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DATES FOR THE DIARY

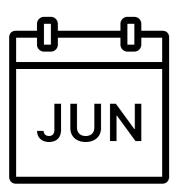


Double Header vs Reds- Saturday 28th May Women at 4pm, Mens at 5.30pm



Academy Session 4- 31st May

Club Performance Sessions



Junior Bunbury Carnival- Almost Full

Skills Academy Session 5-6

Club Training Commences

HOCKEY BOARD

- New! Puffa Jackets
- New! Club Beanies
- Casual Staff required



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THIS CLUB IS ON THE RISE!

Did you know that every week the greater University of WA hockey club puts 63 teams on the field. This figure doesn't include our year 1-4 teams that play every Saturday morning.

This year the greater University Hockey club consist of the following.

Senior women 11 Teams, Senior women 182 Senior men 11 Teams, Senior men 192

Associates women 10 Teams, Associates women 130 Associates men 7 Teams, Associates men 108 Junior girls 12 Teams, Junior girls 165 Junior boys 161

Year 1-4. Junor Boys and Girls 242

Total 63 Teams, Total 1,180

This is an increase of 3 teams from last year.

This is an increase of 123 players from last year's total of 1,057.

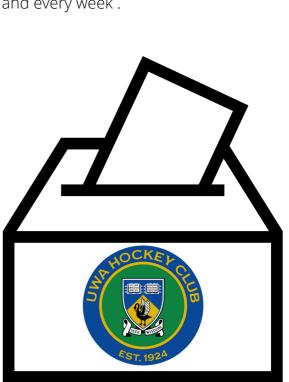
A large part of the increase is in the year 1-4 group. This group has increased from 152 last year to 242 this year. This is an increase of close to 60%. This clearly confirms that the decision to run our own year 3-4 program at MacGillivray was correct. With such strong numbers in year 1-4 we can expect a healthy increase in the number of junior teams in the coming years.

The only group to have a reduction was junior boys. Last year we had 13 junior boys teams and this year we have 12.

What is most amazing about a club which can successfully run 63 teams each week is that we can do it with a one full time staff member. A club of our size could not work so smoothly without the extraordinary contribution from hundreds of volunteers who turn up each and every week.

Congratulations and thanks you to you all.







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MENS UNI ASSOCIATES UPDATE! GRAB A COFFEE

2022 has seen some significant changes in the Soaks Men's club.

We have added a midweek masters team captained by Gordon Mathwin. This team has for some years been a combination team of mainly Mods and Uni players with the ratio becoming weighted towards Uni players in recent years hence the move to the Soaks club this year. The midweek game is a 2nd game each week for a large number of the players.

We welcome such fit energetic players to the club and wish them every success in a green uniform!

Our weekend turf sides in the senior competition include;

The newly promoted 6s.

Captain Doug Bell successfully campaigned the team to the top of the ladder and a podium finish in the G.F. in 2021.

Such a strong performance is not surprising. This team has a heavy weighting of ex classic league players.

Can we look forward to another big finish this year?

Garth Walters 8s.

This team contains a number of our more mobile members. Still capable of turf hockey and relishing the opportunity to play on a predictable surface.

The team plays a hotly contested fixture each year against the Uni 8's side: The Mabel Cup. Who will win the trophy this year?

Our weekend grass warriors include our three 50's sides;

The Division I side has Chris "Poss" Nelson juggling captaincy and Junior Club President roles (a very busy boy). This is a team that loves a grass surface game and abhors turf fixtures (which unfortunately feature this year). Hopefully high dose anti-inflammatories will provide some relief lads.

Our Div II side this year jettisoned its aging 60+ year olds and recruited well from the Lions ranks with a resultant well balanced team that should be very competitive. Co captained, the team has Scott Morgan with the famous white board for strategy and the now retired Al Murray travelling up from Denmark to manage the troops. I hear there is talk of finals this year.

The Super Side is our Div III side. Simon "Dopey" Pell has been given the difficult task of controlling this team of coaches. Welll known for their post game social coordination the Superside have been enthusiastic UWA Club supporters for years. Keep it up lads, the Blue Bar's profit margin rests with you!

2022 "graduated" a number of players to O60s this year. Secret negotiations through the off season saw a return of Russell "Rover" Wood (captain) and Gareth "Ga Ga" Widger from the wilds of Perry Lakes and further talent (from Lions) with Simon "Stormy" Storm leading the transfer of like minded players keen to participate in the Soaks post game activities. Goals scored from 3 games: 30! (we are in the wrong division, upwards and onwards boys!).

The Soaks Mens club now boasts 7 teams. A far cry from a club of 1-2 teams not so long ago. Looking forward to a successful 2022 for Soaks and for the Uni Club community.

Regards,

Brad Gallagher President, Steve McKelvie Treasurer



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2022 Toyota Prado "Kakadu" on display this weekend







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