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Annual Presentation Dinner

This season's Annual Presentation Dinner was successfully held at our Clubhouse in Floriana. A certificate of attendance was presented to all junior players. The following are season 2010 -2011 Juniors' Roll of Honours:

Under 12
Under 14
Under 16



*Most dedicated player
Jake Mifsud*



*Most improved player
Jake Vella*



*Best Team player
Owen Gatt*



*Most dedicated player
David Mizzi*



*Most improved player
Aidan Somers*



*Best Team player
Jamie Mifsud*



*Most dedicated player
Elton Cutajar*



*Most improved player
Nathan Xuereb*



*Best Team player
Lize Van der Linden*

Well done to All!



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Competition

It's competition time!!! A keychain is up for grabs if you are able to send in the correct answers to the questions below regarding the 2010-2011 men Euro Hockey League Final on:

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Who were the finalists?

What was the final score?

Who was/were the scorers?

Which stadium was the final played in?

The winner will be drawn by lot from those sending the correct replies. Closing date 20th September 2011

I wish to welcome you to this first edition of “*the junior dribbler*” newsletter. The idea behind the newsletter is to keep you abreast on all the activities the club is organizing or is involved in, both with regards to hockey as well as other social events. At the same time I hope that this newsletter will strengthen our team spirit. I would also like to invite any of our readers who would like to contribute to this newsletter to come forward.

Two years have passed since our current junior players started playing the game. What is remarkable is that since we first started the number of juniors within the club's ranks has doubled. Last season, our crop of junior players took part in all the junior categories. As time goes by, one cannot help but notice the great team spirit and camaraderie that has evolved between all players, who always gave their utmost during play.

From a coaching point of view, the coaching team too has almost doubled in the past two years. This gave us the possibility of setting up coaching sessions on separate days according to the players' level of ability. All coaches are former or current players and most of them have recognised coaching badges. A positive aspect in our programme is that current senior players, although not part of the coaching team, have been more than willing to help out in passing their expertise to our young stars. At this point I would like to invite any parents who are interested in assisting our current coaches to contact me.

I take this opportunity to thank all those contributing to the Juniors' sector and would also like to wish us all the best of luck for the coming season.

Finally, on behalf of the Editorial Board, congratulations go to our Senior Indoor squad who won the *Qormi H.C. 40th Anniversary Tournament*. Until the next issue!!

Mark Ellul

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for season 2010 - 2011 was held at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, 2nd July. Reports by the Hon President, the Hon Secretary and the Hon Treasurer were delivered after the reading of minutes of last year's AGM. After the reports amendments to the statute were passed and a new Committee was elected. The new Committee for season 2011 - 2012 is made up of the following members:

President:	James Mizzi
Vice President:	Noel Gatt
Secretary:	Andrew Camilleri
Treasurer:	Ivan Magro Dingli
P.R.O.:	Mark Camilleri
Members:	Chris Bonello Clive Williams.



Members present during the AGM

Profiles:

Name: Ryan.

Surname: Seychell.

Nickname: L-Iswed.

Date of birth: 7th January 1996

How would you describe yourself?

Loud, Funny and Awesome.

Favourite playing position:

Right Winger.

Likes:

Scouts and hockey.

Dislikes:

Waiting.

Favourite quote:

A person starts to live when he can live outside himself- Albert Einstein.

Favourite meal:

Meat pie.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

Still playing for Young Stars 😊



Name: Chris Bonello

Nickname: İz-Žibgi (although I prefer Chris 😊).

Date of birth:

1st May 1988.

How would you describe yourself?

Loud - What you see is what you get - in your face - straight and plain - goodfella.

Favourite playing position: Midfield/Advanced Midfield.

Likes: Hockey/Fitness/K. Box adventures and Caaarrzzz.

Dislikes: two-faced and boring people.

Favourite quote: Haven't got a favourite one, sorry!

Favourite meal: Juicy Steak/lasagne

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time? Still playing hockey and a bit less broke :P

Your Senior Young Stars debut: I was 16... aahhh that makes it 2004!

National level: U/18, U/21 and currently form part of the national selection.

A day at the beach ...

Our Juniors Committee decided to organise a day at the beach. It was Saturday 20th August when a good number of the junior players, a couple of parents and coaches met outside our clubhouse in Floriana.

At about 8:15 am, we left for Paradise Bay and by 9:00 am, we arrived and found a good spot by the sea. We put on sun protection and within moments, you could see us splashing and diving in the clear waters of Paradise Bay. At the time, there were very few people on the beach. We managed to bargain a good price to rent a kayak. In a matter of minutes, we filled the bay with kayaks and enjoyed kayaking for a whole hour. We had a lot of fun especially since this was a first for most of us. After our kayaking session expired, we went back to swimming and enjoyed playing some ball games with our coaches. I must say we were clearly outmatched by the coaches but we managed to get hold of the ball on a number of times.

Come midday, we lunched together at the lido's restaurant and after satisfying our stomachs, we went back splashing and swimming in the sea. At one point, two of our team mates volunteered to be buried up to their necks in sand, so we all started digging so that we could bury them. They were quite an attraction for the bathers and we also sculpted a head out of sand to keep company to our buried team mates. As happens when having fun, time flew by and all of a sudden, it was time to head back home.

Apart from being a very enjoyable day, I believe that this experience was helpful for our team. It helped us bond together outside of the pitch and this will ultimately help make us a more strongly knit team. On behalf of my friends, I wish to thank the juniors committee who gave their time to organise such an enjoyable activity.

Matthew Calleja



Happy birthday to...

Elton Curajar, Thor Mifsud, Aidan Somers and Lize Van der Linden whose birthdays fall between July and September. Many happy returns of the day.