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CLUB BAR

Our Club Bar is under the new management of Brandon and Marlon. A new, inviting, varied and appetising selection is now available on the new menu. The Committee gives a warm welcome to the new management and wishes them the best of luck in their business venture. It also urges club members to frequent, together with their families the Club Bar and Restaurant.



Maintainance

At the moment the club is undergoing a well needed upheaval with regards to maintaince. The showers' plumbing is being replaced as the old one is no longer 100% functionable. The committee room walls and those of the other rooms have been under the attack of dampness and humidity. These are being taken care of in order to finally give them a fresh coat of paint.

Club Records

David Evans has embarked on organising the club records, statistics, trophies and photos with the help of some Club old boys. Throughout the recent years the club was lacking in this regard. Hopefully these records and statistics will be set in place so that the glorious history of our club will be recorded and never lost.

Team-building 19th October 2019

In a bid to consolidate the familiar bond at the Club the Committee organised a pre-season event at the Club. Drinks were served and afterwards all sat down for a good meal. A good team-building occasion. Well don to the organisers.





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Rabat Depiro BBQ

30th August 2019

Our club was invited to Rabat Depiro's Annual Presentation BBQ. A small group of Young Stars players and Committee Members attended this successful annual event.

Christmas Party

5th & 6th October 2019

Congratulations to Anton Saliba for winning the Malta Royale Fortnite Tournament at Malta Fairs and Conventions Centre, Ta Qali. A total of 50 players participated in the two-day tournament, which was live streamed on GMR_tv twitch channel. Anton emerged as the outright winner of the tournament lifting the trophy and a handsome sum of €5000. Well done to our player Anton.



Annual General Meeting

8th August 2019

The Club's AGM was held at the Club on Thursday, 8th August at 19:30. The reading of the last AGM was followed by the approval of the President's, Secretary and the Treasurer's reports. Amendemnts to the statute. After a discussion on the amendments proposed to the Statue the proposals were approved and the meeting moved to the election of the new Committee for Season 2019/2020. The following are the members elected:

President: James Mizzi

Vice President: Mark Camilleri

Secretary: Luke Borg Costanzi

Treasurer: Karl Chircop

PRO/Events Planner: Sarah Grech

Maintenance: Andrew Camilleri

Juniors' Head Coach/Maintenance: Nathan Galea

Senior Coach/Maintenance: Chris Attard

Kit Manager: David Evans

Game Helper: Mel Saliba



EUROHOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP III MEN'S NATIONALS

(Gibraltar: 28 July - 3 August 2019)



The National Men's Hockey Team participated in the EuroHockey Championship III held in Gibraltar In July/August. Following the results obtained, Malta finished 8th and will therfor be dropping to Championship IV when participating in two years' time.

Drawn in Pool B Malta started off with a 6-0 defeat against Portugal. A poor first quarter in their second game against Slovakia allowed their opponents to take a 2-0 lead which

could not be recovered, despite almost constant pressure including a missed penalty. The match against Slovakia ended 1-3. Luke Bajada was the goal scorer for Malta. The last group match was against the might of eventual winners Croatia. Playing a tight match Malta did their best to limit the damage and going into the last quarter the score was 5-0. To the surprise of most Malta did not cave in and goals from Keith Bajada and a Juan Sarcia penalty meant a final score of 5-2.

With the two top teams from each pool battling out in the semi-finals, the third and fourth-placed team were placed in Pool C to decide the placings from 5th to 8th. The match against Lithuania was another story on one quarter gone wrong. Going into the third quarter, Lithuania were leading 1-0 but in the space of a few minutes, they scored three goals, which left the Maltese reeling. Jonathan Borg pulled one back at the end of the third quarter and two quick goals from Keith Bajada and Christ Aguis at the start of the fourth brought Malta to within one goal of the Lithuanians. Unfortunately, the Maltese were caught out at the end and Lithuanian won 5-3. Malta's final game of the tournament was against the highly-rated Turkey side and finally, Malta got the result that their efforts throughout the tournament deserved when they fought out a 1-1 draw. Keith Calleja was the scorer this time.

Andrea Curmi and Edward Hughes from Floriana Young Stars HC formed part of the Malta squad while Chris Attard served as Assistant Coach. On the EHF side our Under 18 coach, Nathan Galea was one of the umpires during the competition. Nathan also attended the EHF U4E (Umpires for Europe) Course.

(Excerpts of this article are taken form the HAM facebook)



Nathan Galea during the match Turkey vs Slovakia



Name: Charlie
 Surname: Ellul
 Date of birth: 22nd December 1949
 Nickname: None but somw use to refer to me as "Master of defence".

Describe yourself.

Calm, patient, precise and well organised.

Favourite playing position: Centre back (sweeper).

Likes:

Art, photography.

Dislikes:

People taking advantage of feeble ones, late comers, stickers attached on traffic signs or letter boxes.

Favourite quote:

"Manners maketh man." - William Horman (1440 - 1535)

Favourite meal:

Baked macaroni preferably with the top part burnt.

Your career with Young Stars and HAM:

Founder member in 1973; Committee member for a good numbers of years since the foundation acting mainly as Treasurer and Secretary. Pioneered in the formation of the Club's first Junior side. Coach Young Stars for a couple of years. Formed part of the Editorial Board of the Club's two history publications. Editor and setter of the Club's newsletter from the very start. Played for both Young Stars and Grejmpads 77. Still helping out the Club in my own small way. Adopted the Club's Angel as the Club's mascot from an Irish cartoon character.

HAM PRO, HUAM Secretary, Umpire, played 2 matches in the national team. Organised a Junior Umpires scheme for the Association, designed the HAM logo prior to the present one.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

Certainly still a member of our Club and hopefully in good health.



Name: Julian
 Surname: Farrugia
 Date of birth: 25th January 2000
 Nickname: Juju
 Describe yourself.

An outgoing and patient person who is responsible and loves helping others.

Favourite playing position: Left or right defender.

Likes:

Travelling and going out with friends and familyand reading.

Dislikes:

Certain types of sea food.

Favourite quote:

"Don't quit on a dream before you even reach it." - Grant Cardone

Favourite meal: Tagliata.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

Being part of the engineering industry.



Name: Sarah
 Surname: Grech
 Date of birth: 14th March 2000.
 Nickname: Sarina.

Describe yourself.

Generous hard worker and enthusiastic.

Favourite playing position: Left defence

Likes: Hockey, adventure and nursing

Dislikes: Selfish people and liars.

Favourite quote: "Keep life simple and enjoyable by doing what you know in your heart is right."

Favourite meal: Burger and chips.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

I see myself still playing hockey working as a specialised nursed and starting a family.

SEASON 2019 - 2020

The Club did not start on a good note this season. As usual the first major competition organised by HAM is the Challenge Cup where we lost twice against Hotsticks, but won against Rabat Depiro in the group qualifier. In the semi-finals against Qormi we fared well losing only by the odd goal. In our final appearance we did not manage to clinch, at least the third place against White Hart losing 2 - 1. Of course one must understand that the team is undergoing the transformation of introducing new blood from the junior section. The start of the league, On the other hand, augurs well as we clinched a win and a draw.

CHALLENGE CUP

13 th October	Hotsticks vs FYSHC	2 - 0
27 th October	FYSHC vs Hotsticks	0 - 3
3 rd November	FYSHC vs Rabat Depiro	4 - 0
Semi-finals		
17 th November	FYSHC vs Qormi	2 - 3
3rd & 4th Place		
24 th November	White Hart vs FYSHC	2 - 1

LEAGUE

Round 1

1 st December	FYSHC vs Rabat Depiro	5 - 1
15 th December	White Hart vs FYSHC	1 - 1



Veterans - Juniors Christmas Tournament

8th December 2019

The day augured well from early in the morning with a splendid shining sun. The players started gathering at about 9.00 and were divided into five teams. It was nice seeing such a familiar atmosphere; the parents, old boys and friends supporting or relaxing on the roof overlooking the pitch with children playing in the safe area. The day came to an end with the group having their sunday lunch together.





Team A



Team B



Team C



Team D



Team E

FINAL PLACINGS

SENIORS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Team C	4	2	2	0	3	1	8
Team E	4	1	3	0	3	2	6
Team D	4	1	1	2	7	7	4
Team B	4	0	3	1	2	3	3
Team A	4	0	2	2	3	5	0



PRESENTATION DINNER 2018 -2019

This year's Presentation Dinner was held on the 28th September 2019 at Palazzo Abela in Attard. The presentation was well attended. HAM President Gordon Mifsud attended the event.





Giovanni Miruzzi
U16 Most Dedicated PLayer



Deemer Rapinet
U16 Best Player



Marvin Grixti
U16 Most improved Player



Philippa Farrugia
U18 Most Promising player



Marvin Grixti
U12 Best Player



Philippa Farrugia
U12 Most Promising player



Liam Carabotti
U12 Most Promising player



U12 Coaches
A. Curmi and A. Saliba

WE'LL DO ONE TO ALL THE WINNERS

Club Christmas Party

20th December 2019

This year's Christmas party was held at Palazzo Abela in Tarxien. Those present passed a lovely friendly and familiar evening ending with everyone giving each other the season's greetings.





The **Editorial Board**
Wishes All Members and their Loved Ones
a Joyful and Blessed Christmas
and a New Year
full of Good Health, Prosperity and Peace

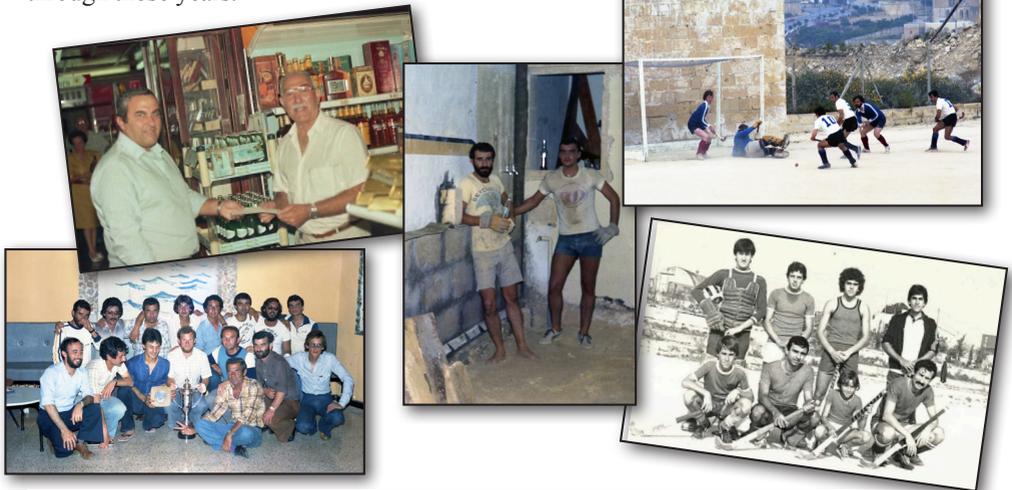


The Club Thanks ...

- Waylin for sponsoring drinks in Majjalata and EHF Challenge IV.
- Janet Azzopardi Farrugia for taking the presentation dinner photos.
- Andrea Curmi and stefan aguis for taking game photos.
- Sandra Rapinett and Rena Grixti, and parents for helping out in club activities.
- Dione Cassar Stivala for the “Down Memory Lane” photos.
- Reno of Maypole of Hamrun for his continuous help to the Club.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Here are some more pictures of member's comments, events or activities held at the Club in the old days; pictures that revive old memories to those that have lived through those years.



Rekindling Old Times

Season 1980/81



Season 1980/81 marked the highest membership ever, reaching 90 paid-up members - more than the Association's total membership. The Association's organisation left much to be desired and no competition was organised at the start of the season. The Club committee therefor decided to organise a two round-robin 9-a-side in-house league, which was well publicized in all the local newspapers, records of which are kept in the Club. Sponsors for each of the 6 participating teams were found and players in each team ranged from U/14 upwards.

The Association league did start towards the end of the year and Young Stars continued on their positive performance maintaining their unbeaten record clinching their fifth consecutive league and their third double - a new record on the local scene.

With the number of players increasing at the Club the committee decided to form the Club's third team - Hotsticks. Hotsticks



In-house League - one of the participating teams

made their debut on the 25th January, 1981 under the coaching of Tony Caruana Smith. The team was entirely made of U/18 players - the third generation of Young Stars players. The first week of June saw Young Stars organising their third International Tournament. CUS Catania and HC Vicenza were the two foreign sides participated while White Hart was the local team invited to participate. Young Stars fielded two teams made up from players of the Club's three teams.

Dione Cassar was crowned HAM Best Player of the Year while Ramon Caruana Smith was chosen HAM Junior Best Player.

statistics

Competitive matches played	16
Won	13
Drew	3
Lost	0
Goals for	40
Goals against	7
Season's Performance	90.62%

Honours

League Champions.
K.O. Winners.
3rd Young Stars International T'ment
SABA U/14 Tournament Winners
Janatha Stubbs U/16 Trophy
HAM Player of the Year: Dione Cassar

highlights

1980

- Oct 26** Young Stars internal league.
- Jan** Hotsticks HC, the Club's third team is formed.
- May 24** Young Stars win their third double.
For 41 matches Young Stars maintain their unbeaten record.