

# The Soggy Chronicles

Victorian Underwater Hockey News

Edition 1, February 2004

## So close! yet so far

### *Inside this edition*

Reports from the coaches and team manager of the Victorian Underwater Hockey teams that competed at the National Championships on the Gold Coast over the New Year.

NOTE: The report and stories from the Victorian Junior Team will feature in next month's newsletter.

RIGHT: Victorian Captain Hamish Ride up against Nicky Herald of New South Wales



## *Welcome!* to the first edition of The Soggy Chronicles.

At last a newsletter for the discerning underwater hockey player; keeping you up-to-date with developments of the sport in Victoria, nationally and around the world! The Soggy Chronicles will spawn on a monthly basis, and we welcome input and suggestions from any of our registered players. Yes, the first edition does appear to a bit on the Spartan side, but there are always more trees to pulp should the news and gossip thrive. This month we reflect on the efforts of the Victorian Underwater Hockey team at the Gold Coast Nationals, and reveal some of the incidents on the always 'infamous' presentation night. Also take note of the supersix competition and the come&try night that will be up and running in February - let's hope we can get some new blood into our awesome sport.

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Sunday 29 February 2004

# The Bronze Coast Nationals

## Victorian Open Team Coaches' Report

Firstly I would like to thank the team for their professionalism throughout the competition this year in Queensland. In particular I would like to thank the leadership group of Hamish (C), Craig M (Fitness), Rees (Skills), and Dave Barry (VC), for their help and advice through training and the tournament.

Again we came home with bronze.... but this year it was different. This year the team was young. Most of the squad has already committed to next year. This year we really pushed the opposition and only went down in the dying seconds of the semi-final to WA, the eventual winners of the competition.

This year we learned how to win under pressure, and we know we can match any side, in any style of play.

Next year we will be fitter, stronger, faster and smarter.

Thanks again to the whole squad:

- Aaron Crocombe
- Christian Rogulskyj
- Craig Barlow
- Craig McFarlane
- David Barry-Macaulay (VC)
- David McFee
- Hamish Ride (C)
- Kevin Chisholm
- Martin Cross
- Matthew Sweeney
- Rees Quilford
- Ric deVries

*Matt Sweeney  
Victorian Open Coach 2003/04*



TOP: Aaron Crocombe bedazzled by the beauty of a puck.  
BOTTOM: Photographic evidence of Dave Barry-Macaulay (VC) holding the puck. But what the refs don't pull up must be okay, right?!

## The Soggy Chronicles *Advertisements*

We welcome businesses to advertise in our newsletter to assist in the costs of printing and production. The newsletter is distributed amongst our player base throughout Victoria.

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adoughty@utas.edu.au*

# *Burn the Bronze, Go for Gold!*

## **Team Manager's Report**

*Hi everyone!* Just a short report from your friendly team manager. Things went pretty well this year from my point of view, allowing for the usual problems of having to book accommodation, order bathers and T-shirts before all the teams had actually been selected. The accommodation this year worked out really well. The Gold Coast is the worst of all the states to get good accommodation at that time of year. The fact that we booked it so early (in August), and with some inside information from the Queenslanders, meant that we stayed in a great location in pretty snazzy rooms. There are still a few refunds to go to players who had extra people in their rooms, these will be distributed by the committee soon.

I have a few people I'd like to thank. Firstly thanks everyone for paying on time, it made my job much easier. The turnover for the Victorian teams for the Nationals is in the tens of thousands of dollars and we always cut it pretty fine between actually collecting the money and having to pay for the accommodation, registrations and uniforms; having the money on time makes these payments much more simple. I'd especially like to thank Pat Wishart (Juniors coach) and Angela Wishart (Juniors Chaperone) for their great work with the Juniors, both before and during the competition. They contributed a lot of their time (and petrol) to the junior team, and the team got a lot out of the experience and had a great time as a result. Thanks Alex for the T-shirt design, it looked great.

That's about it (until next year ..... maybe!)

*Kirsteen Reid*

*Victorian State Team Manager 2003/04*

## **Victorian Women's Team Coaches' Report**

A team of 11 women from Victoria recently competed in the National Championships on the Gold Coast. The team trained well together in the lead up to the tournament, with team play and individual players improving immensely. Stand out games against NSW and Tasmania throughout the round robin earned the team a place in the semi finals against Tasmania.

After a bad start to the final Victoria went into the second half 0-2 down. The team regrouped well with two great goals scored by Belinda Watts in the dying minutes of the second half. Unfortunately Tasmania was too strong in over time winning 4-2.

Overall it was fantastic team to be a part of. There were many things to be learnt and experiences gained throughout the competition. The result has fueled the fire for a much better performance by the Victorian women at the 2004/2005 National Championships.

The team was as follows:

Belinda Watts

Meegan Kepert

Amy Barry Macaulay

Alex Doughty

Kirsteen Reid

Sandra Davies

Trudi Ervaser

Meredith Henkle

Lucy Perdomo

Tania McLeish

I would personally like to thank all the women involved for their contribution to our team and look forward to showing the other states just how good Victorian women's UWH is.

*Tania McLeish*

*Victorian Women's Team Coach 2003/04*

# The Soggy Chronicles

## *The Versatility of Dishwashing Liquid*

### *Tales & Tricks from the Nationals*

#### **Most lethal secret weapon not utilised:**

*Kevin Chisholm*

but made quite a spectacular cameo appearance in the Preso Night "After Party"

#### **What not to drink before Preso Night**

*Sambucca & Dishwashing detergent*

Lesson 1: do not consume any drink concocted by the not-so-crash-hot-barman Dave Barry-Macaulay

#### **Best drunken party trick**

*Walking on broken glass*

It's amazing what a coach will do for his team!

#### **Most Notorious After Party**

*Room 306*

Just make sure you bring a shagging partner (what really happened in Craig and Hamish's bedroom?!)

#### **Best Look-a-Like**

*The Paddle Pop Lion*

*Craig Barlow*

#### **Best house wife**

*Tracey Hunt*

She spoils Dave rotten!

#### **Worst house wife**

*Ric de Vries*

Well, let's just say he's not very good at loading a dishwasher!

#### **Best Bubble Bath**

*Room 601's kitchen*

Lesson 2: Dishwashing liquid must be used in small quantities.

#### **Best Menu**

*Ask Kirsteen for the chef's specialties*

#### **Biggest Brain Fart**

*Aaron Crocombe*

Remember to keep your hand on the wall until they touch the puck!

#### **Best Looking Male**

*Critter*

As voted by the Women's Team

#### **Best Looking Female**

*Freya*

As voted by the Women's Team

#### **2004 National Auto-Wreckers Car of the Year**

*the brown ovulating turtle (aka Kev's Car)*



**2004 UWH World  
Championships  
U P D A T E  
5 weeks to go!**

The Australian teams for the World Championships were announced after selection trials were held at the completion of the Gold Coast Nationals. Congratulations to the Victorians who will be competing in Christchurch in mid-March, they are Hamish Ride (Open), Tania McLeish, Belinda Watts, Kirsteen Reid, Alex Doughty (Women), and Lucero Perdomo (Masters Women). All are training hard as the competition rapidly approaches.

The Open team, once again coached by Dave Lambert, had their first training camp last weekend (6-8 Feb.) in Perth and the team is looking strong. The Women's team, coached by Allison Hass (WA), will be having their training camp in Hobart this weekend (14-16 Feb.) and all are looking forward to getting in the pool and playing as a team.

Fundraising efforts are currently under way by some of the players: Tania and Belinda are conducting a raffle until 4th March, with great prizes such as Nike and hair products, for a ticket ask Tania or Belinda. Also, Alex Doughty will be holding a trivia night to help raise funds, on Saturday March 6 at The Beehive Hotel, Hawthorn (see details this page).

Good luck & train hard!

# W A N T E D

## Underwater Hockey Gear

*The VUHC would greatly appreciate the donation of any old or unwanted underwater hockey gear to lend to new players in the sport, i.e. bats, fins, snorkels, masks, caps.*

*Bring along on Sundays to MSAC or call  
Hamish on 0408 109 140*

Raising funds to help Alex Doughty represent Australia at the 2004 UWH World Championships

## The Great Australian TriviaNight

7.30pm Saturday March 6, 2004

@ The Beehive Hotel  
cnr Barkers Rd & High St, Hawthorn

\$10 per head

**Bring along a team of 6 to 12 people**  
finger food provided  
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