



2016 started off with a bang in April where we saw the essence of our Junior Development programs come to fruition. Some of our very best talent was on display at the Albury Nationals, with both our Junior boys and girls winning their divisions. It was great to see 14 talented juniors, who had all been involved in our development programs over the years, hold themselves with such poise, and show of what unbelievable talent we have coming up through the ranks.

From this weekend, (8) of our very best juniors and intermediates were chosen to represent our sport at the highest level. Felicity Elford, Josie Wilson, Hugh Anderson, Mitch Wamsley and Alec Grills in the Juniors and Farann Mathie, Lindsay Doolan, and Luke Saul in the intermediates. These talents really showed that Australian polocrosse is in very capable hands with the Juniors winning all 3 games and the Intermediates coming home victorious in 2 of 3. I would personally like to congratulate these guys and their families on their achievements, it's a credit to your dedication and commitment, and I am very proud of what you have been able to achieve.

Due to Nationals at Albury this year, there was evidently no junior classic. Narrabri stepped in and held a fantastic junior challenge with 2 very strongly contested divisions. From all accounts this weekend should stay an annual fixture, with every kid I have spoken to saying what a fun, and exciting weekend of polocrosse. I would like to thank Narrabri for having the foresight to hold a weekend such as this, and congratulate them on such a successful event.

We again had the Schools expo at Coonabarabran where polocrosse was a very strong fixture, with many of our up and coming talents were on show to display a very high standard of polocrosse to a large audience.

One thing I would like to note, is that we really need to focus a strong portion of our development resources on the grass roots level of kids, to give them every opportunity to achieve what they would like to, and enjoy our game. I think this can be best run by encouraging each zone to run a come and try day initially, and then to follow on by running a coaching weekend throughout their season dedicated to juniors, and try to get as many new faces along as possible. This is just a rough plan, but one we are planning to trial in the SWS, so I will let you know how we get on.

Following on from last year, we have now launched our blog page on Facebook – LOOK US UP – its Polocrosse 365, and please share! I have collated a large chunk of content, and am in conversation with some people to be contributors to the website, so if you or anyone you know might be interested in this, please feel free to let me know.

I look forward to keeping you updated with what is happening with Polocrosse 365 over the off season, and hoping that this can become a very powerful tool for ever growing technology based community.

Kind Regards
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