

The Devil's Advocate



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Dave's Two Cents

Happy (belated) New Year everyone! Welcome back to 2004, henceforth to be known as the year of the devil. With the new year comes a brand new Board of Management, new teams, new and old coaches, new social functions and a new and improved Devils Advocate - to keep you up to date on what's new and happening at UCHC.

As always there's been a lot happening over the summer break. We've had more involvement in the summer competitions (both Indoor and Twilight) then ever before, which is fantastic to see – and hopefully augers well for the upcoming outdoor season. We've also seen a lot of work being done behind the scenes to get everything ready for Season 2004 – whether it's nominating teams, booking trainings, sorting out coaches, trying to find sponsors, meeting with the association or a range of other things that need to happen, there's been people doing it. Special thanks to Suzi Foley and Tom Kaveney for their work over the summer break (and to everyone else too).

This year the club will be putting most of our efforts into three main areas. Firstly, to create a more secure financial position – which includes continuing our search for sponsorship. Secondly, to have more teams contesting in the finals than ever before. Finally, a slightly revamped set of social activities, including a possible joint event with ANU, who [like to think] they drink just as hard as us.

So whether you are a new member or have been in the club for years - welcome to UCHC's 2004 season, I hope that the season is successful and enjoyable and that the club is able to provide you with the hockey and social activities you are seeking. And remember if you want to help out around the club in any way, we are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers.

Dave McNally
President

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The BoM

At the end of last year the BoM (Board of Members) was elected for 2004. We welcome **Dave McNally** as our president for the season and his trusty side kicks of **Suzi Foley** Women's VP and **Jim Winefield** as Men's VP. We will endeavour to make your season as fun and enjoyable as is possible.

Below is the BoM for 2004.

President	Dave McNally
VP Men	Jimmy Winefield
VP Women	Suzi Foley
Teams and Coaching	Cameron "Forrest" Mortimer
Public Relations	Felicity Harrigan and Matt Mayoh
Umpiring Director	Geoff Keech
Secretary	Cameron Esler
Interim Acting Finance Adviser	Tom Kaveney
Treasurer	Belinda Sierzchula
Social Director	Kristy Brown
Equipment Officer	Cristel Meredith
Recruitment and Development officer	Louise Fitzroy
Records Officer	Sue Cuddy
1st Year Member	Craig Ellem (Unit) Phoebe Richards Jackie Stitt

These people will be the ones running your club this year so if you have any ideas, suggestions, things we could improve on etc please let them know and we will do our best to satisfy your needs.

As you'll note – Tom has offered to help out in the area of Finance. I think you will agree, Tom has well and truly served his time for the club, and deserves a year off. We need a Finance Director – not an overly stressful position – and if you think you're our person let Dave know at dave.mcnally@health.gov.au

Coaches

We are excited to announce our coaches for 2004. Most of them are old hands at coaching for UCHC but we do see a few new faces. In particular we would like to welcome **Russell Cornish** to the coaching ranks. Russell will be our new 1st grade coach and has a very reputable CV to go with the job. He has coached St Pats 1st grade women for the last few years coaching them to several grand final wins. He is also the current assistant coach of the Strikers and plays first grade for St Pats.

The coaches for season 2004 are:

W1:	Russell Cornish
W2:	TBA
W3 (Red):	Dave McNally
W3 (Blue):	Neill Taylor
W4 (Red):	Cameron Esler
W4 (Blue):	John Nicholas
W5:	Neil Glasgow
W6:	Bob Coughlan
CL2:	Andrew Sutton

CL3: Tom Kaveney
CL5: Brett Loiteron
Midweek Rob Ewens (Team manager)

As you will no doubt notice, the 2nd grade womens spot is currently vacant – and we're working around the clock to get someone. It may just be that we don't know you're interested in coaching, or haven't thought about a particular person – so if you know anyone who might be interested drop an email to Dave at dave.mcnally@health.gov.au

Coming Events

Help Needed!

As the season fast approaches, the first event on the calendar is **Clubs and Societies day** during **O Week at uni**. This is one of our most important days during the year as it is the day where we find all our new talent for the season. During the day we need some helpful people to come and sit on the stall and tell everyone who passes by why UCHC is the best club on campus and why they should play hockey. It would be really good to get about 6 people throughout the day to help proceedings.

When: Wednesday 18 February

Time: 9am to 4pm (you don't need to be there this whole time!)

Where: UC Concourse

What: Wear any UCHC type gear that you may have (tracksuits, EUGs shirts, Bucket hats etc.)

Who: Suzi Foley, contact her at suzifoley@hotmail.com

Why: Because you love your club! And there'll be a free beer or two for volunteers!

Club Day! (formerly grading day)

After Clubs and Societies day at uni comes the next step of the quest to win all 10 premierships in 2004. Club Day!

This used to be the club's grading day, but now it's a bit more of an excuse to come and play a bit of hockey, eat sausages, meet the BoM and other interesting people, impress the coaches with your skill and talent and have a drink or two.

It'd be great to see stacks of people out there this year.

When: Saturday 28 February

Time: 11:30am – 2pm

Where: National Hockey Centre, Mouat Street, Lyneham

What: Bring your hockey gear, a coloured and a white shirt

Who: For more details contact Dave, at dave.mcnally@health.gov.au

Training

If we are to succeed during the season we need to be well tuned athletes or at least pretend to be well tuned athletes. For this to happen we need to have training.

However, following some poor attendances at our on field trainings last season, teams that have less than 6 players turning up on a regular basis will have their training cancelled. Unfortunately the club is not in a financial position to pay for training times that are not being used effectively.

Fitness training

Who: 1st and 2nd Grade Women (and any interested others)

Day: Monday nights (As of 2 February)

Time: 6pm

Place: Meet at the front of the National Library

Or

Who: CL2 and CL3 Men (and any interested others)

Day: Tuesday nights (as of 10 February)

Time: From 6pm

Place: Meet at the dirt carpark behind Questacon

Field Training

Training for all grades will start on **Tuesday 2 March**. All training will be done on either the Carter or the Powell fields since we will all be playing the majority of our games this year on water based surfaces.

Times will be worked out as soon as all coaches are confirmed and teams will be notified in the next newsletter. Once the season has started an optional training session on Thursday nights will also be offered at the AIS in their indoor soccer facility. Last year it proved to be very popular with the men, so they have decided this year to extend it to the women as well. There will be a cost per person if you wish to take up this wonderful offer to train twice a week, just like the professionals do!!!

Eastern University Games

The Eastern University Games for 2004 will be held in **Wollongong from Sunday 18 July to Thursday 22 July**. To be eligible for these games you must be a **current student at University of Canberra**. Approximate **cost for the games will be \$290** which includes games entry, accommodation, clothing and administrative fees. If we make the top 4 or 5 at these games we will then qualify for the **Australian University Games to be held in Perth in October**.

Look out for more information at club day or club and societies day at uni.

Fees

Yes, you will need to pay fees this year otherwise you will not be playing. We are going to enforce a very strict no pay no play policy this year. If you still owe fees from 2003 you will NOT be playing for us - or anyone else - until you pay up.

Fees have also gone up by \$20 this year because of the inclusion of another water based field at Lyneham and the Associations decision to start paying 1st and 2nd grade umpires. Fees for 2004 can be paid at the bar at the hockey centre, to team managers or to Suzi Foley of Jim Winefield. A club membership fee of \$40 will need to be paid before the first match on the weekend of 20/21st of March. This is to ensure that everyone is covered by insurance.

Fees for 2004 are as follows

Turf players

UC students	\$220
UC life Members	\$275
Associate member	\$345
Junior	\$120

Grass (6th grade women only)

Associate	\$170
UC student	\$110
UCU member	\$160
Junior	\$70

Non-playing Member \$40

i.e. Coach, umpire, etc who does not play for the club

Summer Competitions

As you all probably know many UCHC people have been running around during the hotter months of the year honing their skills ready for a big winter season. Lots of recruiting has also been happening during the summer with our trams attracting people from all sorts of places.

Indoor Hockey

Our teams are all fairing quite well as we come to the second half of the indoor season. Our women's Super 6 side has unfortunately finished their season with a loss to Central last week in their semi final. In a nail biter which resulted in Central winning 6-5 UC had much of the possession in the second half and were unlucky not to win.

Stand out players during their semi final were Sue Cuddy, Heidi Arnaudon and Tamara Robinson. All our other womens teams are fairing quite well with three more games to go until finals. Our B grade teams are still finals contenders with steady performances most weeks and our C grade team is looking good for a top two finish.

Both Mens A Grade Teams are turning in good performances – with “Team Experience” currently holding down top spot, and “Team Not-So-Experienced” in with a good chance to make the top four.

Twilight Hockey

The Bad Monkeys, Good Monkeys and the Dugouts have been continuing their quest for fame and fortune on the twilight pitch. So far all teams have been putting in good, hard performances on the field and have shown oppositions from all over the district just what they have in stall for them. So if you are not doing anything on either a Sunday afternoon or a Thursday night, come on down to the hockey centre and cheer on these mixed teams. If you are interested in playing Sunday night twilight please contact Rob Ewens on robert.ewens@team.telstra.com as we have been short of players over the last couple of weeks

“Those Summer Nights” from Jim

Welcome to 2004, for all those who have been away, welcome back. With the hockey season only mere weeks away (I bet the excitement is building!) the indoor season and twilight games are slowly coming to an end and scary words like 'fitness training' are being bandied around, it's time to think about club day (which will be held on the 28th of February at the Lyneham hockey centre) and reflect on the 'off season' that was.....

The team was known throughout the lands as the bad monkeys, a team of brave and fearless warriors of mixed genders, crushing all opposition on a Sunday evening at Lyneham. Then, one day, the draw - or was it fate - decided they should have to face another team known for being just as tough.... the good monkeys!. Both teams ran out on to the field that fateful December afternoon, with expectations high, nerves flowing through both camps, ring-ins aplenty.

From the first goal (scored by yours truly), the good monkeys knew they had met their match in their bad monkey counterparts. Then suddenly the good monkeys hit back with a goal of their own, 1-1! The crowd went nuts! With this sudden, devastating blow the bad monkeys were forced to dig deep and dig deep they did. With dazzling stick skills and lightning speed the still undefeated bad monkeys dealt a crushing blow to the good monkeys, scoring a goal in the final minutes to take the game 2-1, leaving the good monkeys stunned and bewildered and me with an enormous sense of self satisfaction, which I always seem to get from beating another UNIC team!

Jokes aside, come on down to the hockey centre pretty much any night of the week and you will see top games fought out by your U.C. compatriates in either indoor or twilight comps, just to get you in the mood for the season regular.

'go you devils!' Jim Winefield V.P.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Barny Lee and Jo Ketzner who tied the knot on the 30th of January this year. If you see Barny around the traps be sure and wish him well.

The Trading Post

If anyone wants to buy or sell anything – or has an announcement or event during the year let us know and we'd be more than happy to advertise it for you.

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The UCHC Fridge Page

All the upcoming events on one convenient page to stick on the fridge!

Clubs and Societies Day

Web 18 February 9:30-4pm

UC Concourse

Market Day

Wed 25 Feb 9.30am-4pm

UC Concourse

Club Day (*Formerly grading day*)

Sat 28 Feb 11:30-2pm

Hockey Centre

Training Starts

Tuesday 2 March

Times to be advised

Hockey Centre

Season Starts

Sat 20th March and Sunday 21st March

Bar Rally

May

Date TBC

Progressive Dinner

July

Date TBC

Grand Final weekend

19/20 September

AUG's Perth

October

Presentation Night

October

Date TBC

Make sure you put all of these important dates in your calendar to ensure that you don't miss a minute of fun and frivolity not to mention drinking, drinking and more drinking (and maybe a little bit of hockey!)

If you have anything that should be in the next Devils Advocate – Please contact Dave or Suzi.

Cheers