

## Glebe District Hockey Club Inc **NEWSLETTER**

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### EDITORIAL

Last month we had two special occasions at the clubhouse. The first was the Junior Teams' BBQ night on 20 June and then the farewell and presentation to Ken Wark on 28 June. Each of these functions was a great success and the Club would like to thank everyone who had a hand in the organisation, who helped out on the night or who turned up on the night.

The Junior Teams' BBQ raised about \$1,500 which will help defray the cost of running the Junior Teams. Several 'old hands' at the Club commented on the fine spirit and great atmosphere on the night. Certainly the children seemed to enjoy it, spending most of their time on the oval hitting a ball around.

The Club made a presentation to Ken Wark and wished him well at the Barcelona Olympics. Ken has a marvellous record both as a State player and as a member of the Australian team. It would cap off a great career if he could return with the Gold medal. As well as Club members, Juniors and families wishing Ken good luck, it was great to see Leichhardt Aldermen Sue Stock and Nickolas Masterman with their partners (other Alderpeople were prevented from coming by flu, being out of Sydney and other commitments, understandable considering there was only two days' notice about the function). Mr Ken Crispo, President of the NSW State Hockey Association came along and with Geoff Paterson, our President, presented cheques to Ken to help him defray his expenses. Ken was also presented with a personal cheque from the Gilmour family.

At the same function, Glen Barnes was presented with a cheque to help him when he plays for NSW in the Australian Under 21 Championships in Canberra later this month.

### GENERAL NEWS

Eddie Johnson, a half in the Under 13 White Team, had a tumble on his roller blades and broke his thumb in four places! We hope it heals well and it's not long before he is hitting the hockey ball around again.

Congratulations to the fearless captain of 5th Grade, Vernon "The Confirmed Bachelor" Howe, on his engagement to Elizabeth. Depending on who you talk to, the courtship has lasted somewhere between 5 and 7 years and the wedding will be sometime next year. All the best Vern and Elizabeth!

The Club is in the process of finalising the publication of its history written by the well known local historian and long-time Club supporter, Max Solling. If anyone has any historical information about the Club, old photos, newspaper clippings, old Red Rags, etc etc see Harry Wark or Eddy Crook. Anyone who would like to be involved in the publishing process is more than welcome. This applies to the RED RAG also.

At the Junior BBQ, Alan Howe retained the Dummy Spitting Title for 1992. It was an interesting and highly hotly contested, witnessed by a large crowd. Alan had to produce a monster spit of 5.64 metres to beat Garry Wark and Vernon Howe for a third consecutive victory in this prestigious event. In the Junior Dummy Spitting event, Geoffrey Hammett won with Anthony Wark runner-up. Hannah Oman won the shortest spit hands down. As she is only three, Hannah shows a lot of promise for the future.

Welcome to the Club for Glen Barnes who joins us from Maitland who has come to Sydney to complete the last two years in Mining Engineering at NSW University. He joins the 1st Grade as centre forward.

Welcome back to Andrew Goodrick, now playing 4th Grade, and who spent last year in the UK where he started out as a glass washer and graduated as bar manager.

It was discussed at the BBQ held after the match between the Under 11's from Glebe and The Entrance that a Junior Carnival be held next season at Jubilee/Federal. If readers have a view on this, please see Jim Oman.

### FURTHER TURF NEWS

On Wednesday 8 July, Leichhardt Council called a meeting for representatives of the Trotting Association, Leichhardt Council, Glebe Hockey Club, the Glebe Society and the Save Rozelle Bay group to canvas opinions about the concept to include an artificial turf playing surface within the track at Harold Park. This would be incorporated in their proposal to extend and up-grade the track (See diagram).

Groups were pleased with this expression of good faith by Harold Park who wish to incorporate another sporting facility within their grounds.

Matters will be further discussed at later meetings and Harold Park hope to complete their development by November 1993.

Thanks to all members and supporters for sending letters to Council supporting the synthetic turf proposal at Federal Park. An unofficial count of them showed 347 for and 90 against. Some of those against complained about a "mini-stadium", "taking up waterfront land", "inability to run the dog" and "inability to play football on Sunday afternoon". The Save

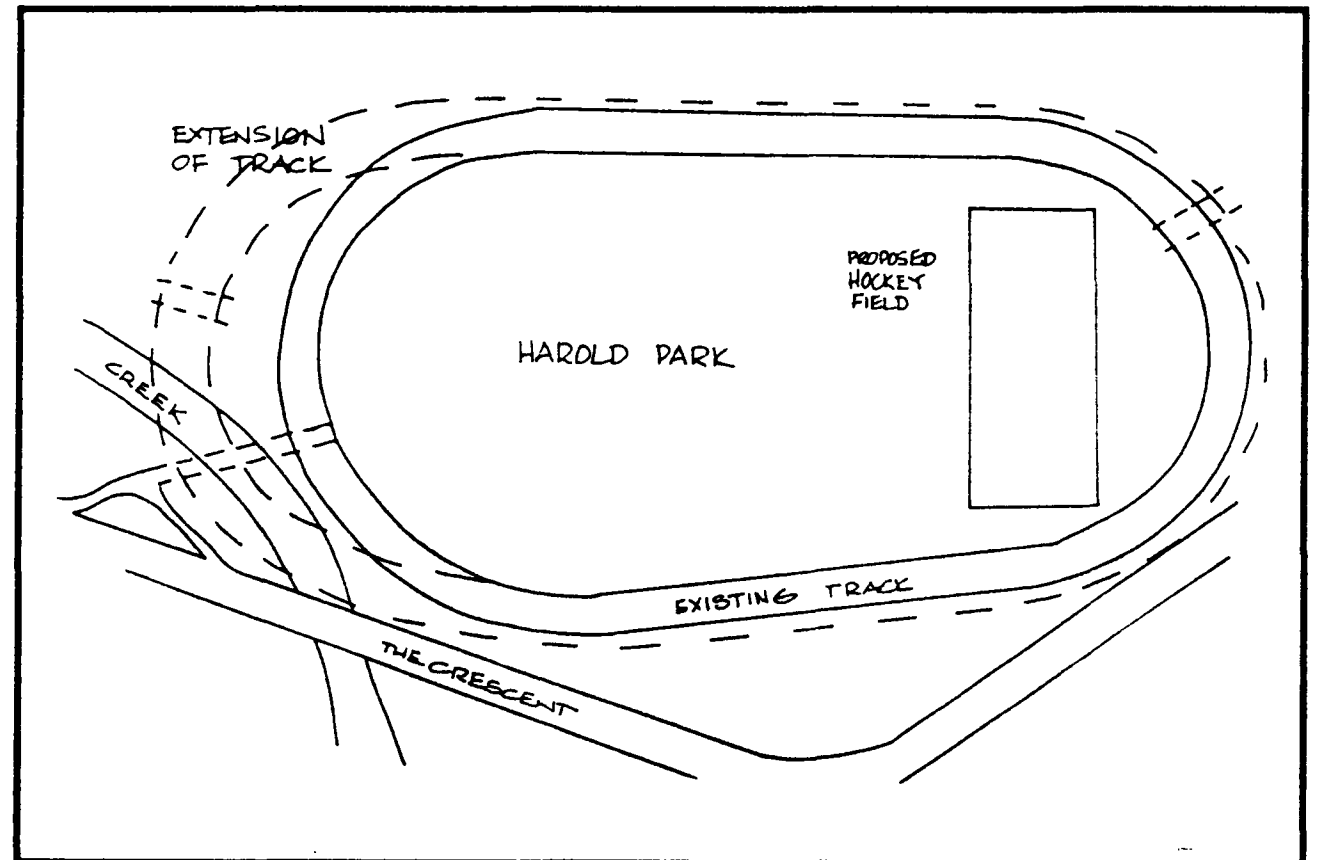
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Rozelle Bay group letter-boxed the area with a preposterous leaflet of misinformation about our proposal and many of the letters of opposition were probably based on this propaganda.

The proposal has already been comprehensively discussed by the Rozelle Bay Working Party, a community-based committee convened by Leichhardt Council, and it has been given the go-ahead to be formally presented to Council.

To reflect the views of the majority of people in the Municipality, Leichhardt Council should approve the proposal.



## JUNIOR MATCH REPORTS

With school holidays in progress, there have not been many matches to report on in this issue. However, we all look forward to getting back into the swing of competition play. Those in Sydney over the holidays still came along to training on Wednesdays and at weekends.

### GLEBE UNDER 11 's

What with byes, school holidays and the Orange Carnival, not many games have been played. The game against Bankstown (originally drawn for 4 July) is now transferred to 8 August and will be played at The Crest at the usual time. This will be the last game of the competition and it will be great to finish with a game instead of a bye.

THE ENTRANCE  
Jubilee

12 July  
Lost 1 — 0

One of Glebe's ex-Australian players, Terry Reece, has retired to The Entrance and coaches the local Under 11 team. Terry played for Australia in the early 50's and his son is a valuable member of the current Glebe 2nd Grade.

With holidays and washed-out games, The Entrance team have had very few games this season and Terry rang Maureen Paterson to arrange a "friendly" for his team. They came down on a perfect Sunday morning and played in a fast and entertaining game. The Entrance were slightly the better team in the first half and held a well deserved 1 - 0 lead at the break. The score could have been higher but for "death or glory" saves by Matthew Wark, the Kamikazi Kid. In the second half, Glebe looked the better team but could not get the ball into the net despite many shots at goal and The Entrance hung on for a victory.

After the game, a BBQ lunch was enjoyed by players and supporters before the visitors returned home. The possibility of a return match at The Entrance in August was raised with the Under 13's and Under 15's being included in the arrangements.

### UNDER 11 DERBY

Whites vs Maroons

The result was a 5 - 0 win for the Maroons, with goals being scored by Patrick Casey (3), Patrick Wark (1) and Peter Wark (1). although the Maroon team were slightly under strength, the performance of the Whites from their first round clash was notable. All players contested the ball with energy and determination, only determined defence keeping them out. Patrick Casey put in a superb performance for the Maroons, coming back to his best after a bad bout of flu. He even scored from a short corner, something the team has had difficulty with this season. Peter Wark relished a run with the forwards and capped it off with his first goal. Patrick Wark gave his usual polished performance and Ross Tapsell made some good runs and good saves as half-back. Rebecca Towns and Kate O'Sullivan made sure that the ball was kept in the Whites' half for most of the game and Mark O'Sullivan made some good runs down the wing.

### GLEBE UNDER 13 WHITE

St GEORGE  
Gardiners Park

13 June  
Won 5 — 0

The St George side was comprised of big strong lads and lasses who played a very physical style. This rattled Glebe for the first ten minutes until we settled down to our game plan of taking the quick free-hit, playing ball wide, not hitting down the middle and concentrating on good teamwork. Then things started to happen. We started to look good and it was only a matter of time before goals came. Eddie Johnson scored his first goal this season and was tickled pink. The St George goal-keeper played well and stopped a couple of screamers, otherwise the score would have been closer to 10 nil. Mary Wark had her best game of the season and dominated proceedings from centre-half.

St George specialised in verbals and sledging was the name of the game as far as they were concerned. To their credit, the Glebe

side stuck to playing hockey and ignored the talk. Good sides never get upset by the antics of their opponents.

### UNDER 13 DERBY

Whites vs Maroons

Federal Park was in surprisingly good condition on 27 June after heavy rain the previous two nights.

In a game which Whites won 12 - 0, the Maroons played very well for the first 15 - 20 minutes — tackling, running and involving themselves with enthusiasm. It was not until the 17th minute that Simon Bracht opened the score for the Whites. There is no doubt that the Maroons have progressed enormously as the season has progressed and it was pleasing how they made the Whites fight every inch of the way. Callan Gilding, the Maroon goal-keeper, was the best player on the field and was well supported by Yuri and Graham. Robbie Austen was the pick of the Maroon forwards who need to work back harder and take the pressure of the defence.

The Whites found it hard to thread a way through the close packed Maroon defence but took their goal scoring chances very well. Goal shooting was very good in this game, an area where we often fall down. Team combination and some of the short passing were particularly good. One area that needs attention in the Whites is the large gap between the forwards and defence. Often this gap was 30 - 40 metres! Inside forwards need to work back and act as links between the halves, the centre-forward and the wings. Geoffrey Hammett is off overseas to visit his grandparents in England and we wish him a good trip and a safe return. This puts a lot of pressure on our central half-back, Mary Wark, but she is a big strong lass and will no doubt rise to the occasion.

### GLEBE UNDER 13 MAROON

St GEORGE  
Gardiners Park

13 June  
Lost 0 — 2

The team began with plenty of enthusiasm, spending a lot of time in the St George half.

St George scored twice, a goal in each half. Graham Burnell Jones and Yuri Schimke tackled well and delivered good balls to the forwards. Robert Austen and David Wall put pressure on the St George defence. Rebecca Lawson tackled well as did Nicholas Kelleher. Although losing the game, the team put in a good effort and there is plenty of team spirit.

## SYDNEY JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS CENTRAL AREA TRIALS

All interested players please note the following

Selection day for Central Area is Sunday 26 July from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at The Crest, Bankstown

Clubs must nominate players at the Association meeting on Tuesday 21 July. If you are interested in trying out, make sure that your name has been given to your Coach or Club Delegate as soon as possible.

Girls are eligible for these teams. Selections for Sydney teams will be based on ability.

If you are considering taking part, remember that it is your age NEXT YEAR (1993) that counts. So if you are Under 11 on 1st January next year, you can try out for the Central Area and Sydney Under 11 teams.

The likely date for the selection of the Sydney teams (when Central Area plays the other areas) is Sunday 9 August. This date is to be confirmed and the venue decided.

### Results

vs RYDE (13 June)  
4th Grade Won 4 - 2  
5th Grade Won 2 - 1  
6th Grade Lost 5 - 0

vs MONTEREY (20 June)  
4th Grade Lost 3 - 2  
5th Grade Lost 3 - 2  
6th Grade Drew 2 - 2

vs LIVERPOOL (4 July)  
4th Grade Lost 2 - 0  
5th Grade Drew 3 - 3  
6th Grade Won 5 - 3

vs SYDNEY UNIVERSITY (11 July)  
4th Grade Won 5 - 1  
5th grade Lost 2 - 0  
6th grade Won 4 - 2

The 4th and 5th Grade teams are both in the top two of their respective competitions and the 6th grade is equal fourth. Robert Wark and Brent Gilmour have joined us from 3rd Grade and have revelled in the *esprit de corps* found in the lower division. Adam Campano is back after his broken collar bone and has lost none of his skill. Victor Westacott, the old war-horse in 6th Grade, has been forced into retirement by a troublesome left hip — good luck in retirement Victor. Victor's son Gavin will continue to uphold the family tradition in 6th Grade and is playing the best hockey of his career.

The win against Liverpool for the 6th Grade was extremely important and has cemented the side in the four after an erratic first round. In 6th Grade Chris Smith, a recruit this year from the University Club Canberra, is playing good hockey at centre-half. Chris was moved to Sydney with the Immigration Department. Chris's son Martin is a member of the Under 13 White team which is running second in the competition.

One of the best scorers in the lower division is 6th grade's Les McPhee. Given half a

### SYDNEY AREA JUNIOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION Point Scores Up to and Including Round 8 (13 June) 1992

Under 11	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points
Sutherland	8	8	0	0	50	3	16
Moorebank	8	6	1	1	47	17	13
Glebe Maroon	8	5	1	2	38	10	11
Sutherland Sharks	8	4	1	3	26	16	9
Glebe White	8	4	1	3	8	32	9
Bankstown	8	2	0	6	3	64	4
Parramatta	8	1	0	7	0	30	2
Under 13							
Sutherland	8	8	0	0	103	5	16
Glebe White	8	6	1	1	63	10	13
Moorebank	8	6	1	1	50	8	13
Sutherland Sharks	8	4	0	4	20	23	8
St George	8	3	0	5	33	44	6
Parramatta	8	3	0	5	26	54	6
Glebe Maroon	8	1	0	7	3	88	2
Bankstown	8	0	0	8	2	68	0
Under 15							
Bankstown	7	7	0	0	36	5	14
Sutherland	7	6	0	1	35	7	12
Moorebank	8	5	1	2	33	14	11
Parramatta	8	4	1	3	24	29	9
Glebe	7	4	0	3	7	21	8
Sutherland Sharks	7	2	0	5	6	16	4
St George	8	1	0	7	0	49	2

### SENIOR TEAMS (MEN) LOWER GRADES REPORT

Since the last RED RAG we have played three games in five weeks. Two Saturdays were missed, one because of the Senior State championships and the other because of the State League Saturday fixture. Most of the lower grade players believe that the competition is being run for the elite and that the ordinary rank and file players are being disregarded.

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