

# THE RED RAG NEWSLETTER

Glebe District Hockey Club Inc

JULY 1997



## President's Message

We have reached the halfway mark of the season and the Club is performing well in all areas except revenue, like the rest of the Australian economy where the 1997 budgeted forecast figures will be hard to achieve.

On the hockey front, Glebe is again excelling with the Women doing well, the Juniors near the top and the Men on top or second in almost all grades, which adds up to us leading the Club Championship. I would like to thank players, coaches and managers for their dedication so far and to keep up the good work. But please remember that Premierships are not won at the halfway mark, but at the last game of the season.

I would like to thank the many people who work behind the scenes which helps to give the Club such a happy and friendly atmosphere to play the game and socialise with other members. To my Committee, keep up the good work - you are doing a great job.

In relation to the Witches and Warlocks fund raising night, my thanks to Maureen Paterson and her workers for organising the night. To the loyal supporters who, without their support Maureen's hard work would be in vain. Your attendance enabled the Club to make a small profit and a good night was had by all. The Club is appreciative of your efforts. My thanks to Ken Wark Snr. for arranging the venue free of charge.

The nine players who attended from all grades were: Glenn Dunn, Mark Short, Amrat Parbhu, Bob Taylor, Martin Howe, Colin Rochester, Ann Rochester, Les and Robert Wark. The Social Members were Marie and James McWhinney, Chris and Geoff Bortfield, Maureen and Geoff Paterson, Janet and Michael Carey, Margaret Howe, Dale Parbhu, and Ken, Joyce, Harry and Molly Wark.

The decision of so many not to attend only highlights how important it is to remember the Club is only as united as every individual; wants to make it. Please support the upcoming functions as your attendance is as much a sign of your co-operation and appreciation for those workers of the Club as is your support of the Club.

### The Club

Welcome to all the old members who will be receiving this great magazine for the first time. The Club wants to find as many old members as possible who were part of the making of this club into such a great Club.

An old members drive has started. If you know of an old member (yes, those ones who got a mention in the book) please let them know we are looking for them, or give their details to Harry or Les Wark direct so we can add them to the mailing list. It will allow us to invite them back to enjoy the friendship and spirit of the Club that makes our Club unique in the world of sport.

*Geoff Paterson  
President*

## Dear Member

The Club and its members wish Troy Booth (Under 17's) a speedy recovery. Troy had a serious accident falling approximately fifteen feet after coming off a rope swing. I know our prayers are with him and his family.

The Club Raffle could have been a great fund raiser for the Club if ALL our club members pulled their weight, but firstly the Committee would like to thank Maureen Paterson and Mike Carey in its organisation. Even though the club raised over \$2,500, it could have raised twice that amount if we had all put in. The club has not got some secret money tree behind the arch, it is a user pay society and the Club gets no free rides. Club fund raising is a way of keeping the cost to all players down and for the Juniors no registration fee. Just think about that. Next time let us all get in there and pull our weight.

To ALL the members who supported the Witches and Warlocks night, thank you. To Maureen Paterson and her helpers, you did a great job. To Marie McWhinney and Margaret Howe congratulations on winning the fancy dress, but I think I had the most original!

It must be a Club first when two sets of brothers with the same surname (Wark) but not from the same family represent the State in their age groups - Anthony (Under 17), Patrick (Under 15) sired by Harry and Anne, and Peter (Under 15) and Matthew (Under 13) out of Robyn and Robert.

The Club strongly recommends that all players wear protective equipment (mouth guards, shin pads) and make arrangements to cover yourself in case of injury that the Association Insurance does not cover.

*Les Wark  
Secretary*

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## Club Calendar

Major dates  
to put in your diary

### Junior BBQ

26 July 1997  
at Jubilee

from 12.30 pm

It will be a great afternoon with skills competitions, a raffle and other happenings and Senior grades 4, 5 & 6 will be playing at Jubilee

Bring a salad or dessert (see what's wanted from the list in the Clubhouse)

Let us know how many of you are coming to socialise, meet fellow club members and soak up the atmosphere!

Remember, we do not charge juniors to play. We defray costs with great social functions such as the Junior BBQ

### PRESENTATION NIGHT

18 October 1997  
Balmain Leagues Club  
7.00 pm

This will be a tickets only affair

### Congratulations...

... to Patrick and Peter Wark for making the Under 15 State side

... to Matthew Wark for making the Under 13 State side.

... to Robyn & Robert, Anne & Harry who happily remain poor sending their offspring away in the state sides.

## Men's News

### Great News!

Congratulations to the 1st and 3rd Grades who will play in the Alan Yates Memorial Shield. The game will be played at Liverpool on 13th July. 3rd Grade starts at 11.00 am and 1st Grade at 3.00 pm.

### Fees

It is a decision of the Committee that if you have not paid your fees by 30 June you will not be playing until you have paid.

By the time you read this and you have not paid, at least you know why you are not playing.

### State League

Congratulations to the State League Squad who have made the Semi-Final. The date and time of the game is not available at the time of publication.

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### An Historic Day...

Under a cloudless sky, in bright winter sunshine and with the viaduct and Canary Island palms standing guard, Glebe's 7th Grade prepared to take on the "never-say-die" AMP side in a routine fixture. The assembly on the sideline was not routine, nor was the atmosphere that accompanied the administration of Dencorub and Dr Tooheys (Or is it Naturopath Carlton we use these days?). Most of First Grade and a proud collection of players current and well-past gathered, formed themselves into a guard of honour for Marty Howe as he took the field, proud in his maroon and white, for his seven hundredth time for the Club.

The spectator crowd for the game at 2 pm on Saturday 28 June at Federal was about 150 strong, the like of which has not been seen there since 1983, the last year first grade games were played at the ground. Among the crowd were Colin Brown, Victor Westacott and Peter Howe, all of whom have played over 600 games for Glebe. Alas, they have all retired now.

For the record, Marty's team rose to the occasion and outclassed the opposition (again) and came home winners at 3-1.

When the 4th & 5th Grade games finished across the canal at Jubilee, the assembled crowd gathered under the arch and clapped and cheered with gusto as Martin was presented with a plaque to commemorate the achievement. Adding to the sense of history, Harry and Ken Wark received plaques to commemorate their 50 years continuous association with Glebe. The BBQ afterwards received good patronage and all in all it was a truly memorable afternoon.

We congratulate and salute Martin, Harry and Ken. Their years of involvement with the game demonstrate what most of us consider playing hockey is all about — involvement for the exercise, the camaraderie, contributing to the good of others, the development of the game and for the sheer fun and enjoyment that those hours under the arches bring. They are the sort of people that make the Glebe club what it is today — and we thank them.



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## Women's News

Hi everyone! The results of our "Big Globe Day", Round 10, were as follows:

3rd Grade won 6 - 0 against Sydney University. Pip was in fine form scoring a blistering four goals (must be Les' brilliant coaching skills, or should I say brilliant vocal cords!).

1st Grade drew 0-0. (Thanks to our special guest coaches throughout the last couple of rounds.)

2nd Grade drew 0-0 against Sydney Uni.

3rd Grade won 1-0. Well done to Anita (Ferret) Martel who was our goal scorer.

4th Grade won 3-0. The team played well (and was umpired superbly!)

5th Grade also won 2-1. Congratulations!

To all players, thanks for your support on this day and it was great to see faces from all different grades interacting in the true Glebe spirit. Let's see it more often!

### Metro Meeting

Thank you to those Club members who attended the last meeting. We appreciate your interest and support.

Our next forum on introducing the Club to Metro League will be held at the Clubhouse on Tuesday 15 July at 7.30 pm. We urge the attendance of every player as the decisions made at this meeting will directly affect every player and the future of the Club.

### State Titles

The Eastern District 2 team competed well at Lismore on the Queen's Birthday weekend, with many Glebe girls playing well. The team ended up in 5th place but this was not a really true indicator of the performance of the team. We have vowed that next year the title will be ours!

The following weekend, the Under 18 Championships were held, again with a strong Glebe contingent. Congratulations to all girls who represented Eastern Suburbs.

### Birthday Wishes...

Happy Birthday to those who recently celebrated theirs: Joanne Keene, Becky Howe, Adrienne Ling and Cathy Sidoti.

I have checked your stars and can see a strong interference of the stick who is currently moving through your training.

May your defence be strong and your goals numerous!

*Becky Harrison*

## TURF UPDATE

If the greyhounds return to Harold Park, we would have insufficient access to the turf to be able to pay off the mortgage the Club will need to construct of the synthetic field. With this in mind, we wrote to Richard Face, NSW Minister for Gaming & Racing, informing him of our Heads Of Agreement with Harold Park. The letter included our dealings with Harold Park over the past 5 years and that we had always been led to believe that there would be no more than 99 race meetings a year. The General Manager of Harold Park, Mr Peter V'Landys, took umbrage at the content of our letter and wrote to Mr Face saying that "the unsavoury and ruthless tactics used by certain parties associated with the Glebe Hockey Club to obtain their own selfish interests are regrettable" and "this club at no time advised the Glebe Hockey Club of the number of meetings it conducts".

Frankly, we and many local residents firmly believe that Harold Park gave an explicit undertaking not to increase the number of meetings at Harold Park. We wrote again to the Minister for Gaming & Racing about our position and sent a copy to involved Members of the NSW Parliament, Leichhardt Council and the NSW Harness Association.

Leichhardt Council is very helpful in lobbying the State Government on our behalf and there is unanimous support from Council members.

A committee has been formed of local groups to co-ordinate efforts to persuade Harold Park to honour its promises. The Hockey Club is represented with people from Leichhardt Council, Glebe Basketball Association, Glebe Chamber of Commerce, The Glebe Society, The Save Rozelle Bay Committee, Friends of Benledi & the Glebe Library, and Precincts 10, 12, 13, 14 with other interested people.

A letterbox-drop and good local press coverage has helped bring the problem to the attention of local residents. A petition to State Government asking that the dogs do not come back to Harold Park has also been organised. There is a copy in the Clubhouse for you to sign.

Club Members are encouraged to write to Mr R. Face, The Minister for Gaming and Racing, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney, supporting the Club's quest for synthetic turf at Harold Park's infield.

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## Juniors' News

### History...

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Central Area Junior Hockey Association. To celebrate this milestone in the life of a competition that over the years has become the driving force behind the Sydney Junior Hockey Association, it is proposed to hold a dinner in either August or September at which each member club will have a display of memorabilia that span the twenty-five years.

If you are a current or past junior player, official or supporter and would like to be a part of a Glebe table at the dinner contact myself, Mick Tapsell, Ron Cheong or Eddy Crook. The number of people who would be able to attend is limited, so don't delay in making your booking as you might miss out.

If you have any photographs, trophies, playing shirts, programmes etcetera that you would like to be part of the memorabilia display, could you contact one of the Junior Committee as soon as possible.

### Congratulations...

... to Matthew Wark who last weekend became the latest Glebe Junior to be selected for NSW. Matthew's selection in the State Under 15 team is unique in that 1997 has the selection of two sets of brothers Anthony & Patrick and Matthew & Peter, in NSW Junior State teams. Besides being brothers, they are all from the Wark family.

Congratulations and good luck to all our State representatives at their respective Australian championships.

### Junior BBQ...

The Junior BBQ is coming soon. Look at the notice in the Club Calendar and the list in the Clubhouse for details or ask Anne Wark or any of the Junior Committee. See you there!

Jim Oman  
Junior Convenor

## 700 Club Games — Martin Howe (1945 - )

Martin was born in 1945 at Baren Memorial District Hospital. The Howe family, Jim and Molly and their seventeen children, moved to Glebe when Martin was two. Jim worked for the PMG and Molly looked after their 12 boys and 5 girls. Martin went to St James Catholic School at Forest Lodge (where Reverend Brother Maurice McCarten, founder of the Glebe District Hockey Club, had taught). Martin's secondary school, St Benedict's Broadway, was also the *alma mater* of Pat and John Nilan. On leaving school Martin became an apprentice electrician and has been in the electrical trade for over 35 years.

In 1958 Martin started to play hockey with the St James Under 14 team, coached by Vernon Turner and Victor Westacott. Junior matches at that time were played at St Paul's Oval at Sydney University.

In 1961 Martin moved into the senior ranks and played eleven games for the 4th Grade. For the next few years Martin honed his skills in the lower grades and in 1967 played a few matches with the first grade. In 1968 Martin, a left-half or left-back, became a regular first grader and stayed there until 1976, winning two first grade premierships. In 1977 Martin became a mainstay of the second grade team where he stayed for many seasons before working his way to the 7th Grade, who are leading this year's competition. Martin has been a leading light in Glebe Veteran's teams for over sixteen years. In 1980 he represented NSW in the first ever Australian Veterans Championship at Perth and played continually for NSW Veterans team every year until 1996. His never-say-die attitude, his astute reading of the game, his reliability and optimistic approach (in even the most dire of circumstances) have inspired many a team-mate. Martin is a great team player who always puts self-aggrandisement and personal glory behind contributing to the common good of the team.

In 1968 Martin was awarded the W.J. Taylor Cup for his consistent play and general demeanour and in 1987 the Pat Nilan Trophy as the most outstanding Club Member for the year. Martin was Club Captain 1972 and over the years he has served the Club competently and faithfully on the Management Committee.

In the late sixties, Martin met fellow hockey player Margaret Robinson, who he married at St Catherine's Catholic Church, Gympie in 1969. Margaret has supported Martin through thick and thin, and together they have been active in helping with the Club's junior teams. Although he had to travel to Glebe from his home at Caringbah every Wednesday night and every Saturday, Martin was Junior convenor for 1986 to 1991 when he handed over to Jim Oman. Both Martin's daughters Colleen and Helen Howe have coached Glebe Under 11 sides in recent years and Martin has been there for guidance and advice. A great supporter of the Junior club, Martin still attends many junior fixtures.

For the last four years Margaret Howe has been active with the Women's teams and has been the Women's Club Captain for the past two years. Like the good husband he is, Martin supports Margaret in her commitments with the Women's Club.

Martin played his 700th game for the Glebe Seniors on 28 June and is less than 60 games short of Harry Wark's all-time record of 757 games. Over the past 35 years Martin has averaged 20 games per season and there is every likelihood that he will break Harry's record by the end of the 1999 season!

At the 1992 Annual General Meeting, in recognition of Martin's over 30 year contribution to Club affairs, he was elected the 19th Life Member of the Club. Without people like Martin Howe and his family, the Glebe Hockey Club would not have survived and flourished as it has since its foundation in 1931. The Hockey Club exists to provide an avenue for people to exercise, socialise and meet other like-minded individuals. Martin has contributed in a significant way towards these goals.

Thank you Martin.



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THINGS ON AGAIN?



## Under the Arches

When the cold wind blows down at Jubilee, it must start those love embers burning...

### Who are we?...

... We both play for the mighty club Glebe (a good hint — can't give it away too early). The grades we play add up to 7 times (sometime 6 when I fill in (men)). Girl: Both my brothers play, the oldest not a true blond and my father coaches. Boy: my brother plays and we are both members of the GBDC. Girl: my first name is sought of like the name of a famous cheesecake. Boy: the last part of my surname sounds something like the name of a musical instrument (hint, Billy Joel's first big hit).

Carrying on from the above (two good stories) —

Girl: picked boy up at 4.30 pm to go to training. Training starts at 8.00 pm. Must be a long way from Glebe to Homebush.

Boy: Away with his mates representing Sydney at the State Championships on the long weekend. Didn't have to play Monday, so caught the train home Sunday afternoon after his last match as his heart longed to be with her.

### Young Love...

...Is it true that Damien and Brook have been seen holding hands, or is Brook showing Damien how to hit the ball? (I don't think so!)

### Who Am I?...

I have just recently taken up a course of interior design and I have had discussion with Cheryl Oman about changing to colour of her curtains.

### Is It True?...

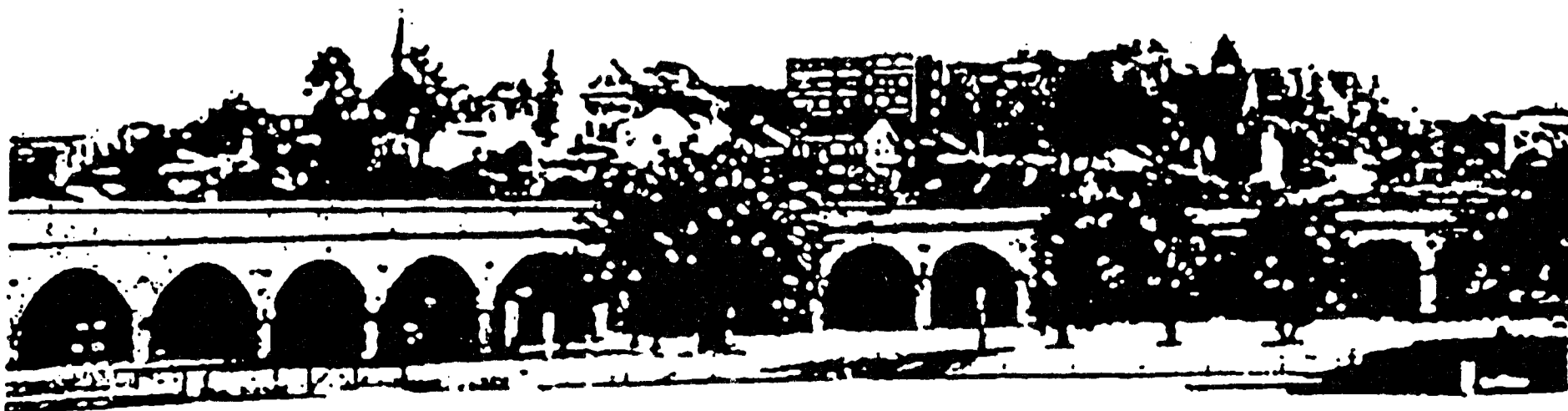
...that a very loving couple who are planning to go to the World Masters Hockey Games in Ireland in august didn't think they could keep their hands off each other, so they asked Bevin to be their chaperone?

### Who is it?...

*(The Editor is going to slip one in here — he overheard it at Marty's match)*

...A certain person was seen in lime green under-daks and little else in the open air recently.

*(Dunno how he did it in this weather — Editor)*



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