



Strikers Hockey Club

Newsletter - April 2008

Latest News

- **2008 Draw**
The draw to round 6 has been released. So check it out to know when you are playing. The draw will be distributed by team managers, and will also be available on: www.gvha.com.au.
- **Training Times** will be the same as last season.
- **Team Coordinators**
Senior players:
Evan & Rachele Collins - 5821 4800
Juniors:
Sue Daws - 5865 5211
Please ring them with any enquiries.
- **Fees**
Fees are to be paid by the third round and are as follows:
 - \$300 for family
 - \$150 for adult
 - \$120 for student/apprentices
 - \$100 for junior
 - \$10 non-playing
- **Bonus Socks**
BONUS Offer All financial members of Strikers will receive a pair of "Strikers" socks this season!!!
- **Secretary needed!!!**
The club desperately needs a secretary: not a big job these days just meetings and minutes please contact Kate or Doc if you are at all interested.
- Email: strikers@mcmedia.com.au

Next newsletter...

If you have any news or ideas for the next newsletter send an email to: damnfunky@hotmail.com
Cheers, Raechel Ballinger (Editor)

Welcome to Season 2008! I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer and is looking forward to the coming season.

Player Profile: Raechel Ballinger

How many years have you played hockey?

I have played this hockey game for a long time. I started in Minkey then played for Garnets, which then became Strikers and somewhere in there I played with my University team. All up I've played for 20+ years.

What team do you play for?

A women.

What position do you play?

Mostly wing or centre forward. In my younger and fitter days I played inner or right half.

What do you like about playing hockey?

Scoring goals is exciting. But the best bit is being part of the team. The Strikers women are a great bunch, both on and off the field.

What has been your best hockey moment?

Any win. Any goal I've scored against SYC. Winning the gold medal for indoor hockey at the Victorian Police and Emergency Services Games.

What has been your worst hockey moment?

Not being able to play hockey because of injury! Losing the A grade grand final many years ago. Also, during my university years my own campus qualified for the Australian University Games and I never got to step on the field. Before hockey started I was asked to fill in for the Womens Rugby team and broke my wrist in the first 5 minutes!



Photo Flashback

Back in the good old days.....The year was 1990ish, it was before goalies were required to wear head gear, when the fields were grass and when in front of goals it could get very very muddy after a heavy rain.