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2021 : THE YEARBOOK EDITION

The season draws to a close but the hockey continues through the summer!

Summer Hockey is now 3 weeks in and with 32 Senior Teams and 80 Junior teams filling up our spots on Thursday and Friday, the clubhouse is always pumping with music and the service of cheese platters, sausage sizzles and slushies. The atmosphere is a buzz, so even if you are not playing, come down and enjoy the festivities the club has to offer. You won't be a stranger here.

Summer has also seen an influx of function bookings by some swimming clubs, using our wonderful space in the clubrooms and taking advantage of our services. A great way for the club to maximise bar sales and providing staff with more work through the off season.

CLUB PRESIDENT REPORT: JEREMY WALSH

The UWA Hockey Club is a proud, vibrant and successful club and this year was no exception with the club winning Hockey WA's Senior Club of the Year. We have not won this award since 2005 and it was fantastic to have the greatness of the club acknowledged by Hockey WA.

One of the contributing factors to this award was the growth in our membership which created both strength and depth to our senior grades from our Premier League teams to our 11's teams. A whopping 22 senior teams, four more than last year and with 18 of these teams playing finals the club is delighted / ecstatic with this result.

2021 also saw a new Junior President being appointed with Chris Nelson taking over the reins from club legend Craig Boyce. Craig has done a mountain of work over the last two years to create systems and procedures to help the junior club move forward and prosper both on and off the field. With the season set up Chris took it from there and is a worthy successor. I thank them both for their commitment to the club over the year.

I would also like to thank the newly created board, senior committee, coaches and team captains for their hard work and dedication during the 2021 season. They commit so much time to make the club what it is today and will continue to give tirelessly over the summer so that we can have a smooth start to the 2022 season. Finally, I would like to thank all the players who make up this great club and who this year have made the Blue Bar the place to be after training and games.

For all those who supported me through my first year as President, I thank you wholeheartedly and look forward to seeing you again in 2022.

CLUB OF THE YEAR 2021!



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WELCOME: OUR NEW CLUB SPONSOR

Last month the club secured a \$10,000 in kind sponsorship with **The Hampden Hotel.**

Our club continues to thank so many of you who work tirelessly throughout the year.

This partnership will reward our volunteer members by way of vouchers to this hotel to go and enjoy a tasty dinner on us. We look forward to supporting you in 2022 and beyond to continue making this the best club in Australia. We hope you can continue to assist is also in 2022.

If you have coached, managed, volunteered in some capacity this year, you are entitled to this voucher. Congratulations and Thank you so much.



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2021 : MEN'S CAPTAIN REPORT

Once again, the lads had great season with UWAHC in 2021. Preseason began with almost everyone returning from last season, and a lot of new faces keen to join. So much so that we were able to add an 11th team. Mixed results early, with some teams soring to the top end of the ladder, while others struggled to find the back of the net in the first few rounds. Thankfully, we were lucky enough to receive some excellent guidance from those who volunteered to coach in various capacities throughout the year, enabling great improvement from everyone who attended training regularly. Well done to the 10s for winning the minor premiership, and to the 7s who narrowly missed out on goal difference. From the 11 teams, 9 managed to make finals, with the 11s not making the cut despite coming 3rd. From there, we were fortunate enough to make 4 grand finals, coming away with 3 flags. A great achievement for the club, and especially the 2s, 4s and 10s, who should all be very proud of their efforts this season.

Congratulations everyone on a great season, and we look forward to bigger and better things in 2022.



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JUNIOR PRESIDENT REPORT

2021 has been another massive year for the Junior Club. This year we fielded 38 teams between J1/2 and J11/12 which means coaches, managers, age group coordinators, umpires and lots of parents - it's a big machine!

The year ended with 9 teams out of 17 eligible teams making finals with a haul of 3 pennants. Congratulations to the J7/8 ARes Girls, J9/10B Boys, J9/10 ARes Boys but also a massive congratulations to all our players who conducted themselves as we expect Uni Juniors to, while showing huge improvement over the course of the year to post some great results.

With COVID being held at bay we were able to attend the Bunbury Carnival, putting in our usual strong showing. Notably our boys 9/10s came runner up in a hard fought final and our boys and girls J5/6s won the Championship.

Craig Boyce needs to be acknowledged for the vast amount of work he has done for the club over decades, including his most recent stint as Junior President which finished during the season. I would also like to thank our fantastic committee who work so hard to make sure that the Junior Club works efficiently and effectively to provide such a great experience for all our kids.

Poss Nelson
Junior President



WOMEN'S CAPTAIN REPORT

2021 saw the Women's club bigger and stronger than ever!

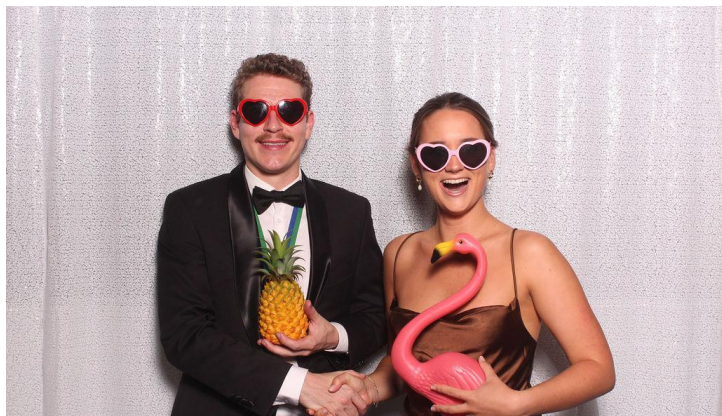
We saw incredible interest from new players joining UWA whether they were changing clubs, returning to hockey after a few years break or deciding to take up a new sport altogether. Meaning that from the beginning of the season we knew we were in for a competitive year. And what an incredible year we had! 9 out of 11 teams played at least one game in finals with 5 teams going through to grand finals. Congratulations to 4s, 7s, 8s, 9s, and 10s on making it to the grand final and extra congratulations the 4s, 9s, and 10s on their grand final wins! Our first flags for the Women's club since 2017. It was wonderful to see so many UWA players coming down to support all those in finals.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all 16 incredible people who gave up their time and coached our teams this year. I know all your time, effort, and hard work was very much appreciated by all the women, and especially myself.

Special mention to Jess Kendall from the Women's 9s who was not only the UWA Senior Club's highest goal scorer but also the highest goal scorer of all the women and the second highest goal scorer of the entire Senior HWA Competition with an impressive 37 goals from 17 games, giving her an average of 2.17 goals per game!

Iola Brown
Womens Captain

FINAL DINNER 2021: OH WHAT A NIGHT!



SOAKS MEN'S REPORT

"Lost Boys" O50 Div2

The Lost Boys used our full squad during the O50s Div 2 season, under the whiteboard guidance of Scott Morgan. We were like the curate's egg - good in parts. Always sociably competitive, pressed some top sides and posted wins, but also lost tight ones to finish in 7th.

We might suggest that it was a deliberate "September-off" strategy to refresh for summer hockey and the Busselton carnival. A Lost Boys squad went south this last weekend for the customarily rigorous 2 day campaign - reports are sketchy.

On goal-scoring, a dozen blokes spent all year to get one or two each - a fine example of selflessly sharing the load up forward (?). Then there were three vying at the top of the leader board, including Steve McKelvie who had a stellar season (by his recent standards) with 4. Also Matt McNeilly with 4 and Justin Mann leading the pack with 5.

Final dinner last night, Awards Bard/Barred: "Bad Boy" Bhandari, Lumberjack: Tim Swart, Barn D'Or: Paul Ruiter, Order of Dubious Distinction: "Mad Dog" Scott Morgan.

Another very enjoyable season!!

Alan Murray



UNI SOAKS TURF TEAM 2- SUPER SOAKERS REPORT

This year was another challenging year. The season started with us struggling to fill numbers once again. Even though we had some 20-odd players on the roster, the start of the season coincided with School Holidays as half the team headed up north, at the end of the holidays the rest of the team escaped out of Perth.

We had an enjoyable season with most of us getting back after an interrupted 2020. Was great to see you all down at the games, and welcome to our new recruits.

Year's statistics:

- 23 different players this year
- No finals, finished equal 6 out of 10 with 6 wins, 3 draws and 9 losses from 18 games. 35 goals for, 45 against.
- Highest Goal scorer: Neal Collins (Goose) with 8 goals. Our only goal scorer in the top 10 of the Division.
- Not a single player was recorded as getting a green, yellow or red card
- Sean "Rowdy" Kelly, Andrew "Mutz" Mutzig and Cheyne "the main man" Beetham played the most games - 17
- Fairest and Best: Stu Fogarty

UNI SOAKS MEN DIV 7: 4TH TIME'S A CHARM!

After 3 grand finals losses in a row the div 7's (preferably known as Team Boyce/Soaks 1's) were keen for redemption in 2021. This was evident in the competition for spots with 20 in the extended squad at the start of the season we were excited for what was to come in 2021.

With the injection of youth (relative term) with the inclusion of debutants Bash, Bunney, Croll and the goal scoring machine P Birtles added the flare, whilst the corner battery what lacked in variation more than made up for in results as Gairnsy scored with monotonous ease with 20 goals for the season (not bad from full back). Stevey Boyce showed he's not only a gun on the field, he was also a natural in the net when Wardy was broken. We finished the H&A season on top with 12 wins but knew the job wasn't done and didn't want to be bridesmaids for the 4th year running. We met Melville in the semi who beat us in strokes in the 2019 GF. We won 4-1 only to meet them 2 weeks later in the GF. The week off was welcomed by our aging bodies and we were ready.

In a clinical grand final performance guided by the injured A Mellor with the clipboard we put 5 goals on the board, before Melville were able to scramble a consolation goal in the dying minutes. A 5-1 grand final win was the tonic we needed after falling short in the 3 years earlier. Thanks to the team for being a great bunch of guys to play with and more importantly have a beer at the blue bar.



SOAKS OVER 50 DIV 3 "THE SUPERSIDE" SEASON

Having spent most of the 2021 season in the top 4, the Superside faded away in the final rounds to finish a disappointing 6th on the ladder with 8 wins and 8 losses and a goal difference of -3. Long-term injuries played a significant role during the year requiring an almost weekly scramble to put a full complement on the paddock with one or two on the sideline.

Notable again was our inability to trouble the score board on a regular basis, a reasonably fundamental aspect of winning games. A welcome return to the side every second game was "Floppy" Albrecht who brought a level of athleticism, determination and skill, all great attributes which are sadly often not matched amongst most of his team-mates. We look forward to Floppy's continued participation in 2022.

We were very grateful for semi-regular help from Gase, Tubbsy, Jug and on occasion Garth the scoring machine. It doesn't pay to speculate where we would've finished without them and hopefully they'll be around to help us again next year.

What the Superside lacks on the field however, is more than made up by the collective enthusiasm for re-hydration after the game. No matter the game score a drink, a laugh and some great mate-ship is guaranteed every Saturday which continues to be a weekly highlight for me over the winter months. We look forward to another massive medal count at Chateau AP, Ledge point early December and a higher finish in 2022 after some serious recruiting!!

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EXTERNAL FUNCTIONS

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SOAK'S WOMEN: PRESIDENT REPORT

SOAKS Women - It's a Wrap

As the sun sets on another season of hockey, it is always good to reflect on the good, the bad and the spectacular of the season (there is no ugly in our club!). Let's go with the bad first – we didn't win any flags this year. Whilst we had four of our ten teams make finals, none of us got the win, with most losing in the dreaded penalty flick shoot out. Maybe next year we might think about training... The good – there was so much of this. Firstly, we got to play a full season with only minimal disruption from COVID lockdowns. We quite often take this for granted in our little bubble, and I do acknowledge our players that were successful in being selected for the Australian Masters Championships who didn't get the opportunity to travel and play. I would like to thank HockeyWA for their creativity in setting up a Master's Challenge Cup and a Masters Legends tournament to allow these players the opportunity to play in a tournament that celebrated the 2021 Hockey Season.

Continuing with the good, our club is growing which saw us introduce a new weekend turf team in Division 8, to support members wanting to transition into grades at a level commensurate with their playing skills and abilities. For a new team they did well finishing middle of the pack. As a club we are continuing to work on ensuring we support our members being able to play for as long as possible. We are working with HockeyWA to introduce an Over 50's competition within the current Mid-Week Master's competition, allowing our club to welcome in new younger players and allow our older players to keep playing but at what might be a slower pace.

The spectacular – as a President there is nothing better than receiving emails praising the behaviour of your members and how they support the broader hockey community. I was honoured to receive a couple of these this year. My committee and especially the team coordinators who worked tirelessly each week to make sure we all turned up at the right field at the right time to play. To our members that volunteer their time in coaching juniors or seniors; and of course our organisers of the Purple Bra round. A sensational effort raising over \$2000 for Breast Cancer Care WA. Finally, nothing is more spectacular than a SOAKS end of year dinner and this year was no exception. With a theme of Pink Olympics our teams put on an incredible display. Our synchronised swimmers definitely took out gold with their performance, with the equestrian team also worthy of a mention. So, as we pack away the pink glitter for another season I want to acknowledge how proud I have been to be the President of a club whose members are fantastic ambassadors of the game. Keep up the great work ladies!

Michele Clement
Soaks WomensPresident



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