

THE RED RAG NEWSLETTER

Glebe District Hockey Club Inc

JUNE 1997



PROTECTION

The Club strongly recommends that all players wear protective equipment (mouthguards, shin pads) and to make arrangement to have insurance cover for yourself in case of injury that the Association insurance does not cover.

Dear Member

The Club apologises for no *Red Rag* last month - this was due to production problems which were out of the Club's control.

This month's edition is full of information and gossip to please all and sundry.

The Glebe Junior Carnival was conducted at the end of May and was again a great success. More about the Carnival in the Junior Report.

The Committee would like to say "thank you" to all those involved in the organisation of the Carnival and to those who helped on the day. You did a great job.

The Club has joined the revamped NSWHA State League this year. That decision was made because the Club was the last winners of the trophy and wished to defend that title and wanted to promote the game of hockey to the country areas. The Club has been seeded into the Northern Zone, who include Tamworth, Newcastle, Manning Valley (Taree to those who aren't geographically minded), Liverpool and Far North Coast. Results are in the men's section.

Les Wark
Secretary

700 Games!

Yes! We have a player playing his 700th game in the month of June!

Martin Howe will obtain this honour and the Club will celebrate it on 28th June.

To make sure Martin doesn't forget this great moment, the Club invites all members to come to Jubilee on the day and help celebrate this great mile stone in his hockey career.

Many Thanks

The Megan Byrnes family have answered our ad for a freezer and have kindly donated one to the Club.

The Club thanks you.

Congratulations...

... to Aaron Oman for making the NSW Under 18 side. He will be playing in the Australian Championships in Darwin in July. Well done! That blond hair must have made a difference.

... to Anthony Wark and Alan Morris who made the NSW Under 17 & Under 16 teams respectively.

... to Brett Stubbs who married the lovely Tania on 26 April. The Club wishes you a long life together filled with lots of love and happiness.

... to Stacey Turner, who announced her engagement to Matthew. All the best.

... to Les & Robert Wark, Bevan Ineson, Geoff Roberts, Steven Casey and John McDonald who represented Sydney at the recent NSW Veteran Championships.

... to Jim Oman who called correctly the toss of the coin to decide who made the Under 11 Final at the Junior Carnival after all points, goal differences and goals for were all equal. It is not known if he called heads or tails. The Under 11's went on to win.

... to the players who made the Sydney Men's Teams for the State Championships at Newcastle. Sydney No 1: Ken Wark (Captain), Pat McCann, Aaron & Shane Nilan, Steven Cain, Chris Neville, Dean Benfield. Sydney No 2: Alan Alderson, Craig Martin (bolt for the blue), Aaron Oman, Daniel Little, Christian Campano.

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Club Calendar

Major dates
to put in your diary

Witches & Warlocks Night

Saturday 14 June

Dobroyd Aquatic Club
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Rood Point

\$20 a head

Everyone come along!

Let Maureen Paterson
(9798 0463)
know if you will be there

700 GAMES

Don't forget 28 June...

Let's make Marty's day a great one!

JUNIOR BBQ

The Junior BBQ will be held on

26 July

Watch this space for details

*Dates could change due to draw
changes and other circumstances*

Men's News

That dreary old subject of FEES...

Half fees had to be paid up by the end of April, but due to the BYE round and ANZAC weekend that date has been extended to 4 May. If fees have not been paid, or you have not made a prior arrangement, you will not be selected.

Fees		
Senior	\$ 280	(Full-time)
Student	\$ 175	
Juniors Playing Senior Grades	\$ 175	
Goalkeepers	\$ 70	

ALL fees have to be paid by 30 June 1997.

State League

The State League Squad has played two rounds — against Tamworth and Far North Coast.

Tamworth (4 all draw)

The team travelled to Tamworth on 19 April and, from what was heard, the trip was more exciting than the game with Trent Benfield writing-off his car. Luckily no one was injured (shaken but not stirred) and Shane getting a ticket. Getting back to the game, from all reports it was a rugged affair with one player describing it as a good game of football by some of the tackles going in. Scorers were James Wright 2, Shane Nilan and Craig Greaves one each.

Far North Coast (14 nil)

What can I say about this game? They tell me the team played very well, with Simon Booth, Chris Nevelle and James Wright just above the rest. From all reports, some members of the FNC team were just on the twilight of their careers (about Arthur Moir's age) and their experience could not stem the enthusiasm of the Glebe attack. Goal scorers were James Wright 4, Pat McCann 3 (How could he do that?), Aaron O-Man (as the announcer said it) 2, Craig Greaves 2, Chris Nevelle, Steven Cain, Trent Benfield one each.

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Sydney Under 21's Senior Team Coaches & Managers

Nominations are being called for coaches and managers for the Sydney Under 21 Senior Team.

If you are interested, please contact Les Wark



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Women's News

Hi everyone! The results from the 3rd round were:

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!).

4th Grade won 2 – 0 against UNSW.

5th Grade lost 3 – 1 against Sydney University.

1st and 2nd Grades kick off on the 10th May, let's hope they do well.

Just a reminder for all players that shirt numbers are *compulsory*. So please make sure your number is securely attached to your shirt. The Club can be fined for breaches in the uniform code. While I'm on the topic of uniforms I's also like to stress the importance our Club's uniform standards. This includes wearing the official club skirt – no imitations allowed. See Mischa Quilty if you need to purchase a skirt.

I hope you've all managed to sell the Rotary raffle tickets by now. All money and unsold tickets must be returned to Carol or Margaret by 25 May. Your effort selling these are much appreciated.

Congratulations...

Rebecca Harrison, Megan Rivers, Colleen Howe and Helen Howe have been selected to represent Eastern Districts in the NSW Open Championships this long weekend.

The following weekend, Mary Wark and Megan Rivers will be playing in the Under 18 State Championships.

Birthday Wishes...

Happy Birthday to those who recently celebrated theirs: Stacey Turner, Ann Rochester, Stacey Bushell, Samantha Doley, Mary-Louise O'Hare, Sarah Cronin, Katie Pellarini, Maryanne Jacobs and last but not least, me.

Thanks, see you on the field.

Carmen Byrne
Margaret Howe

TURF UPDATE

The NSW Government has recently stated its intention to privatise the NSW TAB and involved in this process is the re-evaluation of the State's racing industry. One of the options rumoured is that the greyhounds will be transferred from Wentworth Park to Harold Park. This would mean that we would not have sufficient access to a synthetic turf inside the track(s) to generate the cash flow needed to pay the mortgage for the turf.

A scenario for the events is this – It is highly unlikely that Leichhardt Council will approve a DA which would bring four more nights of racing to Harold Park. That being the case, the State Government is likely to appeal this decision in the Land & Environment Court and lose. To make sure that it can do as it wants, the State Government has, or will in the near future, gazette legislation to make it the sole consenting authority for the Harold Park site. Leichhardt Council then will be unable to stop the dogs returning to Harold Park.

As far as we are concerned, we feel that we have a legally valid Heads of Agreement with Harold Park and we are fully entitled to build a synthetic turf on the negotiated site inside the trotting track. Part of the Heads of Agreement states that non-harness activities would be allowable "from time to time". It is the view of the Hockey Club that four extra meetings a week could not, under any circumstances, be considered "from time to time". The NSW Harness Association is stalling with our attempts to finalise the definitive site for the synthetic turf – hoping, no doubt, that they can brush us away. Now that the Harness Association has its extended track at Harold Park, it could be interpreted that it now finds onerous the obligations it entered into with community groups before the track was extended.

We are determined to pursue the building of a synthetic turf at Harold Park and we are trying to get authority from them so we can submit a Building Application. Harold Park is no doubt stalling to try and keep all its options open. It is expected that Leichhardt Council would pass this BA once cleared by Harold Park.

Club members can be assured that the Synthetic Turf Committee is trying, to the best of its ability, to secure the turf. With some good luck and an A grade bounce, we might just be successful, but it looks as if it is going to be a long and hard trail.

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*A History of the
Glebe District Hockey Club*
By Max Solling & Harry Wark

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in obtaining
their umpiring badge
please see

Les Wark

for details

Juniors' News

Junior Carnival

For the second year in a row the Glebe Junior Carnival was, by any measure, a success.

After almost two weeks of consistent rain, the clouds parted and the Sunday turned out to be a magnificent day. Obviously having a man of the cloth as a founder of the Club must be giving us some influence upstairs as last year's weather followed almost an identical pattern.

Of course no Carnival could be a success without the support of other clubs, and it was great to see the spread of teams from all over Sydney as well as an Under 11 team from as far away as Lithgow. The Glebe Juniors showed the traditional spirit by turning up in force with four Under 11, two Under 13, two Under 15 and three Minkey teams. Congratulations - you were a credit to yourselves and the Club.

To all the Club members, both Seniors and Juniors, parents, guardians and supporters who work tirelessly to make sure the day was a success - thank you. Without your support a carnival the size of ours (twenty-nine teams) would have been an organisational disaster.

A special thank you to Ron Cheong who had the worst job of anyone - the draw. With constant changes required as teams pulled out at the last moment, it is a wonder you maintained your sanity. Thank you for the hours of work you put into your task.

Last, but certainly by no means least, to the Carnival Committee of Adam Campano, Ron Cheong, Eddy Crook, Lee Farlow, Vernon Howe, Neil Lawson, Artie Moir, Pat Nilan, Maureen Paterson, Mick Tapsell, Bob Taylor, Anne Wark, Harry Wark Senior and Les Wark and to the many volunteers on the day (too many to list) whose professionalism and dedication has ensured that our Carnival will be remembered as the premier Sydney Club Carnival of 1997.

City vs Country

One of the most pleasing aspects of the recent City versus Country fixture at Newcastle International Hockey Centre was the large number of Glebe players represented in the Sydney teams. In the age groups from Under 18's through to Under 13's, there were twenty-three players from our Junior Club wearing Sydney colours. This figure does not include the eight Glebe players who also represented Sydney in the Under 11 Invitational Challenge that was held on an adjacent turf. When you include the girls who have been chosen in the Eastern Districts Ladies' representative teams and the additional five boys who represented Sydney in the recent Under 17 State Championships, we can claim to have 25% of our Juniors playing representative hockey.

Although the old and experienced heads always caution about making too much out of junior success, nevertheless when you consider our Juniors train without the benefit of a turf and under lighting that at best could be described as poor and at worst verging on third world, it is difficult not to be proud of what our players, coaches, managers, parents, guardians and sponsors have helped to achieve against all odds.

It is tangible evidence of the type of spirit that makes our Club so special.

Jim Oman
Junior Convenor



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Under the Arches

Who am I?...

...On our recent trip to a country town, I enjoyed a few after-the-game drinks and then a few more. Late at night I thought I was Superman and got into my booth to change and found that I didn't have my costume on. But this did not stop me. I went out to save the world for truth, justice and the Glebe way with no clothes on (UTA note - that would be an ugly sight).

... After a long trip, a game of hockey and I thought all was lost late at night trying to convince the local fillies outside Brumbies that I was the Rodeo Champion from Glebe when one took the bait. (Hint - blond, natural or fake, you tell me and it is not AO)

The Perils of Goalkeeping...

Who said Ken Wark cannot hit the ball? Just ask Dean Benfield, First Grade Goalkeeper. During the warm-up before a recent match, Ken broke Dean's wire face-mask with the ball from a hit. Dean received seventeen stitches for a cut above the eye.

Funny things said -

Dean: "I didn't want to stop it with my glove, for I thought I would lose sight of it."

Ken, when asked by the coach how hard he had hit it: "It was smokin'."



A reminder...

Special Vouchers...

Hockey equipment bought at the Hockey Shop, George Street, Homebush brings a voucher for the Club (depending how much you spend). We can then use them for getting practice balls and other equipment - especially for the Juniors!

So if you get anything from them, remember to let them know you are from Glebe and ask for your voucher.

Give it to Arthur Moir (Seniors) or Ron Cheong (Juniors).

Anything else...

You might have something you want to get rid of. Advertise in *The Red Rag*.

Let Les Wark or Eddy Crook have the details.

Equipment for Sale

Socks	\$6
Playing Shirt	\$20
Supporters Shirt	\$25
Junior Track Suits	\$50

SEE

Arthur Moir

or

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