyed having a laugh with the younger lads. Tom gets the moniker of water boy due to the use of a 600ml bottle of water to help release muscle tightness.

Rob “Prince Charming” Ewens

Rob is ever the gentleman, particularly when it comes to hockey, both on and off the field. Rob is always cheerful, happy and eager to improve his game for the better of the team. Rob once again had a fantastic season as the utility player, and always hungry for another goal. Rob's strength and determination helped us through some pretty important games.

And finally, who is Prince Charming without his 3 musketeers and the man in the iron mask, updated to 2015, to now include Captain Courageous, John Farnham, Mr Reliable and I'll pay for that Lincoln. Firstly, to Captain Courageous (aka Dave McNally), what a fantastic season we have had. Your leadership once again has helped keep us on the straight and narrow for the most part and ensure that the beers were always paid at the end of the game. The love of chicken has always helped your performance and this year was no exception, and even progressed to pizza. To John Farnham (aka Barny Lee), Barn gets known as John Farnham due to a “I'll only play one game,” and that hunger for more and to have the musketeers back together won out, and Barn decided to play the rest of the season! To Mr Reliable (aka Zeb Holt), as usual you were so reliable in our defensive line and remained calm and collected when we needed it most. To watch the 3 musketeers together is amazing, it's like riding a bike, they just fit back together and played like there was no lapse in time whatsoever. To “I'll pay for that” Lincoln, well, the last end of the season proved most entertaining. We always would have interesting pre-game chats ranging from MySpace, to dancing horses, but one lunchtime, that takes the cake, was seeing Linc put money into Paul's shorts as

payment for more dancing... Thankfully our pre-game chat ended soon after, as who knows where we would have ended up.

As with the end of every article, there are many thanks that are needed. To Goggs, Hoody, Rhian, Sean, James R, Leckie, Chris McNally, Josh and Andy, we thank you for the games that you filled in for us. We appreciate that you were willing to play a second game when we asked of you.

A huge thank you to Todd for filling in as coach for me, so that I could go and watch Liverpool FC play Brisbane Roar. From all reports you did a good job, and somehow you managed to teach Jim that it was ok to score goals! Thank you so much

Thank you to everyone that came and watched us play and supported our campaign for 2015, we thank you for giving up your Saturday afternoons, and to come out and cheer for us.

A special thank you to the very talented Kirsty Holt, who once again fed the very hungry her very special fried chicken. I know that it is a huge effort to make chicken, and I know that Dave really appreciated having chicken. Thankyou also for allowing us to hold the BBQ at your house again! Thank you for looking after Ivy when we have needed you to, and to being an awesome Aunty for her.

The biggest thanks of all goes to my wonderful husband Rhian, who has allowed me to continue coaching, and to support me in the role of coach by looking after our beautiful little girl. For also picking up a stick when I have had no one else. Thank you for not trying to understand why I will wake up specifically for a hockey game to coach and ensure that the boys are in line, we may never know why I am like that...

Once again, congratulations boys on a fantastic season! You should all be very proud of your achievements.

Cheers
Chantelle



After farewelling a coach and half the team following a positive 2014 season that sadly saw a Grand Final berth slip away in the Preliminary Final, SL3 Men looked like a new outfit in 2015 with 'old hands' joined by some 'fresh young talent'.

Looking to play an expansive passing game, we set to work and quickly gelled to post dominating results in the opening rounds. Shaking off a string of draws in Rounds 4 and 5, winning became the habit and all but Queanbeyan fell as we consistently dominated possession and defended with dogged determination.

Despite having only conceded 12 goals, the best defensive record in the league, we finished the regulation season in second place - half a game behind Queanbeyan with daylight to third and forth placed Daramalan and St Patrick's.

The Semi Final saw both teams conceded more goals than at anytime in the regular season, unfortunately Queanbeyan denied us direct entry to the Grand Final. Looking to erase the disappointment of the previous year, the Preliminary Final clash against St Patrick's was a hard fought victory, booking us a place in the grand final.

The final was hard fought with the team playing with determination throughout. Whilst finishing the season as runners up to Queanbeyan was not the ending we had hoped for, there was no shame in our performance.

Old Hands

Kendrick Duren.

Dependable across the backline, Kenny's ability to read the play and make crucial tackles have been important.

Steven Gee.

Joining the regular starting lineup this season, Goggs made a tough decision in joining the team and we are glad he did, his one-on-one saves in particular have been inspirational.

Alex Gray.

Consistently looking to improve his drag flick and back stick skills, Alex Alex Alex's persistence and determination set the example for those around him.

Stephen Madden.

It can be hard to be a utility player but Madden's versatility has been a key to maintaining intensity across the 70 minutes. His development as an Inner in particular has been pleasing.

Andrew Martin.

A stand out player again this season, Andy's work rate and tenacity - in both attack and defence - make him a vital component of the team.

David Murray.

Already established as a solid defender, the ability to move Muz up the field this season has been a bonus.

Sean Willis.

It has been a pleasure to watch Fingers develop as a forward this season. In particular, his ability to be in a threatening spot to receive passes continues to improve.

Fresh Young Talent

Brendan Boyd.

Reliability and uncompromising effort make Brendo an essential cog within the midfield machine.

Joshua Gould.

A welcome addition to the forward line, Josh



brought a touch of flare to side. His solo skills and goal finishing ability have impressed.

Brad Hasler.

A fearless defender who is willing to put it all on the line, Brad's long ball distribution provides a much needed counter point to our short passing game.

Matthew Hasler.

Providing speed up front, Matt has troubled defensive lines and has taken his opportunities to score goals. A valuable asset in a goal line scrap.

Sarah McCooley.

Consistently ensuring that her opponent is denied attacking opportunities, Macca's distribution in counter attack has also been an important element of the team's success.

Dane McCormack.

Immaculate tackles coupled with an ability to then press the opportunity for attack, Dane has bolstered the defensive unit.

Alisdair Robertson.

Determination and doggedness in open play are features of Al's game. His goal scoring tally is an indication of his continuing improvement in positioning in the D.

William Rose.

Providing versatility in the midfield and back line, Will's calmness under pressure has set the foundation from which team has been able launch raids at the opposition's goals.

Fill ins

Despite having a full team list, there were weeks when drawing upon the depth within the club was required. Thanks to Tania Bretton, John Lovejoy,

Damon Morton, Ken Pattugalan, and Jacob Whiting for their support.

Coaching Staff

Tania Bretton. Managing a full bench of men all eager to play 70 minutes of hockey is no easy task. Our success this season would not have happened without Tam running the rotations.

Bram dLaat. Sidelined by injury just weeks before the season, Bram has provided valuable insight. Hopefully he will be back on the field next year.

Awards

Best and Fairest. (1) Andrew Martin, (2) Kendrick Duren, (T3) Brendon Boyd and William Rose

Coaches Award. Alex Gray

Top Goals Scorers. (8) Joshua Gould and Alisdair Robertson, (7) Alex Gray

Overall the 2015 season has built upon base established in 2014, hopefully 2016 will see SL3 Men go one step further and take the title - it would be fitting. Personally, I have really enjoyed this year and think that it has been a great way to end my regrettably short time with the club. I look forward following the results next year and, beyond that, once again pulling on the yellow.

James Robertson
SL3 Men Captain/Coach





'The Beer Ship'.

Season Record

This year was one of "what if's..." for the Beer Ship and whilst we were in the race for the finals all year we fell short at the final hurdle. The start of the year saw us recruit a couple of players from SL3 which led to us having a much more consistent core of 18 players although there were no surprises that we still needed a ring in or two to get us through the season.

The signs were promising in our first game – a first up win against St Pats where we dominated all over the park. By the middle of the year we were hovering in the top two but a mid season run of losses cost us in the end. Did we still have fun – yes! We were more than competitive in every game we played. On the last weekend of the season we needed a win to secure a finals place but Queanbeyan were just a little too polished for us and we ended with a loss that consigned us to finishing 5th for the 2nd year in a row. Positive signs for the future however.

Our season highlights were that we found some early season consistency and were able to put goals away in all but two games for the year. Our defence was also far improved on 2014 which meant every single game was super competitive. We celebrated Linc scoring for the first time in his hockey career. Not just once – twice in the end. We also saw some players awarded their first ever cards and we eventually realised that we should have explained to our players what that meant before they started playing rather than when they stayed on the field and got a yellow.

Thankfully we had few injuries to report in 2015. Lachlan succumbed to a hand injury in the latter stages of the year and I was absent for some of the middle rounds. I'll be generous and say no Handbag Award for 2015 – two years running.

Playing with the lads this year was a lot of fun – we seem to enjoy hangin' out for a few hours on the weekend – the season flies by in what seems like a few weeks. Pity we had so many weekends off with grade byes and deferred games. Always great to share a beer afterwards and to relive the battles we had just fought.

A summary of the 2015 season:

1	St Pats	Win	3-0
2	Dara	Draw	1-1
3a	ANU	Loss	0-2
3b	ADFA	Win	2-0
4	Quean	Draw	2-2
6	Wests	Win	3-0
8a	Central	Win	3-0
8b	ADFA	Draw	2-2
9	Tugg	Loss	1-2
10	St Pats	Loss	0-1
11	Dara	Loss	1-2
14	Wests	Won	2-1
15	Quean	Loss	2-5
16	Dara	Won	4-2
17	ANU	Loss	2-3
18	Central	Win	5-0
19	Tugg	Win	3-0
20	Quean	Loss	2-4

Best and Fairest

Voted on by team members after each game. Each player gives six votes (in three, two and one format) for best on ground performance. Top three for the season 2015:

1. Aidan Smith (98) – polled well in every game he played – just a shame he didn't play more often.

2. Lincoln Green (95) – polled votes in every game he played. Consistently good all year and he SCORED.



3. Lachlan (81) – another consistent performer that would have polled higher if not for a hand injury.

4. Rhian (72) – more impact on the scoreboard from our ‘softly spoken’ firebrand.

5. Kat (71) – our new super goalie fitted in straight away and kept us in a lot of games.

Coaches Votes

Voted on by the management team after each game (we forget about ‘training’). This is a reward for effort and for working to help your team mates. Top three for 2015:

1. Garth (8) – our song and dance man provided as may highlights off the field as he did on it. A great clubman.

2. Justin (7) – no injuries this year and super consistent performer that stepped up in 2015.

3. Tam (6) – sacrificed her place on the team to allow the boys more game time but helped run the sideline and always provided vocal support when she could make our games.

Player Profiles

Kendrick “Very Very Unlucky” Duren

Possie: - | Goals: - | B&F: 24 | Coaches: 3

Kenny had a cameo role for us again this year but when required always stumbled around the field to the best of his considerable ability. Ah Kenny – always fun to watch your stumbles.

Lincoln “Sneaky Balls” Green

Position: Inner/Midfield/Fullback | Goals: 2! | B&F: 95 Coaches: 5

The wait is over. Linc scored two brilliant goals to break his duck! He also showed some handy skills with the overhead. A skill our team hasn’t seen for a number of years. Linc managed to get a couple of opponents carded in 2015. Doing so without getting carded himself in those games was the truly skilful part. We will all remember Linc’s vow of silence in the latter part of the year. I think Linc needs to revisit a definition for silence.

John “...the Weapon” Lovejoy

Position: Fullback | Goals: - | B&F: 6 | Coaches: 5

John was a solid force at the back in 2015. He is

always willing to get his body involved in a tackle – he managed to disguise his intentions pretty well with one memorable clash resulting in a knob from Queanbeyan getting carded whilst John looked on with a “who me?” sought of grin.

Garth “Y-E-L-L-O-W” O’Connell

Position: Wing | Goals: 4 | B&F: 46 | Coaches: 8

Garth was one of the SL3 players who decided to focus on being more social and join SL4 for the year which was fantastic for our team. Garth is a great communicator – particularly when he is on the sideline. His chants of support spurred on his teammates and he was a deserved winner of our coaches award for 2015. Looking forward to some smooth moves at Pres night Garth.

Tam “Tam”

Position: Fullback / Winger | Goals: 2 | B&F: 27 | Coaches: 6

Tam started with us but dropped her game time when she realised we had a rather large squad. Had a great cameo against Dara later in the year when she snuck into our forward line and narrowly missed a hat trick. Always willing to help coordinate the lads on the sideline. Will be missed when she moves next year. Good luck Tam.

Brett “Chunkers” Loiterton

Position: The lazy back | Goals: 3 | B&F: 50 | Coaches: -

A challenging year health wise off the field but always had a ball when I got to play. Guilty of a missed stroke later in the year and also had the ignominy of being physically dominated by a 20kg - 12 year old from Central in the same game (and she managed to get the free hit!). Not one of my finest moments but one that provided a great sight for the SL1 guys warming up.

Aidan “Smithy” Smith

Position: Centre Half/Inner | Goals: 3 | B&F: 98 | Coaches: 4

Whenever Aidan plays he gives 110%. He ran his heart out in every game he played. He primarily ran at Inner and in a close fought run managed to snag Best & Fairest with a best on ground in the last game. Also managed his first card ever in hockey – sadly it wasn’t for something cool like arguing with an umpire or hooking an opponent.

James “Surge” Fergusson

Position: Midfield | Goals: 2 | B&F: 62 | Coaches: 2

Surge also returned to SL4 and gave us another experienced head in our midfield. Found the scoresheet and kept his opponents (and teammates) guessing with his wonderful hitting ability. More game time next year please James. Saving lives is over rated.

Kat

Position: Goalie | Goals: saved Lots | B&F: 71 | Coaches: 5

Kat was a new addition to the Beer Ship and managed to fit in straight away. After our incredibly vocal goalie of the previous few years it took a little while for Kat to find her voice but when she did we were much the better team for it. Read the play well and had some very incisive commentary.

John “JB” Blood

Position: Wing / Half | Goals: - | B&F: 3 | Coaches: 5

Well JB has made it through another season mostly unscathed. He is a great club man who was always happy to help out the team wherever he was required. Whether that was to quell a rampaging winger with some questionable body usage or to take the whistle so his team mates didn’t have to miss out. Another fine year.

James “Jimmy” Robertson

Position: Centre Half/Inner | Goals: 1 | B&F: 58 | Coaches: 1

James streaked to the lead in our Best & Fairest before he had to move permanently back to SL3. Still managed to make some impressive cameos when called upon later in the year and always gave his all for the team.

Andrew “Smithy” Smith

Position: Left half | Goals: - | B&F: 37 | Coaches: 5

Andrew had a great 2015. Again he was super consistent at left half where he nullified the opposition more often than not. His cover defence was great and his ability to read the play is getting better each year. A valuable player who gives all he can each week. This year his

attacking instincts improved as well. Bring on next year.

Rhian “Little Red” Blackwell

Position: Wing | Goals: 6 | B&F: 72 | Coaches: 4

Rhian again provided the team with afternoon delight in 2015. His chatter this year was a little tempered – perhaps fatherhood is giving him the outlet he needs for his crazy talk. His run up forward was always full of passion and this year he converted a number of half opportunities into awesome goals or selflessly set up his team mates.

Justin “Aerial” Gainey

Position: Right Half | Goals: - | B&F: 36 | Coaches: 7

After a one off highlight in the aerial arts in 2014 – Justin needs to be recognised for his skills when the ball comes through to him anywhere off the ground. Those cricketing skills certainly come to the fore. Did I mention how he was taken out by a 15 year old girl when we played Central. Shame Justin – Shame. Shame SL1 didn’t see that!

Lachlan “don’t call him Lachie” Beale

Position: Wing/Inner | Goals: 2 | B&F: 81 | Coaches: 5

2nd year in and Lachlan continued his improvement from last year. His stick skills and ability to take the unreachable pass continue to

be a highlight. His improving skills allowed him to spend quality time in our midfield where he was a willing contributor. A hand injury meant some missed games but he returned strongly.

Brett “The Thin One” Waldock

Position: Full Forward/Half | Goals: 1 | B&F: 31 | Coaches: 4

Brett managed another consistent year for the Beership. Spent some time in the halves this year and managed to make some key contributions in the latter half of the year. Brett is always willing to hold up an end of the bar – a necessary quality for the Beer Ship. Looking forward to carrying on some good form next year.

Paul “Chambo” Chambers

Position: Full Forward | Goals: 5 | B&F: 43 | Coaches: 2

Chambo appeared out of nowhere in Rd 15 and was able to be a very effective contributor for the team in the last six rounds. He was a valuable talisman up forward and allowed our other forwards some space to create opportunities. We did forget to brief him on the rules though which did result in a Green Card turning into a Yellow when he didn’t leave the field of play. Hope to see you back next year.

Ken “Young Ken” Pattugalan

Position: Inner | Goals: 2 | B&F: 41 | Coaches: 5

I mentioned at this stage last year that we needed

more games from our guitar slinging virtuoso and Ken delivered on that in 2015. Prior to his mid season trip to Colombia – Ken was on fire and managed to find some consistency in our midfield. Mind you if he didn’t have his ‘holiday’ we would miss out on the great stories he is able to share like when he was drugged and robbed. What establishment were you visiting that night again?

Dan “the man” Williams

Position: Forward | Goals: 3 | B&F: 62 | Coaches: 4

Like Garth – Dan joined us from SL3 and we were lucky to have him. Provided some genuine goal scoring talent up forward and a wise experienced head up forward. Showed bravery when he returned to the field after being nearly knocked out versus Queanbeyan. Not sure he remembers much of that game.

Surprisingly with a squad of 18 we still had some ring-ins in 2015. My thanks to you all.

- Goggles (2 B/F votes + 2 coaches votes) / Will (3 B/F votes) / Muz (4 B/F votes)
- Damon (9 B/F votes + 1 coaches vote) / Tracey (1 coaches vote)
- Sean (10 B/F votes + 1 goal) / Josh (16 B/F votes + 1 coaches + 1 goal)

Thanks as always to the regular supporters. I’d like to thank Linc for getting us a squad together each week. I look forward to 2015.

CHUNKERS





The Midweek team for 2015 began the season with an interesting mix of players, with an almost even 50/50 split between the old hands and the new. There were nine players returning from our premiership winning 2014 team, and seven new faces joining the Mighty Midweek team for their first time. Due to this mix, I suspected that it may take some time for us all to gel as a team on the pitch. However, off the field was a different matter, with midweek continuing our tradition of being one of the most “sociable” teams in the club, with regular visits to the RUC after our game becoming the norm by seasons end.

With this new mix of players in mind, my aim from our very first game was chiefly to be experimental, placing most of my players into a large variety of different positions, until I could find the best combination for the group of players we had. Despite not always being able to put people in the exact position they would have preferred, by about the halfway mark in the season, we had found our feet as a group, and settled into our new team positions. From that point forwards, and despite some minor changes in positions, our results saw a slow, but steady improvement. By the seasons end we had comfortably won ourselves second spot on the ladder, and booked us a spot in the major semi-final.

The first week of the finals saw a repeat of the 2014 major semi-final, with UC battling it out with our nemeses ANU 1 - who again had finished in first place. Unfortunately for us this year, the

result turned out to be the difference. Fielding only the bare eleven players necessary (due to injuries and other commitments keeping five of our players sidelined), we would ultimately go on to be 2 - 0 down by the final whistle. However, with both of ANU 1s goals only coming in the second half despite the lack of fresh legs coming off our bench, there were still positives to be taken away from the game, as it was our best performance against that team all season.

The second week of the finals saw us matched in the preliminary final against the third placed team from the round matches - Wests. This was a team with which we had had several interesting encounters with during the season, with a draw, a loss and a win being the result. However, despite our mixed results throughout the year, we went into this match with our confidence high, as our excellent performance against ANU 1 the previous week had proved to ourselves that we were more than capable of going all the way to the grand final once more. And despite West opening the scoring first, we would go on to win handily 5 - 3 by the final siren, and book ourselves a spot in the grand final.

Now heading into the final week of finals hockey, we once again, just like in 2014, find ourselves fighting it out against ANU 1 for the Midweek crown. But whatever the result may be by the final whistle, I know that everyone in this team will have tried their best and given their all for each other, as they have throughout the entire season. And as always, we will be doing so while

also having plenty of fun and a few laughs along the way!

Before I get into the rest of the report, there is a small group of people whom I would like to especially thank - our umpires. The Midweek draw was especially difficult this year regarding the appointment of umpires, due to the majority of our games being “self umpired matches” (i.e. requiring that we provided an umpire for our own games). If it hadn’t been for these selfless people stepping in to help umpire those matches, we wouldn’t even have been able to play. So a massive thank you goes out to James Robertson (1 game), David Murray (2 games) and Stephen Madden (6 games). I must make special mention of Madden, who umpired a massive 6 games for us throughout the season, on the top of his role as the umpire co-ordinator, in making sure that every game we played had someone there to blow a whistle. Once again, thank you guys!

A summary of the 2015 season:

Round	VS	Score	Result
1	Belconnen	3-1	Win
2	Queanbeyan	3-0	Win
3	United	5-3	Win
4	ANU2	6-3	Win
5	Bye	N/A	N/A
6	ANU1	0-6	Loss
7	Wests	1-1	Draw
8	Belconnen 3-1	Win	

9	Queanbeyan	4-3	Win
10	United	9-2	Win
11	ANU2	8-0	Win
12	Bye	N/A	N/A
13	ANU1	2-4	Loss
14	Wests	1-2	Loss
15	Belconnen	8-0	Win
16	Queanbeyan	6-3	Win
17	United	4-1	Win
18	ANU2	4-0	Win
19	Bye	N/A	N/A
20	ANU1	0-6	Loss
21	Wests	4-3	Win

Total: Win - 13 Loss - 4 Draw - 1

SF	ANU1	0-2	Loss
PF	Wests	5-3	Win
GF	ANU1	2-1	Win

Bunny (Alisha Nolan)

Goals: 3

One of our returning champions from our triumphant 2014 campaign, Alisha kicked off the year by earning herself a new nickname through, in true UCHC style, a bad encounter with the bottle. On the pitch, however, "Bunny" is an extremely strong and versatile player, almost always playing well above the level of most of the men she comes up against in the Midweek competition. Though playing in almost every position at some point throughout the season, Bunny really shone as an outside half and fullback, with her impressive defensive skills.

Span/Spanner (Anna Christoff)

Goals: -

Though technically a new face in the midweek lineup this year, Anna was already known to most of the team, mostly due to the fact she is my awesome little sister! After playing for the United

CL1 women over the previous two seasons, Span decided early in 2015 that a change of scenery was required, and decided to come and play hockey in a less serious and more fun orientated environment. Spanner is a player with excellent skills and game awareness, and she often made the men she was matched up against on the pitch look foolish. Anna also copped one of the most impressive injuries of the season, being hit in the face by an opponent's wayward tomahawk shot on goal in the final round. Anna was one of our strongest defenders this season, and was often found playing as an outside half or fullback.

Sesh1 (James Watson)

Goals: 3

Another returning player from our triumphant 2014 team, James decided early on in the year that as so many people in the UC Hockey Club have nicknames, he would require a nickname of his own. Never one to be discouraged, James then promptly gave himself the nickname Jimmy Sesh1, which was apparently (according to James at least) his rapper name... or something. But personally, I've never really understood where that all came from. Despite all this, Sesh1 has again proven to be a formidable force on the pitch this season. He is able to play pretty much anywhere you put him, with his speed, strength on the ball and mad stick skills meaning he always excels, but this year he was most often found playing as an inner, centre half or fullback.

Vanessa Smyth

Goals: 2

One of our returning players from our successful 2014 team, Vanessa continues to improve her game despite it being only her third year playing hockey, combined with the fact she has never been able to attend any hockey trainings, ever! Vanessa wasn't quite able to match her large haul of goals from 2014, but I put that mostly

down to the fact that she missed quite a number of games this season. Instead, Vanessa decided that gallivanting all across Europe for a couple of months would be much more fun! On the pitch, Vanessa once again played her role as our sneaky little winger, with her uncanny ability to jump on an opponent's goal post without them noticing, and then smacking the ball in.

Houso (Jackson Leckie)

Goals: 16

Jackson was another one of our returning veterans from the winning 2014 team, whom alongside myself, was the only other player in the team to make every single game this season. He also managed to earn himself a new nickname too - "Houso", which he was promptly dubbed by James and Alisha after deciding to stay over at their place for the night, then never leaving. On the field, Leckie once again proved to be an extremely effective player, possessing enough speed, endurance, skills and strength on the ball to win any encounter with the opposition. Reliable in his usual position as an inside forward, or occasionally centre half, he consistently was able to put the ball in the back of the net throughout the entire season, and finished as our equal highest goal scorer. As such, Jackson was also the well deserved choice for this year's Best and Fairest Player award for Midweek. Well done mate!

Fingers (Sean Willis)

Goals: 1

Another returning champion from our triumphant 2014 team, our new Vice President Sean had an extremely busy start to the season, being in charge of the design and purchasing of the entire club's new uniform. Sean is always a pleasure to have in your team, somehow always being able to get a smile out of everyone with his witty banter and jokes, and continually makes me forget just how little hockey he has actually



played, thanks to his immense contributions on the field. Playing most of the year as an outside half or fullback, with an occasional run as a forward thrown in for good measure, Sean has become a key component of our defensive line, with his tackling, big hitting, and strength when in possession of the ball being chief among his most effective abilities.

Chris Ronan

Goals: 4

Chris was one of our new Midweek team members this year who did not also already play for UCHC previously, being dragged along by Anna to come and play hockey for his first ever season. Though being the greenest member of the team, which occasionally resulted in some on field hilarity as he learnt the rules of the game, Chris continually improved his game throughout the year. He is now almost unrecognisable as a player, to those of us who saw him take the pitch in his first game, having improved upon almost every aspect of his game throughout the season. With his endurance, speed and agility being chief among his best abilities, Chris has become a very strong player in his usual positions as on outside half and forward. Given this, Chris was the obvious choice for this year's Most Improved Player award for Midweek. Congratulations mate!

Goggles (Steven Gee)

Goals: -

Our returning goalkeeper from our triumphant 2014 campaign, Goggles actually decided to play on the field at the beginning of this season. However, due to an unfortunate injury Mick would sustain, with our second round game against Wests resulting in some broken ribs, Goggles once again donned the pads for us during the final round games and finals. An extremely reliable and consistent player, both on the field and in the goal, Goggles was again the key to

most of our defensive efforts throughout the season. While on the field, Goggles was most often found playing as a fullback, with his strong, low tackling ability, long range slap hits and great communication being among his best abilities. And while in goal, Goggles continues to prove why he is considered one of the club's best goalkeepers, with his great agility, skill and communication being chief among his best abilities.

Turbo (Tessa Bailey)

Goals: 4

One of the new faces to the Midweek lineup in 2015, Tessa has had an excellent first season as part of UCHCs Mighty Midweek team. With her infectious enthusiasm and positivity going hand in hand with great fitness and skill, Turbo has proven to be a very valuable addition to our midweek lineup. Tessa has most often been found playing this season as a forward or inner, with her endurance, agility and stick skills often making the men she would come up against look (and no doubt feel) foolish.

Mick Bailey

Goals: -

Another one of the new faces in this year's Midweek lineup, and our most "senior" member for 2015, Mick decided to come onboard as our goalkeeper this season. Despite beginning the season a little rusty (due to his time away from the game), Mick soon found his feet in his role as keeper, and would continually improve the more games he played. Unfortunately for Mick and the team, one of his best performances in goal (in our second round game against Wests), saw him taking a nasty hit to the side while making a desperate save in goal. The result of that hit was a number of breaks in his ribs, which would sadly keep him on the sideline for the rest of the season. Here's hoping 2016 is kinder on the

body for you Mick! Lastly, a fun fact: Mick is also Tessa's uncle!

Moz (Ian Morrow)

Goals: 9

One of the new faces to the Midweek line-up in 2015, Moz's addition to this year's team has been a crucial part of our success throughout the entire season. Stepping into the role as our default centre half, Moz's ability to distribute the ball and eliminate opposing players has given us the needed edge in many of our matches throughout the year. Moz has also been a key part of our short corner battery this year, with his direct hits from the top of the circle proving to be deadly accurate on much more than one occasion. A player with excellent speed, agility, skill and endurance, Moz also finished the season as our third highest goal scorer.

Simon Gavin

Goals: 16

Simon was another one of our returning veterans from the winning 2014 team, and continued exactly where he had left off at the end of the previous season - scoring lots of goals! Filling in the role as our default centre forward throughout the year, Simon has consistently given those further back in the field an outlet for their passes, then using his speed and skills to win a free hit or lead the tip of an attack into the opponent's circle. A player with fantastic speed and endurance, combined with great strength on the ball and a killer turn, Simon finished the season as our equal highest goal scorer, on 16 goals.

Inda (Millie Butt)

Goals: 11

Another one of the new faces in this year's Midweek line-up, Millie has proven to be our most deadly female striker throughout the entire



2015 season. A player who always gives her all on the pitch, Inda proved to me early in the season that our forward line was the best position for her to be. Using her impressive stick skills and great strength while in possession of the ball, Inda would regularly make the men she was matched against look like practise cones in a training drill, while she ran into their circle and smacked the ball in the back of their net. Due to this, Millie finished up the season with the honour of being the second highest goal scorer in the entire team.

Mitch Searle

Goals: -

Another of the small number of new Midweek team members who did not also already play for UCHC previously, Mitch was a slightly late addition to the team at the very beginning of the season. Initially missing out on a few of our early games, Mitch nevertheless began playing with gusto once he was finally able to take to the pitch, and became a very handy addition to our defensive unit. A solid hockey player who tackles back reliably, while also being very strong when in possession of the ball, Mitch played a crucial



defensive role as an outside half and fullback throughout the season.

Haylie Sibley

Goals: -

Another returning player from our triumphant 2014 campaign, we unfortunately didn't get to see as much of Haylie this season as we all would have liked. Due to an ongoing medical issue, Haylie only ended up playing 5 games in total, but when she did play, Haylie made her presence known as a tough and tenacious outside half. I hope 2016 turns out to be a better year for you health wise Haylie, we miss seeing you on the pitch!

Tangles (Michael Christoff)

Goals: 3

Me, Myself and I.

And a big thank you to all our fill in players:

Tayler Green - Tayler would have played in the finals with us, but alas, it was not to be. Prior commitments unfortunately conspired to keep him away. A player with great speed, agility and skills, and just a nice bloke in general. Thanks for your time mate, and hope you decide to come on board in permanently in 2016!

Sarah Broomhall - Brooms played a few of the very early games in the season for us. A very handy player to have, especially in the forward line. It's always fun having her stop by (in the ambulance) for a game!

Will Richards - A visit from an old English friend. Will played a couple of games for us over the season. Always a handy player to have, and he sure can make things "interesting" out there!

Ryan Dix - Bieber popped by for one game this year. Always handy on the pitch thanks to his lightning speed.

James Robertson - Jimmy also played one game for us this year, and as always played a very solid game, as an outside half. Always a pleasure to have you James!

Tom Castillo - A new face to midweek this year, Tom was recruited at the last minute for a late Wednesday night game - beginning straight after his training had finished!

Josh Gould - Another new face to midweek this year, Josh was also "borrowed" at the last minute for a late Wednesday night game - beginning right after training!

Finally, I would just like to say another big THANK YOU again to everyone involved with the Midweek team this year. Thank you to the BoM, to all the fill-ins, to the umpires, the officials and all our supporters. Your contributions make the task of running this team so much easier. And lastly, I would just like to finish up by saying thank you to my Mighty Midweekers, it's been another terrifically fun season of hockey, and I hope to see you all return again for more come 2016!

Cheers,
Tangles



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