

THE RED RAG NEWSLETTER

Glebe District Hockey Club Inc

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Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

.....TO THE DOZENS of club supporters, players and parents who, in the space of a week, came along and made our Carnival and then the Junior Bar-B-Que such a great success.

The "Catering Division" could not operate without generous doses of people's time and energy.

On the 24th, the Carnival needed people to commence barbecuing from just after dawn (literally!) to almost nightfall, selling lollies and ice creams all day, keeping ready supply of chilled drinks and a cheerful face for our visitors. All instrumental in making the day a social and financial success. (They played some hockey in between eating and drinking - but that involve another army of helpers, well marshalled from the control tent with a microphone and a whistle to call the shots.)

The Junior Bar-B-Que was scheduled for 30 May to coincide with the second of only two Senior Men's lower grade home games this year. In spite of the closeness of the Carnival on the 24th, many families came down, donated salads and cakes, joined in the games, with thanks to Cheryl and Lee, and spent a few hours in the sunshine at Jubilee. Proceedings closed fairly early since many ten went out to Homebush for the much enjoyed Moorebank/Glebe clash in First, Second and Third Grades.

Once again, thank you to all who contributed in so many ways!

Anne Wark

Dear Member...

Back to the 70's

THERE WAS GREAT ENTERTAINMENT on the night with Vicki Schuberg and her keyboard backing by Some of the costumes worth were a little mothballed, but lasted the night with those wearing the gear. Many thanks to the Social Committee, and to everyone who were there to make the night successful.

Junior Carnival

MORE THANKS to all who made the Junior Carnival an outstanding event. Visiting teams have also expressed their appreciation for a wonderful day. After rain only a few days before, the grounds were brought to perfection by the Council staff.

Finances...

RUNNING OUR CLUB costs money! Of course you knew that, but some players in the seniors *still* have not paid their fees. Also, non-playing members should pay their Social Membership fees if they haven't already done so. Remember, all playing and non-playing *financial* members have a say in the Club's formal meetings. No pay — no say, no play.

We have to pay insurance, ground fees, association dues, and numerous other day-to-day running costs. Paying the basic Club fees helps to meet those costs.

We have an on-going raffle to help us defray costs. The prizes are good and the benefits come to the Club, so let's sell those tickets!

Homebush parking...

The saga is still going on. However, to date the information is that there will be no parking fees for regular users of the State Ports Centre (which includes hockey) until at least 1st July. Keep an eye on the noticeboards and an ear on message from your captains, managers, coaches etc.

Eddy Crook
Secretary

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"A Champion Club — A Club of Champions"

Club Calendar

Major dates
to put in your diary

The PUB CRAWL IS ON !!!

SEE NOTICE BOARDS
FOR DETAILS

COMING SOON

BEATLES' NIGHT

More details

when

time and place

confirmed

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE
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Men's News

Training...

TRAINING IS IMPORTANT! The women's teams are putting the men to shame!

We're right up there at the top of the Men's Club Championship table with Ryde, so let's make it another winning year.

Come along on Thursdays at Homebush and Wednesdays at Jubilee to build up your skills and fitness.

Wednesday is great for a Bar-B-Que and a beer, so we can socialise as well.

Fees...

As said in *Dear Member* on the front page, those who haven't yet paid their fees please be financial as soon as possible. Most Committee Members have a receipt book, so get your chequebooks out.

Kevin Chivers
Club Captain

Under 17's A Side

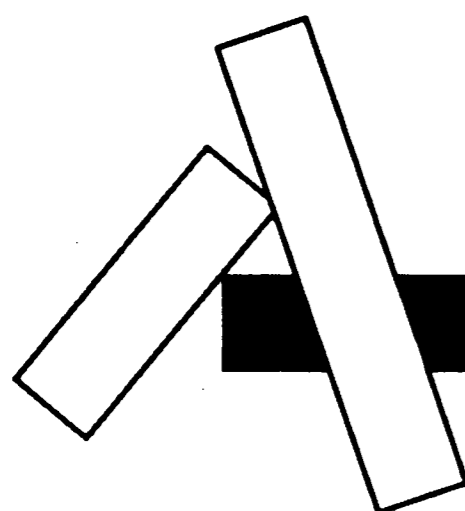
THE UNDER 17 A's began the season with a bye, and followed this with an easy win over Bankstown. The third round game against Sutherland was a great game – end to end hockey for the whole game. In a keenly fought contest Glebe emerged winners 2-0. Considering the improvement still possible in the squad, this high quality game was encouraging. The next game, against Moorebank, was a rougher contest. Moorebank held the early ascendancy but were unable to come up with a goal. Glebe led 3-0 before Moorebank managed some later goals against strong defence. The final score was 4-2 to Glebe in another high quality game. Baulkham Hills, the next opponents, proved themselves very tough markers and Glebe found it difficult in this game to string the passes together. After leading 2-09, Glebe's standard of play fell away in the second half and Baulkham Hills were able to capitalise and bring the scores level. 2 all was the final result, and perhaps Glebe were a bit fortunate not to lose this game. The team's standard of play never rose to the heights reached in earlier games.

The game against Ryde was unusual in that one corner of the field was saturated before the game by a sprinkler which refused to turn off! The team looked a lot sharper in the early exchanges than it had done in the game against Baulkham Hills, but strong attacking raids brought no goals. Ryde scored a runaway goal after Glebe botched a short corner. Glebe kept up the good passing, but missed many opportunities to score. The scores were levelled at half-time. The second half was similar, with Glebe playing the better hockey but not finding the net. Ryde scored another runaway goal and Glebe had to pull out all stops to equalise just before full-time, wasting many scoring opportunities.

Under 17's hockey is attractive to watch. It's unfortunate that the games are played at such an inhospitable hour!

Mick Tapsell

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Women's News

Season Update...

WE HAVE NOW PLAYED around eight games in all divisions and we're absolutely blitzing the field! Just as I am writing this article Elaine Trodden called to tell me that Glebe 4 (who play in the Eastern Districts 3rd Grade) beat St Vincents 9-1 on the weekend. (Could have been 10-1, but we missed a penalty stroke.) This must have been satisfying, especially since St Vincents have beaten us in the Grand Final for the past two years. Well done!

Unfortunately I don't have the current ladder information, but I do know that all teams except Glebe 2 and 3 are in the top four. I could probably go as far to say that Glebe 4, 5 & 6 are first or second on their respective ladders. This momentum is fantastic, let's all try and support each other and get to some games. I've heard on the grapevine that Sue Goodwin has a secret plan to achieve just that! If anyone wants a copy of the ED or SWHL draw just give me a call and I'll send a copy to you.

Representatives

I ALSO HAVE MORE GOOD NEWS on representative achievements. Firstly, I'd like to apologise for failing to include Catriona (Fish) Owens and Jade & Brooke Babbich in the last *Red Rag*. Fish represents Tasmania in the National Hockey League and Jade & Brooke made the ED Under 14 representative side.

New rep news — Adrienne Ling was recently selected in the NSW Under 16 team, Antonia Blair and Sarah Stehenson made the ED Under 18 team; and last but not least, Kelly Needham, Lisa Ellick and Allison Dally made the NSW Open side. Congratulations everyone!

Minkey

PLEASE REMEMBER that we now have in place a team roster for supporting our Minkey kids. Your captain will have the roster. Each team must ensure at least three players attend.

Junior Carnival

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to those of you who helped out at the Junior Carnival. We had around eight players helping out on the day with umpiring, coaching and working on the stalls. Thanks heaps.

Fees

ON A MORE BORING NOTE — please contact Christine McNicol if you still have fees outstanding. It is essential that we collect all fees ASAP.

Carmen Byrne

TURF UPDATE

OVER THE LAST MONTH the Club has been approaching financial organisations to arrange finances for the construction of our synthetic field. In the Heads of Agreement between us and the NSW Harness Association is a clause stating that they do not have to give their permission for us to build the turf unless we have approved finances in place. With this in mind, Jim Oman and Eddy Crook have had meetings with the NAB and Commonwealth Bank with our detailed financial plans. Both banks have indicated that, with appropriate security, they could advance a loan. Until we have more detailed information from the banks (which hasn't come through before having to go to press with the *Red Rag*) we won't know the final details. This should all be clear by the next report.

Our application for a grant from the Department of Sport & Recreation was unsuccessful. Unofficially the Club heard that our application made it to the top 20 of over 200 applications. Unfortunately only 18 grants were given. The supporting documentation for the grant was impressive. It was prepared by Rod Hammett who did a brilliant job. It is frustrating that the Federal and State governments have just given \$12,000,000 apiece towards a stadium for North Sydney Bears at Gosford. Rugby League is a male only sport and the club concerned is fully professional. Our Synthetic Turf Committee Convenor, Harry Wark, wrote a letter to the Prime Minister John Howard to express disapproval of the use of tax payers' money for professional sport, whilst ignoring the plight of amateur clubs such as ours. If any reader of the *Red Rag* is in a position to lobby a politician about our quest for a synthetic turf, please do so!

Having missed out on the grant, it is clear that we cannot fund a water based turf initially. Our only option is a sand based one which we can convert to a water base. This is a very practical proposition. Our finances for the turf are looking well and if everything falls into place, we should be able to have the water based turf three to five years after the sand base is laid. It is envisaged that our finances will be finalised within the next month.

Rod Hammett is rechecking the costings and is organising a construction plan.

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Can you spare an hour on a Saturday morning or Wednesday evening?

WHEN YOUR CHILD has a home game on Saturday morning, perhaps you could come an hour earlier, or plan to stay a while after their game to help out in the Canteen.

ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, whether you're a parent, a player, or just along to socialise, maybe you have some time free to help out then?

FRESH HELP is always welcome, and it helps to spread the load!

NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED

Juniors' News

Glebe Carnival

If there was any doubt that someone up there has a soft spot for the Glebe Hockey Club, it was well and truly dispelled when, for the third successive year, the Carnival Day was bathed in magnificent sunshine after a week of almost non-stop rain. In the three years since its inception at the hands of Terry Kelly and the Junior Committee of 1996, it has not only become the premier junior hockey carnival in Sydney, but also a very tangible expression of the magnificent spirit that exists in our club.

A number of senior players who were attending the Carnival for the first time remarked to me what a great feeling it gave them to see so many children obviously enjoying themselves and having a great day.

Congratulations to the Carnival Committee, parents, guardians, friends, supporters and club members, both senior and junior, whose hard work on the day made it all possible. A special thank you is due to groundsman Guy Tesseriero and his great bunch of fellow workers whose tireless efforts resulted in Federal and Jubilee being turned from a quagmire into surfaces that were a delight on which to play.

Junior Bar-B-Que

Due to Sydney Seniors' decision to allow only a couple of 2nd Division home games to be played on Jubilee, it was necessary to have this year's Junior Bar-B-Que on the week following the Junior Carnival; this being the only Saturday that both our Juniors and 4th, 5th and 6th grade teams would all be at home on the same day.

The load on Anne Wark and Harry Senior organising the Clubhouse bar and canteen was immense, and the whole Club thanks you for your herculean effort over the two weekends.

Two of the Junior Club's major fund raising activities have now taken place with only the raffle to come. If you have been unable to help with the Carnival or the Bar-B-Que, you can still help contribute by selling a book of raffle tickets. Every dollar is precious and assists the survival of our Club.

Junior Representative Honours

Congratulations to the following Glebe Juniors who have joined the evergrowing list of players from our Club who have been selected in NSW teams.

Sam Everist	NSW Under 18	Thibaut Dauvin	NSW Under 17
Peter Wark	NSW Under 16	Pat Wark	NSW Under 16
Darryn Booth	NSW Under 16 Touring Team	Trent Knights	NSW Under 16 Touring Team

Pat Wark and Darren Booth achieved further honours when they were also selected for the NSW Under 16 All Schools team. With the State Under 15 and Under 13 Championships still to be played, there is every chance that the Club may further add to the already impressive list.

Jim Oman

Under the Arches

A History of the Glebe District Hockey Club

By Max Solling & Harry Wark

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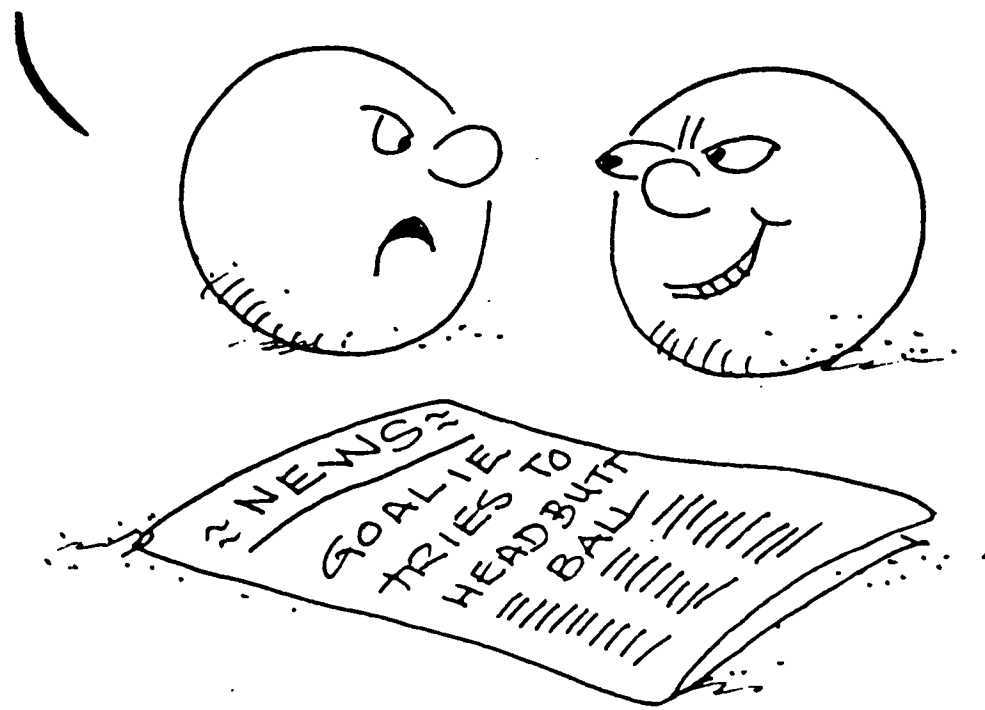


Turf Update (continued)

As soon as our financial structure is in place for the turf, and the construction plans have been detailed, it is proposed that we have a meeting with the NSW Harness Association and ask when we can start construction. Bob Taylor, President, and Eddy Crook, Secretary, met with Ms Kris Cruden, Mayor of Leichhardt, and Graham Foster, Leichhardt's General Manager, on 3rd June and they offered to convene a meeting between us and the NSW Harness Association to resolve any differences with a view of expediting the installation of the synthetic turf at Harold Park's infield.

In summary, the struggle for a synthetic turf continues and the Synthetic Turf Committee feels it is on a roll. The support of all players, parents, social members and community supporters will be invaluable as discussions with the NSW Harness Association reach the end game.

I DON'T KNOW WHO'D COME OFF WORSE - YOU OR HIM!



Edward

Under the Arches

"Back to the 70s"...
WHAT A NIGHT!

It was an interesting evening seeing some of the costumes (Did we really wear that sort of stuff?).

Prizes were offered to the best turned out, and one of them (prizes, that is) could help to bring a very relaxed time to the winner.

One of the participants came from behind the bar to twist and shout and showed that bell-bottoms went well with a mini — almost showing both separately!

Party times (continued)...

IF WE CAN have such a good time at the Clubhouse, why weren't more people along?

Who is he?...

HE IS A LONG STANDING (and usually upright) member who (it is reputed) an umpire thought should have had a breath test before the game.

There are no prizes for guess correctly any of this season's "Who are they" in *Under the Arches*, but we might work on the person (or persons unknown) to contribute somehow.

Correspondence...

LETTERS to the *Red Rag* (either to the Editor or the *Under the Arches*) are welcome. Anything reasonable printed. Let's make it our newsletter.



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The Last Word...

OUR SIXTH GRADE MEN provided one of the highlights of the season with a scintillating victory over third-placed Bankstown at The Crest late in the evening of Saturday 23 May. Intrepid supporters, fearing another cold night and a boring 8 p.m. game, were treated to a feast of high farce, much comedy, audience participation, not a little drama, and even occasionally some fine hockey. It says much for the players that despite provocation from eccentric referees and not a little incitement from the supporters, no-one dramatically lost their cool. Captain Amrat spent some time in the sin bin, striker Lex raised objections, and (somehow) the team hung together and came from behind to win 3-1.

Some of the highlights of the game were:

- Three strokes, two to Bankstown and one to Glebe, all awarded by the same umpire who is a member of the Glebe Club. He was (falsely) accused of deliberately favouring Bankstown.
- Lex's brilliant conversion of a stroke. Top left hand corner, no less.
- TK's brilliant attempt to defend a stroke by head-butting the ball. Although the attempt failed, it clearly unnerved the opposition. The effort to convert the second stroke failed.
- Many high level conferences between the umpires, centring around who should blow what. It was nearly ten o'clock by the time the game finished.
- The dapper Bankstown ref offering to send all Glebe players from the field unless the spectators shut up. Needless to say, this made the spectators worse. The jolly bloke was offered a chance to referee at the Glebe Carnival the next day, but he declined.
- Amrat's retaliation after nearly being wiped out. He was sent from the field after the ref said he had been watching him for some time. Amrat returned to play a key role in the win.
- The spectators were so impressed with the game that they gave the teams a standing ovation as they left the field. Undoubtedly, this was one of the most enjoyable (and unusual) games of the season.
- Finally, immediately after the game the field lights were turned off, leaving players to find their gear in semi-darkness. Most were still laughing as they headed for the cars!

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