

THE RED RAG NEWSLETTER

Glebe District Hockey Club Inc

APRIL 1998



President's Message...

ON BEHALF of the Management Committee I would like to take this occasion to welcome all members of the Club to our 68th season.

Also, a special welcome to the new members joining various divisions of the Club.

1997 was a vintage year for the Club performance wise, and we are certain that 1998 will see similar achievements throughout all segments of the competition.

1998 marks the entry of our Women's teams into the Metropolitan League with two teams, while retaining their existing teams in the Eastern District Competition. This is a major move for the Women's Club and they look forward to Club support at their Homebush games.

Premier and Second Division have started the season with some unexpected mixed results, but you can't help but notice the youthful look of our teams, particularly in Premier Division.

Selection of teams this year was made more difficult by some of our older more experienced players being unavailable for various reasons, and ultimately we had to reduce our team numbers. This is a disappointment, but I'm sure that once we settle the teams down it will be business as usual.

As the season has just started it is probably a little early to give an accurate view of our Juniors except to say there appears to be more kids than ever lining up for Wednesday night's BBQ. We had a very successful day at Northern Districts Carnival, which indicates another very good year for our Juniors.

All round we are looking at another very promising and enjoyable hockey season.

Bob Taylor
President

Dear Member...

The *Red Rag* is here again.

THERE ARE some changes to our committee this year (see the back page for the Who's Who). I'd like to thank all last year's committee and all volunteers who contributed to our success last season. A strong grounding has been laid by them to help the new committee (especially me) and this year's helpers. By the look of things, this year has started out very well on all fronts and we should have another great year.

The month of May...

SOME DATES to put in your calendar are coming up. In particular there is the Junior Carnival on 24 May. This is one of the Club's main events and it is entertaining to come along and see the stars of tomorrow. As well as being a spectator, why don't you put in a hour or so and help out on the day? That's all you need to put in. Spread out like this it makes the day enjoyable for every one. There is a "Help List" on the notice board in the Clubhouse, so put your name down or speak to Ann Wark or Jim if you want more information.

Before the Carnival we have a couple of fun nights. A pub crawl on Saturday 2 May and a "Back to the 70's" on Friday 15 May in the Clubhouse. See the Club Calendar column inside for more details.

May looks a great social as well as playing month.

Umpiring and coaching...

THE WOMEN'S NEWS highlights our need for umpires throughout the Club. Please give it a thought. As said, just helping out for one game during the season would be valuable.

Coaches are needed as well. Sometimes a coach might not be available for a particular period during the season and a deputy would be needed. Even during the season, an extra helper is invaluable for Juniors, Men and Women. Can you help? If so, let your committee know.

Thank you...

THANKS TO the members who helped out in the working bee to "re-decorate" the Clubhouse. It looks 150% better.

Eddy Crook
Secretary

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Many Thanks

**TO ALL OUR SPONSORS WHO HELPED TO MAKE LAST YEAR
SO SUCCESSFUL AND THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY HELPING
TO MAKE THIS YEAR ANOTHER TO REMEMBER**

Club Calendar

Major dates
to put in your diary

JUNIOR CARNIVAL

SUNDAY
24 MAY 1998

**BE THERE
AND CHEER
THE STARS
OF TOMORROW**

SEE CLUBHOUSE
NOTICE BOARDS
FOR DETAILS

**BBQ
AND
REFRESHMENTS
ALL DAY**

**If you can help
put your name on
the Help List**

PUB CRAWL Saturday 2 May

SEE NOTICE BOARDS
FOR DETAILS

**GET BACK TO
THE 70's**

*Friday
15 May*

SEE NOTICE BOARDS
and PAGE 4
FOR DETAILS

Men's News

Fees Timel

HERE WE GO, asking for money already. Fees are important, believe it or not. No fees - no insurance, no playing fields, no selection. Please make sure you pay your fees as soon as possible.

FEES	
Senior Men	\$ 290
Students (Full-time) & Juniors Playing Senior Grades	\$ 185
Goalkeepers	\$ 80

ALL fees usually have to be paid by the end of June — Let's be early this year.

Women's News

WELCOME to the 1998 season. I think everyone would agree with me that we've gone through some pretty big changes since the end of the last season! This year we have approximately eighty players spread between six teams, an increase of one team from 1997. Judging on the blitz of enquiries I'm still getting we could easily have had seven or eight teams this year. Maybe 1999!

I'd like to extend a special welcome to all new players to the Club and to Natalie White. Natalie will be coaching our first grade side this year and comes to us highly recommended. Natalie has just been voted Coach of the Year for 1997 by the NSW Women's Hockey Association. I'd also like to say thanks to Kevin Chivers. Kevin has returned for a second season to coach second grade. The next issue of the *Red Rag* will include profiles of Natalie and Kevin for you to digest.

Now I'd like to introduce your Committee to you, I've included a home telephone number so don't hesitate to call any of us if you have any questions:

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	Representative	
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	Officer	
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	Convenor	

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, 7 pm. at the Glebe Clubhouse. All members are welcome to join us at any time. So if you are interested in how things are run or wish to voice your opinion about something please come along.

Not only do we have an extra team this year, we have entered our top two teams in the Sydney Women's Hockey League competition. Since we began this transition last year, the Committee has tried to keep everyone up to date with progress reports in the *Red Rag* and mail-outs. If you would like more information please don't hesitate to talk to one of the committee members or coaches. Our other four teams are playing in the Eastern Districts competition. We have two turf teams (2nd and 3rd grade) and two grass teams (5th & 6th grade). Last year you might remember the season was particularly short. In order to give you more hockey this year, the Eastern Districts Hockey Association has expanded to six grades and has reduced the number of teams per grade to six or seven. If you are wondering how they selected teams for each grade, they introduced a promotion and relegation scheme, and made a fourth turf team by splitting third grade.

All six teams played their first round on 5/6 April. I managed to get to three of these games and was impressed at how well everyone played together. Most importantly, you all seemed to have fun (Except for all the huffing and puffing!).

*Carmen Byrne
Women's Convenor*

Women's News (continued)

Congratulations...

CONGRATULATIONS to all girls selected in representative teams:

Eastern Districts U12

Samantha Wortley Lawson
Julie Newton
Susannah Montrone
Ashley Shuberg

Eastern Districts Opens I

Ami Roams
Lisa Ellick
Kelly Needham

Eastern Districts U14

Melissa Newton
Gabrielle Wark
Kathleen Oman
Amanda Cheong
Amy Kludas
Catherine Rice
Amy Wark

Eastern Districts Opens II

Helen Howe
Stacey Turner
Rebecca Harrison

Parramatta District Opens

Chris Auld

Eastern Districts U16

Rebecca Howe
Kylie Lawson
Adrienne Ling
Sarah Stevenson (Captain)

Newcastle Opens

Stacey Wallace
Alison Daley

Under 18 State Squad

Ami Roams

Under 21 State Team Head Coach

Natalie White

Under 21 State Team

Lisa Ellick
Kelly Needham
Ami Roams

Under 14 State Talent Camp

Sarah Stevenson
Kathleen Oman
Amy Wark
Gabrielle Wark

NSW WHA Coach of the Year 1997

Natalie White

Australian Women's Squad

Alison Dally

Umpire's Report

YOU KNOW when you walk off the field after playing a game and you hear those dreaded words "Can anyone umpire the next game, please?". Immediately everyone grabs their bags, finds the car keys and runs as fast as possible. Does this sound familiar?

Well, maybe if you are one of those people running to the car, you should stop and consider umpiring the occasional game. You don't have to umpire every week, umpiring just one game helps us all, and without umpires the game won't go on. We are currently short of umpires (as we usually are) and we're asking for your help.

It seems that people have a genuine fear of umpiring. Usually it is a fear of making mistakes or being yelled at. Everyone has to start somewhere (we should keep this in mind for players also) so if you're just starting out there is support available from more experienced umpires in the Club. The Glebe Juniors need umpires as well as the women, so if you want to start at a basic level, juniors may be for you.

You don't need to be a player to umpire. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to have a go - especially the parents of junior players. You're there to watch your kids play, so why not umpire a game while you're there? It would be greatly appreciated.

There are also incentives to umpire - Eastern Districts pays umpires \$5 per game. Accumulated over a year this can be a lot. There is also the Glebe umpire's award to be won at the end of the year.

For further details regarding umpiring please feel free to contact me, Tiffany Brown, Umpires' Convenor, on 9944 4905 or 0412 012 066.

TURF UPDATE

SINCE THE END of last season there has been a flurry of activity in the Club's quest for a synthetic turf. I am sorry to say that the end is not yet in sight, but more battles have been won than lost.

The Club participated in a Council called Public Meeting at the Glebe Town Hall on Thursday 13 November 1997 to seek community support to try and persuade the NSW Harness Racing Club (Harold Park) to honour its undertakings to the hockey club and the local community. Jim Oman spoke on behalf of the Club and presented our case in a clear and concise manner.

Glebe Town Hall was full to overflowing with over 350 people and was chaired by Councillor Kris Cruden, the Mayor of Leichhardt. Others present included the General Manager of the NSW Harness Racing Club and six of its directors. The mood of the meeting was decidedly on the side of the community and the hockey club. To emphasise the community's feelings, it was decided to hold a protest on Miracle Mile night at Harold Park.

The protest received considerable publicity in the media. A court injunction prevented Leichhardt Council supporting the protest as initially planned, but on the night a crowd of about 400 people conducted a peaceful, good natured, non-obstructive protest.

After the protest we attended a meeting with the General Manager of the NSW Harness Racing Club, Mr Peter V'landys, and Ms Sandra Nori MP to discuss our access to Harold Park's infield for our hockey games, but no definite decisions were made at that meeting.

In January, the Club's Building Application (BA) for the synthetic field was passed by Leichhardt Council, although we cannot start building until the NSW Harness Racing Club gives its approval. For this, we need to have our finances in place so that we can assure the trotting club that we can finish the construction and not leave a half-finished eyesore.

The cost of a water-based turf at Harold Park would be around \$860,000 and a sand-based turf (designed so that we could convert to water-based later) around \$640,000. We have had an offer of help in the construction of the base from the Walker Corporation (the

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Juniors' News

A Great Start to the 1998 Season

THE 1998 SEASON got off to a great start for the Juniors. Although we began the Central Area Competition with eleven teams, one less than 1997, this has been more than offset by a large increase in Minkey players.

Our overall numbers are, in fact, slightly up on last year's record of 184 boys and girls

Northern Districts Carnival

FIVE TEAMS from Glebe attended the Northern Districts Carnival on Sunday 5 April. Despite the unseasonable hot weather everyone had a great day. Glebe's two Under 11 teams dominated the competition and played out the final - Glebe A beating Glebe B by three goals to nil.

Harry Wark Junior's Under 13 team took out their division by going through the Round Robin competition undefeated. Both our Under 15 teams played well on the day with the 'A' team finishing runners-up to Northern Districts.

There will be more carnivals later in the season. Glebe's own carnival is on Sunday 24 May, so keep an eye on the Junior Notice Board for more details. If you haven't attended a carnival before, they are well worth the effort. Not only are they great fun but also are an ideal way for players to improve.

Social Membership

THANK YOU to everyone who has taken out social membership. Your support will have offset the ever increasing running costs of the Juniors. For those who haven't joined up as yet and would like to assist the Club to maintain its proud fifty year tradition of no fees for junior players, you can obtain a social membership form in the Clubhouse.

Sponsorship

SHAUGHN MURPHY AND MARK MURPHY from the Toxteth Hotel have very generously provided for the Juniors. On behalf of the Junior Committee and the whole Club - Thank you yet again for your commitment to the youth of the area.

Jim Oman
Junior Convenor

GET BACK
TO THE
70s
PARTY

HEAPS OF FUN!!!

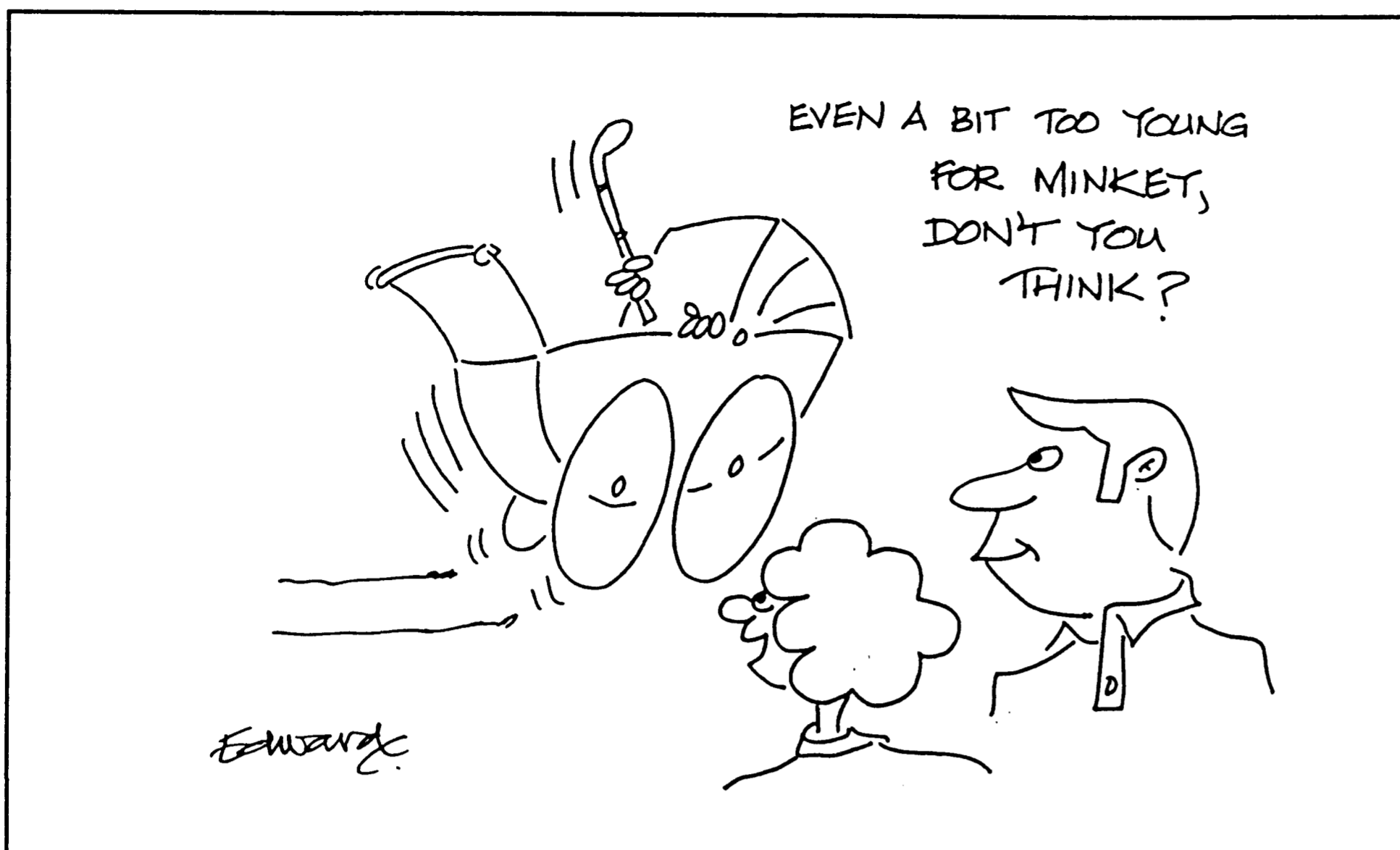
Friday 15th, May
Time: 7 pm

Adults...\$10
Kids...\$5

location...
GLEBE HOCKEY CLUBHOUSE

Dinner Included! PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME

CHRISTIAN CAMPANO DESIGNS (ELINTIC 98)



Under the Arches

Junior Club increasing day by day...

THERE MUST BE something in the air at the Clubhouse, so we've cleaned it up. A number of Juniors have been born recently.

The Club's local fruiterer has now stopped playing with his apples since the birth of a daughter and a club member who sells us things that make us hot in summer and cool in winter has given us a split unit with the birth of twin daughters.

Congratulations to all concerned.

Party times (continued)...

THE GBDC have opened a new sub-branch in Annandale for parties that are becoming well known amongst the local hockey fraternity. A trail is being worn between Annadale and Glebe. We shall keep you posted on developments.

Asian influence...

SOME MEMBERS of the Club have had trips to various Asian countries during non-hockey times. What have they asked Ann and Harry Senior to provide at the Clubhouse? Will we be having stir fries at our regular Wednesday BBQs?

Perhaps we shall see them decked out in Asian costumes at the the "Get Back to the 70's" Party. You'll have to be there to find out!

Who is he?...

HE IS a dignified Club Identity who went to experience a thriller in Manila (as Muhammed Ali would say). Was he there to sell lights or experience the bright lights?

"Back to the 70's"...

AS WELL AS the Asian influence, perhaps we should go along and see who comes along as Gary Glitter!



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Turf Report (continued)

builder and operator of the new Broadway complex). Their help will cut the above figures considerably and we're very grateful for what is a generous offer. Leichhardt Council has committed \$200,000 to the construction of the turf.

In February this year we applied for a Department of Sport and Recreation Facilities Development Grant of \$300,000. A special thanks to Rodney Hammett who co-ordinated our application and prepared a fully professional, many paged, well presented document for us. There were about 300 initial applicants for a facilities grant and informed sources tell us ours has made it through to the final twenty. No word has yet been received whether we have been successful or not.

With an estimated 1000 hours per annum usage it is envisaged that we can comfortably service the \$400,000 mortgage we would need. If we are successful with our grant application, we will be able to install a water-based turf. Without the grant we would install a sand-based turf which we could convert later. At present we are preparing documentation for our application to financial organisations for the mortgage.

The crucial question is whether Harold Park will guarantee us access to the turf. If the NSW Harness Racing Club does not do this we cannot be assured of a cash flow to repay the mortgage.

We have written to the NSW Harness Racing Club, the latest on 25 March this year, asking them to give us access on three week nights and all day Saturday and Sunday during the hockey season and for lesser access during the off-season times. In the event that Harold Park does not give us an undertaking regards access, we have sought legal advice. At this stage no decision has been made to take legal action as we are still awaiting response from the NSW Harness Racing Club.

From time to time alternative sites have been suggested. Wentworth Park and the old White Bay shunting yards are two options that have been considered. At this stage no active negotiations are taking place. If a suitable site for a synthetic field where we could start construction almost immediately came up, and the NSW Harness Racing Club offered us cash compensation for us to forego the Harold Park infield, then this might be a satisfactory resolution to the current impasse.

We need a home synthetic turf so that we can cement our future. Your committee is working towards this goal. Unfortunately land suitable for a synthetic turf is hard to find around Glebe. If any readers has any thoughts about our predicament, the committee will be more than pleased to hear from you.

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