



the Junior dribbler

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NEW SPONSOR

This year has been a little different from all the others. I'm pleased to announce that thanks to GREEN MT LTD we have a sponsor for our junior section. The initiative achieved success through Elizabeth Tabone, who is a parent of one of the kids we have playing with us. Although she has not been with the club for very long, her fondness, positive energy & character towards the club has been great.



Thanks goes to Mr. Joe Attard who officially announced the sponsorship in a small gathering held at the club on the 29th of November 2016 and Ms. Ms Davina Sammut Hili from the Floriana Local Council who both came together to share this initiative along our club Secretary Andrew Camilleri who organized the event at the club.

Thanks to these funds, we were able to finance a new kit in which they are training and playing games in, a brand new full Goalkeeper kit and coaching equipment to enable us to have a more fun and dynamic training sessions with the kids.

Special thanks goes to all those who strove towards this becoming a reality.

PARENTS' INITIATIVES



Parents and junior players during the 'Clean up Floriana day' held on satuday 1st october 2016

I'm more than proud to say that the help and initiatives I have seen from the parents this year has been one of the most outstanding and energetic for a long time. Supporting their kids during training and games, support to the seniors team during league games and other fixtures. Janet Farrugia for creating supporter T-Shirts for parents and members to wear while on the stands, Rena Grixti & Natasha Micallef for taking responsibility of the Goalkeeper kit, Jesmond Bonello for helping during training sessions and organized activities. All of you have contributed to the junior's teams in one way or an other...so thank you all and keep it up 😊.



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March Fixtures

Under 14

4th March: Qormi vs **Floriana YS**
25th March: Sliema H vs **Floriana YS**

Seniors

5th March: **Floriana YS** vs Rabat
12th March: Qormi vs **Floriana YS**
26th March: **Floriana YS** vs Sliema H

7-a-side

4th March: **Floriana YS** vs Sliema H
18th March: **Floriana YS** vs Qormi

Happy Birthday to...

Chris Attard: (21st February),
Maria Cutajar: (23rd February),
Yanika Leaney: (1st March),
Dione Cassar: (2nd March),
Sarah Grech: (14th March),
Andrew Camilleri: (6th April).

Editorial

Dear All,

I would like to start off by welcoming you all to this edition of the 'Junior Dribbler' Newsletter. The Sole idea behind the newsletter is to keep all of you members, players and parents updated with the club's activities, progress throughout the varous league sections and social activates organized by the club.

Almost two years ago the club started on a new journey by investing in the new group of youngsters; the ones we currently have at the moment. Throughout this time I have seen a great improvement in skill and understanding of the game. Also, what is pretty remarkable is the enthusiasm and support I see from the parents both during training sessions and during competitive matches. For this I'm grateful.

As a coach, when I look back to see from where we first started to the present time we can all clearly see that there has been gradual improvement. I believe that if we keep working hard together, play hard and most importantly have fun together ... I can see a very bright future. 😊

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 this season.

Finally I would like to say thanks for all the help I have received from my friends at the club who made the current Juniors' Section possible. 😊

Untill next issue!!!

Edward Hughes.

Profiles:



Name: Luke
Surname: Borg Costanzi
Nickname: I don't have an official one yet... I guess "The English Speaking Guy" is as close as I'll get to one!
Date of birth: 9th September, 1988

How would you describe yourself?

A laid back person when it comes to life but very much focused and hungry when I get on the hockey pitch.

Favourite playing position:

Central Midfielder – preferably attacking.

If you could change one rule in hockey what would it be?

If you could change one rule in hockey what would it be? I'd change the rule where defenders can run back with attackers if they take an early foul as long as they don't interfere. When a defender runs back with a forward, even if they don't tackle, they can influence the forward into going to one side or another or make them lose the ball which makes the foul won not really an advantage in that case.

Likes: Playing most sports, video games, watching series and eating out.

Dislikes: Cheese and coffee, oh and rude people!

Favourite quote:

"Fail to Prepare, Prepare to Fail"

Favourite movie: Snatch

Favourite meal: Indian cuisine.

Your Senior Young Stars debut:

A friendly vs Rabat, we won the game 3-0 and I ended up with 5 stitches just under my eye. "Welcome to Young Stars!"

Your contribution towards Young Stars:

Senior team captain and Treasurer but like to think I also give a positive

Name: Jamie
Surname: Arpa
Date of birth:
19th October, 1996.

How would you describe yourself?

Positive, happy and cheerful.

Favourite playing position:

Attacker but willing to be a goaler in the under 11's team.

What you love best in hockey?

I love being competitive, which does captivate a lot of dedication and hard work. Competitive feelings are an indication of what we want and acknowledging what we want is the key to setting to know ourselves.

If you could change one rule in hockey what would it be?

I won't change anything.

Likes:

Computing, billiards and playing hockey,

Dislikes:

People being sarcastic.

Favourite Movie:

The Impossible.

Favourite meal:

Pasta.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

Professional Hockey Player.



contribution as a player on game day.

Your hockey career outside Young Stars:

In the past, I played with White Hart as a youngster up until I was 21 before joining Young Stars. More recently I joined the HAM Executive Committee as a member where I help out with Administrative and Media related items.

2016 - 2107 Committee

The AGM took place on Thursday the 30th June 2016. Reports were meted out by the President, Noel Gatt, the Secretary, Andrew Camilleri and the Treasurer, Luke Borg Costanzi. These reports were followed by amendments to the Statute and elections for committee posts. The following committee members were elected.

President: James Mizzi
Vice President: Mark Camilleri
Hon. Secretary: Andrew Camilleri
Hon. Treasurer: Luke Borg Costanzi
PRO: Chris Bonello
Members: Chris Attard,
Leon Gatt,
Noel Gatt,
Ryan Seychell

The Mannequin Challenge

The Mannequin Challenge is a viral internet video trend where people remain frozen in action like mannequins while a video is recorded, usually with the song “Black Beatles” by Rae Sremmurd playing in the background. It is believed that the phenomenon was started by students in Jacksonville, Florida on October 12, 2016 and became viral after being posted on famous meme accounts. The initial posting has inspired works by other groups, especially professional athletes and sports teams that have posted increasingly complex and elaborate videos.

We shall also have a video of the juniors performing the Mannequin Challenge on our club facebook page 😊.

Hockey for Charity: Community Chest Fund

The Hockey Association of Malta organized a hockey for charity tournament over a period of two days in aid of the community chest fund between Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th of November 2016. The junior’s tournament was held on the Saturday, while the seniors one took place on Sunday. The HAM managed to gather a total of €1260 Between all the clubs that participated. Well done for all taking part and for showing solidarity to other people.

Challenge Cup 2015/2016

After beating Qormi HC in a challenging semi-final matchup which ended 1-0 with a great goal from Nanko Cornelissen, our senior’s team secured a place in the Challenge Cup final against Sliema Hotsticks which took place on Sunday 20th November. Our boys ended up loosing the match 4-2 in a well battled attempt for the trophy.



Luke Borg Costanzi receiving the Runners-up trophy from H.A.M. president Chris Busuttill Leaver



EuroHockey Challenge V

The Club's senior team shall be competing in the EuroHockey Challenge V next summer from the 2nd to the 5th of June 2017. It would be an even better tournament if any of you would like to book those dates to come with us; you are more than welcome. ☺ Let us know beforehand in order to book accordingly.



Sicily

End of Season break



Once again, last summer, members of the first team were invited to another boat trip to Ragusa in Sicily; this thanks to the good graces of Joseph Dalli and his wonderful family. This is always an enthusiastic, fun and joyful 3 to 4 day holiday for the guys after a hard fought season. Besides, these occasions offer a solid platform for the members to integrate more with each other as a family. I cannot express how much fun this few days trip is. What a great experience it was for each and every one of us.

One-day Tournament

This year we were invited to Ragusa by our good friend over there, Stefano Tumino for a one-day indoor tournament against a few of the local teams. The participating teams were HC Ragusa, GS Raccomandata, HCR Master, CUS Unime, HC Ragusa Master, Pol Uni Messina. The tournament was hard fought and we were able both to show our hockey skills and learn from others as well. We finished third.

Under Noel Gatt as coach the following players formed part of the squad: James Mizzi (goalkeeper), Edward Hughes, Jamie Mifsud, Julian Farrugia, Sarah Grech, Nathan Galea, Andrew Camilleri, Owen Gatt.



Presentation Dinner 2015 -2016

This year's Presentation Dinner was, as always, really fruitful & eventful. Not only was it great seeing an awesome number of people, but was also an opportunity for the club to show recognition and award those players and members who excelled and gave that little extra to the club.

Roll of Honours

Senior Squad Awards:

Most Dedicated Player:

- Luke Borg Costanzi

Most Improved Player:

- Leon Gatt

Best Player:

- Joseph Dalli

Fair Play Award:

- Chris Bonello

Most Dedicated Club Member:

- Edward Hughes

Junior Squad Awards:

U14 Best Player:

- Gianpaul Sapiano

U14 Most Dedicated:

- Owen Bonello

U14 Most Improved Player:

- Marvin Grixti

U17 Best Player:

- Julian Farrugia

U17 Most Dedicated Player:

- Sarah Grech

U17 Most Improved Player:

- Justin Farrugia

Most Improved 7-a-side Player:

- Karl Chircop



Luke Borg Costanzi



Leon Gatt



Joseph Dalli



Chris Bonello



Edward Hughes



Gianpaul Sapiano



Owen Bonello



Marvin Grixti



Julian Farrugia



Sarah Grech



Justin Farrugia



Karl Chircop

EFH U16 Hockey5s Mediterranean Cup



Malta U16 boys' squad vs Italy in the 2015 Tournament

Last summer Malta took part in the EHF's Hockey5's Challenge IV in Prague - a very challenging tournament for the Maltese team who were competing against Turkey, Croatia, Italy and the Czech Republic. Although Malta ended in the last place, it was of huge experience both for all the players and administration. This was a totally different game from what we are used to here in Malta and considering all the challenges the Malta team faced during this tournament, everyone gave their 100% output. Team Coach was Shawn Mifsud, team manager Andrew Camilleri and HAM Umpire Edward Hughes.

The EHF U16 Hockey5s Mediterranean Cup will this year be held at Kordin from the 26th to the 28th June. 8 boys and 6 girls teams have already confirmed their participation. This tournament will serve as a pathway for the Youth Olympic Games in 2018 in Beunos Aires, Argentina.

Our Under 14 Squad



Top row, left to right: Emberton Agius, Nathan Zammit, Nikolai Sapiano, Owen Bonello, Marvin Grixti, Matthew Farrugia, Deemer Rapinett, Gianpaul Sapiano.

Bottom row: Philippa Farrugia, Sam Micallef.

Not in photo: Alexander Ellul Hunt



Top row, left to right: Jamie Mifsud and Nick Micallef, Emberton Agius, Jamie Arpa, Deemer Repinett, Marvin Grixti, Owen Bonello, Kieren Aquilina, Giovanni Miruzzi.

Bottom row: Philippa Farrugia, Nikolai Sapiano, Sam Micallef, Miguel Tabone, Matteo Miruzzi, Gianpaul Sapiano.

Rekindling Old Times

Season 1974/75



Article 2:

Young Stars H.C. are now in the First Division. Although the team did fare well among the elite the club had to pass through difficult times. The sponsorship was discontinued and the club had to find other means of supporting itself. Competition-wise the team had to do without most of the players used during the previous season, either through injuries or through the players being abroad. The team finishing third in the league and was eliminated in the first round of the knock-out competition.



28.04.1975: Young Stars vs Steglitz Berlin SC.

statistics

Competitive matches played	11
Won	4
Drew	2
Lost	5
Goals for	9
Goals against	13
Season's Performance	45.45%

final standing

3rd in Div I League

in-club honours

Most Dedicated Member:

Dione Cassar



24.10.1974: Exchange of mementoes prior to the match vs Munich Schwabing.

Young Stars H.C. started coaching juniors and participated for the first time in a junior 6-a-side competition in May 1975.

Also, during this season the club played his first friendlies against foreign sides; Munich SC, Steglitz Berlin SC from West Germany and Gore Court from the U.K.

highlights

1974

- Oct 12 First official match in Div I: vs Sliema Alpine 1 - 0.
- 24 First friendly match against a foreign side: vs Munich SC 2 - 2.

1975

- Apr 28 First win against a foreign side: vs Steglitz Berlin SC 1 - 0.
- May 6 First defeat against a foreign side: vs Gore Court HC 0 - 2.
- 25 Young Stars participate in their first Junior six-a-side competition, finishing fourth.
- Aug Committee increased to seven in number.