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Playoffs

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Our Senior B team has now locked up the minor premiership, and their first playoff game will be Monday, 10 September at 7:45 pm, so come out and support them!

Our Senior A team needs to win their last game – this Saturday at 7:15 pm versus the Sharks – in order to make the playoffs. It is a tight three way battle between the Demons, the Sharks and the Saints for that final spot. Once we win that battle, the first playoff game is Tuesday, 11 September at 9:15 pm.

Unfortunately neither of our junior sides qualified for the playoffs this year, but the Junior B team came oh so close. If they win this Saturday, they will be tied for fourth, but will still lose out on percentage (they would need to win 16-0 to catch up in percentages).

Nevertheless, come out and catch a few of the playoff games, the full schedule is available on the IHV website (<http://www.icehockeyvictoria.org.au>).

60th Anniversary Dinner & Presentation night

As you were warned earlier, the Demons 60th Anniversary Dinner and Presentation Night will be held at the South Oakleigh Club on Friday, 26th October. A formal invitation with details on how to purchase tickets is attached. Please feel free to distribute this invitation as widely as possible, and especially to former Demons who may not be on our electronic distribution list.

The presentation of awards for 2007 will take place from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Nibbles will be served and only a minor cover charge of \$5 is required to attend (a cash bar will be open).

The 60th Anniversary Dinner will follow immediately after that. Tickets for the anniversary dinner must be purchased in advance (\$45 per person or \$400 for a table of 10). We strongly encourage you to arrange a table with your friends and former team-mates as it will not only save you money, but it ensures you are able to get a table together (presuming you want to associate with your team-mates). Anyone attending the anniversary dinner is automatically welcome to the presentation session.

Old (and New) Photos of the Demons

As part of the 60th Anniversary dinner, we want to create a slide show of pictures of the Demons (new and old), so if you have any pictures of the teams or individuals, both on or off the ice, can you please forward a digital copy to Carl Fevola (yes, Carl is finally doing something off the ice for the club!) at Carl.P.Fevola@team.telstra.com. If the photo is not in digital format and you do not have access to a high quality scanner, please let Carl or me know (d.dow@mbs.edu), and we can arrange to have it scanned.

Summer League

Despite it only being early September, the senior summer league is almost fully organised. We now have a full team in the Tuesday 2nd division – managed by Bruce McGurty (mcurty@optusnet.com.au), a full team in the Thursday 3rd division, managed by Rick Skrzelinski (SkrzelinskiR@hwt.com.au), and a team in the Saturday/Sunday 4th division, managed by Ian Olerhead (ian333@people.net.au). The fourth division team still has a few spots open, so if you are interested, let Ian or me know.

For those of you who have already registered your interest, we need your \$\$\$ ASAP. We have set a deadline of 14 September for the first \$100, and the remaining \$175 is due before you step on the ice in mid October! Sorry to do be so draconian, but the league charges us for the entire ice time in advance.

The senior summer league schedule has not yet been formalised but it will most likely start in mid-October and break for Christmas in mid-December. The competition will probably resume in the second week of January and wrap up in mid-March.

Roy Sargent will be organising a junior summer league competition for players born in 1994 or later (i.e. players who were Ginsberg age this past winter) but the details have not yet been sorted out. Given what has gone on in the past, it will probably run on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 4:15 pm. We will keep you posted on this.

Hockey Equipment for Sale

Joshua Kilgour and his family will be returning to Toronto in early December, and since Joshua has outgrown most of his equipment, they have decided to sell it here, rather than ship it back to Canada. Thus, if you are in need of any hockey equipment for a largish 13-14 year old, please give Cam Kilgour a call at 0408 393 717 or email him on ccjdownunder@hotmail.com. Most of the equipment is relatively new, just too small for Josh.

Farewell to Tom Yawney

For those of you familiar with our Senior A team, you will know our 'mercenary import' - Tom Yawney. Tom came down to Melbourne for the 'northern summer' to tryout for Melbourne Ice, as a sort of 'hockey holiday' after finishing Uni. However, despite being only here for a short time, Tom made a very strong and positive impression on everyone. Not only did he lead the Demons Senior A team in scoring, but he also showed up a level of commitment that all of us should aspire to. No-one attended more senior practices than Tom, and when our Junior A team was stuck for a coach, he happily stepped in. To top that, he also stepped into the breach, when Simon Holmes was unable to coach the Victorian Tange team, and lead the Victorian team to a Gold medal in Perth! Well this morning, Tom had to farewell Melbourne, but he is not going back to Toronto. Instead, he is heading to Geleen, Netherlands, to try out with the Geleen Smoke Eaters. Good luck Tom.

Congratulations to Simon Holmes

For those who were not already aware, we are please to inform you that our Senior A coach, Simon Holmes, has been appointed as Head Coach of the Australian National Junior Team for the upcoming year. Unfortunately, that appointment will prevent Simon from attending our 60th anniversary dinner as he will be at a meeting in Canberra plotting how to get our national team back into the second division. Good luck Simon.