



NEWSLETTER #1 – 12 JANUARY 2023

This newsletter contains information about:

- ☆ 2023 key dates
- ☆ 2023 Trivia and Registration Day
- ☆ Mens & Womens Masters Carnival in Albury - 8-10 April
- ☆ Pre-season round-robin style weekend tournament in Bendigo – 18-19 February
- ☆ New social media
- ☆ 2023 committee of management
- ☆ Merchandise
- ☆ Grassports Junior Country Championships
- ☆ Grassports Senior Country Championships & Masters State Championships
- ☆ Grassports Junior State Championships
- ☆ Trialling for Under 15 State Team
- ☆ Fair Play Code
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2023 KEY DATES

- 12 February: Club Trivia and Registration Day
- 18-19 February: Pre-season tournament in Bendigo
- 20-21 May: Grassports Junior Country Championships - U13s at Essendon HC, U15s at Greensborough HC, U18s at MSC Parkville. *Note: From 2024, the age groups of this Event will change to align with the JSC, HA Nationals and HV Winter Competition age groups (Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18). But for 2023, the age groups will remain as Under 13, Under 15 and Under 18.*
- 10-12 June: Grassports Senior Country Championships & Masters State Championships - Women: Hawthorn Malvern HC, Men: Footscray HC. *With significant redevelopment works imminent in Geelong ahead of them hosting the Commonwealth Games, there are too many unknowns about the possible state of the venue in June. So, to provide a level of certainty, HV have decided to run the Women's SCC at Hawthorn Malvern Hockey Centre in 2023. It is also worth noting that in 2023, the Masters divisions of this Event will be open for metropolitan Masters teams to enter – effectively making it a Masters State Championships. The Open divisions will remain as regional teams only. There will be some more information relating to this released soon.*
- 29 June - 2 July: U14 and U16 Grassports Junior State Championships - MSC Parkville and Footscray HC
- 1-2 July: U12 Hockey 5's Grassports Junior State Championships - MSC Parkville and Footscray HC
- 22-24 OR 27-29 September: U18 Grassports Junior State Championships - MSC Parkville

Other key Hockey Victoria competitions & events dates for 2023:

- 26 February: Stand Out Cup @ Footscray Hockey Centre
- 11-17 May: Women & Girls Round

- 12 May: Women & Girls Breakfast @ Leonda By The Yarra
- 16-21 June: Pride Round
- 7-16 July: Indigenous Round
- 28-30 July: Mental Health Round
- 14-20 August: Men's Health Round
- 17 or 18 August: Men's Health Lunch & Golf Day (to coincide with the Men's Health Round)
- 22 or 28 September: Hockey Victoria Awards Night

Keep an eye out for events that may be planned locally to celebrate these events.

2023 TRIVIA & REGISTRATION DAY



Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club

REGISTRATION & TRIVIA DAY

**Sunday 12 February - 12pm
@ Bendigo Hockey Facility**

CURRENT AND NEW

**ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

MENS & WOMENS MASTERS CARNIVAL IN ALBURY - 8-10 APRIL 2023

Hockey Albury Wodonga is hosting a Mens & Womens Masters Carnival in Albury on the Easter weekend on 8-10 April 2023. There are three age divisions to nominate in: 40+, 50+ and 60+. The team entry fee is \$550. If we cannot get enough for a team, individuals will be able to nominate on the website.

If you are interested in playing in this carnival, please let me know by 25 January 2023!

PRE-SEASON ROUND-ROBIN STYLE TOURNAMENT IN BENDIGO – 18-19 FEBRUARY 2023

Hockey Central Victoria is hosting a pre-season weekend tournament on February 18/19. This is an opportunity for Clubs from across the state to come together here in Bendigo and play some great pre-season hockey. There will also be a casual social function held on the Saturday night!

The games format will be 11-a-side full field. Timing will be 15 minute halves, with a 5 minute halftime break and 10 minutes between games (no stoppages).

Senjuns are looking into entering the following teams:

1. Under 14 mixed
2. Under 18 mixed
3. Open Men's
4. Open Women's

There will be a small entry fee per team, this will be finalised when the number of teams is known within each category. It will only be to cover costs of hosting the event and will be kept as minimal as possible.

Once team entries have been received, more information will come out regarding game times.

We need to know whether you wish to play. I need to know this information prior to 25 January. Please email the club! If we do not have enough for a full 11-a-side team, HCV will help facilitate a combined team with another Club.

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA

Our club communicates primarily via website, Facebook and email.

We have started up some new social media options in 2023! Please follow us and share!

TikTok <https://www.tiktok.com/@senjunshc>
Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/senjunshc22/>
Web address <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/bjhc>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SenjunsHockeyClub>







2023 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club Committee's main role is to ensure that the Club operations run smoothly, members enjoy participation and involvement and that the Club grows in coming years. In order to fulfil this function, the Committee will undertake various functions including governance, finance and promotion of the Club. Additionally, the Committee will support functions such as the day-to-day running of the teams including coordination of Coaches, Managers and Umpires.

Apart from Committee Executive positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) the following roles may be filled by Club Members outside the Committee of Management (COM).

The participation in the success of the club by the wider membership, is encouraged.

Executive:

	<p><u>President – Rob Murdoch</u></p> <p>The role of President is to be figurehead for the Club and assist with publicity and growth of Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club (the Club). This includes representation on external Hockey Central Victoria committees, participation and chairing of Bendigo Senjuns Committee meetings and liaising with other Clubs in the Hockey Central Victoria (HCV) competition.</p>
	<p><u>Vice President – Kerri Boyd</u></p> <p>The role of the Vice President is to shadow and support the President in providing leadership to the Club.</p>
	<p><u>Treasurer – Mark Albrecht</u></p> <p>The role of the Treasurer is to oversee the financial position of the Club including invoicing members, purchase of Club equipment or receipt of sponsorship funds. The Treasurer is responsible for regularly reporting the Club's financial position to the Committee.</p>
	<p><u>Secretary – Kelly Harris (aka Harry)</u></p> <p>The role of the Secretary is to facilitate information sharing between the Committee and the broader Club membership. This includes monitoring the Club correspondence, responding to requests for information from Club members and members of the public and being the primary point of contact for the Club.</p>

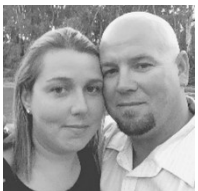




General committee members

Mel Alexander, Matthew Ahearn, Zoe Green, Suzanne Hartney, Britt Faduk
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****** Committee meetings are held monthly. *All members are welcome*

Non-executive:

<p><i>Vacant</i></p>	<p><u>Membership Officer – Vacant</u></p> <p>The role of Membership Officer is to focus on Club experience for members and develop ways to increase Club participation and membership. The Membership Officer has a strong role in Club communications, liaising with the Secretary and Publicity Officers as required. This role has a focus on Club culture and works to actively improve the experience of those involved in Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club, including offering Exit Interviews with exiting members. This is not a big role but a fun one! If you are interested, please email the club.</p>
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	<p><u>Fundraising Officer – Mel Alexander & Matt Ahearn</u></p> <p>The role of Fundraising Officer is to coordinate Club fundraising events and to liaise with the Treasurer and other Committee members to ensure opportunities for additional fundraising are sought frequently.</p>
	<p><u>Grants Officer – Suzanne Hartney</u></p> <p>The role of Grants Officer is to submit applications for additional Club funding and to liaise with the Treasurer and other Committee members to ensure opportunities for additional funding are sought frequently.</p>
	<p><u>Publicity / Social Media Officer – Zoe Green</u></p> <p>The role of Publicity Officer is to ensure that social media outlets for the Club are up to date and inviting.</p>
	<p><u>Umpiring and Competition Officer – Kerri Boyd</u></p> <p>The role of the Umpiring and Competition Officer is to coordinate any umpiring requirements for the Club, liaise with the HCV Umpiring Coordinator and act as the Club's representative at required forums.</p>
<p><i>Vacant</i></p>	<p><u>Strategy Officer – Vacant</u></p> <p>The role of the Strategy Officer is to work with the Committee and other Club members to develop long-term vision for Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club. This includes liaison with relevant bodies, an understanding of strategic development and planning as well as good relationship building capacity. It is important for this role to maintain connection with other Portfolio roles to ensure that the overall Club Strategy includes facets of development financially, culturally and from a governance perspective.</p>
	<p><u>Property Officer – Britt Faduk</u></p> <p>The Property Officer will be responsible for the physical property of the Club, managing assets and equipment as required.</p>

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Thanks to the above people for their assistance in the above areas!

MERCHANDISE

You can purchase club merchandise to be ready for the 2023 season.

How to order the merchandise:

1. Call or visit the friendly staff at Hip Pocket Work Wear: 03 5443 8470, Unit 1 / 78 Hattam Street, Golden Gully. Let them know you are coming from Senjuns – they will know the items that we have available for our members and the costs.
2. Choose the item and size. You can try sizes on in the store or choose based on the information in the links on the attached document
3. Decide if you want your name on the front (polo) / back (jumper/vest) - extra cost.
4. Place the order.
5. Pick up the item when it is ready (around 2 weeks) and pay upon pick up.



You can also purchase the following items from the club directly:

- flexible caps (can wear while playing!)
- stubby holders
- key tags
- car stickers
- custom made inners
- beanies
- earrings

See here for some photos of the items: <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/vht45huwuphrtxva.pdf>.

Items can be purchased from Kerri Boyd or Britt Faduk.

GRASSPORTS JUNIOR COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May, 2023

Locations: Essendon Hockey Centre (Under 13 Boys & Girls), Greensborough Hockey Centre (Under 15 Boys & Girls), Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville (Under 18 Boys & Girls).

Team entry information for this Event will be released early in 2023.

From 2024, the age groups of this Event will change to align with the JSC, HA Nationals and HV Winter Competition age groups (Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18). But for 2023, the age groups will remain as Under 13, Under 15 and Under 18.

GRASSPORTS SENIOR COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS & MASTERS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: Saturday 10th to Monday 12th June, 2023

Locations: Hawthorn Malvern Hockey Centre (Women) & Footscray Hockey Centre (Men)

With significant redevelopment works imminent in Geelong ahead of them hosting the Commonwealth Games, there are too many unknowns about the possible state of the venue in June. So, to provide a level of certainty, HV have decided to run the Women's SCC at Hawthorn Malvern Hockey Centre in 2023.

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GRASSPORTS JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

There will be some significant changes taking place in 2023. Hockey Australia have recently announced that the age groups for their National Championships will change in 2024 ([please click here to view that article](#)). But Hockey Victoria will adjust the JSC age groups from 2023. This will mean from 2023, the JSC age groups will align with the HV Winter Competition age groups, then from 2024, there will also be alignment with the HA Nationals age groups.

Further to that, in 2023 the Under 18 Nationals will be delivered at a different time of the year and they now directly clash with the Hockey Victoria Grassports Junior State Championships. As such the following changes have also been made:

Under 14 and Under 16 Grassports Junior State Championships – Thursday 29th June to Sunday 2nd July, 2023 at Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville and Footscray Hockey Centre

Under 18 Grassports Junior State Championships – EITHER of Friday 22nd September to Sunday 24th September OR Wednesday 27th September to Friday 29th September at Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville. Some further important points are:

HV is working with the Hockey One League to try to host a Hockey Club Melbourne Men's & Women's match to coincide with the Under 18 JSC in September. We hope to have both that and the Under 18 JSC dates confirmed before the end of this year.

It is worth noting that there may be some Under 16 athletes that are selected in the Victorian Under 18 State or Development Teams. This would mean those athletes would not be able to participate in the Under 16 JSC as it would clash with the Under 18 Nationals. Those athletes will be permitted to trial for their Under 18 JSC Zone team should they wish to.

In addition to the above changes, HV are thrilled to also be offering an Under 12 Hockey 5's Junior State Championships. This will be a wonderful introduction to the JSC for Under 12s. It will run for 2 days across Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd July and will take place at Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville or Footscray to coincide with the Under 14 and Under 16 JSC.

TRIALLING FOR UNDER 15 STATE TEAM

Players wishing to trial for the Under 15 state team will need to be a member of the Hockey Victoria Academy or nominate and attend the Open Player Assessment Day where you will be assessed and invited to attend the trials. U15 Nationals will be held in Darwin 15-21 April.

FAIR PLAY CODE

The Victorian Government recently relaunched 2022 [Fair Play Code](#), an update of the 2018 blueprint that sets out the standards of behaviour expected of everyone involved in sport and active recreation.

At the heart of the Fair Play Code (FPC) are five principles of Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Fairness. These principles apply to everyone involved in sport in Victoria, no matter what role they play. Bad behaviour, violence, cheating and intimidation has no place in sport and active recreation in our state.

Senjuns have been provided with promotional materials that we will be using this season.

Our club is a fair play club

We expect the following standards of behaviour from every person involved in our club including players, spectators, parents, coaches, administrators.



Integrity

- Be honest, fair, reliable and transparent
- Avoid conflicts of interest
- Strive to earn and maintain community trust
- Don't engage in, or advocate possession or use of banned performance enhancing or illicit drugs
- Don't participate in, or encourage match-fixing, illegal sports betting or other corruption.



Respect

- Treat everyone in a considerate, objective and courteous manner
- Refrain from any form of discrimination, harassment, bullying, abuse, intimidation, victimisation or vilification of others.
- Recognise and value the contribution of all.



Responsibility

- Accept the consequences of your actions
- Be a positive role model
- Comply with Victorian Child Safe Standards (2022)
- Understand the consequences of breaching the Code.
- Report and manage breaches.



Fairness

- Play by the rules and in the spirit of the game
- Be informed, consistent, impartial and reasonable
- Be a 'good sport'
- Provide a 'fair go' to people of all abilities.



Safety

- Provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment
- Ensure equipment, facilities and programs meet the required standards
- Support club policies E.g. child safeguarding and member protection
- Show concern and caution for others. Immediately report issues.

SPORTS FOCUS - MAKE SPORT SAFER FOR WOMEN & GIRLS



The project: understanding our sporting communities so Sport Focus can work with clubs to develop supports in preventing and responding to gender abuse.

Sports Focus are doing a research project that our members have the option to take part in. The research is being conducted by Sports Focus, Leisure Networks and La Trobe University.

This research is being done to learn more about our sporting communities and what work is currently being done across our sports clubs and associations in relation to prevention of and response to gendered abuse. The reason Sports Focus want to know more about our sporting communities and what they are doing is so that they can work with clubs to co-design appropriate initiatives and resources.

Taking part in this research project is optional for members. Sports Focus are looking for people who want to take part in a survey, who are

- Current members of the Bendigo Senjuns organisation (if you were a registered member in 2022, this would count)
- Are over the age of 16 years

Members who are interested in taking part in the survey can click on the link below. This will take you through to the online survey introduction page where more details can be found, including a participant information form that you can view online and download. If they decide to take part in the survey, they can click on the button "Start Survey".

Survey link: <https://latrobe.questionpro.com/RRPVstudy>