

THE RED RAG NEWSLETTER

Glebe District Hockey Club Inc

APRIL 1999



President's Report

On behalf of the Club Executive we would like to welcome you all to the season of the century.

Early indications are that this season we will field a similar number of teams in all divisions of our Club as in 1998. This is an encouraging sign as we understand that there are clubs in Sydney struggling to fill their membership.

Also our Social Committee has been busy organising several social events for 1999 which will hopefully cover the broad spectrum of our Club.

Again this year we intend to participate in the Rotary Raffle, which in the past has been a major fund raiser for us and we urge you all to fully support the raffle.

Finally, we would also like to thank the Turf Committee for their efforts during the off-season. While it must be very frustrating for them, it's a project vital to the future of our Club.

Let's make it a good '99.

Bob Taylor
President

Remember the Junior Carnival

is on again

Come along
to help
and watch
our future stars

Sunday 23 May
Jubilee & Federal

Dear Member...

The 1999 season is here already!

Welcome to all in the Juniors, Women's and Men's teams and all Social Members, new and old. It is great to see some new faces in our Club and a special welcome to our new members, young and old.

Red Rag

This edition of the *Red Rag* is set in the same format as last year. If anyone out there would like to contribute with the compilation (you'd might even like to see a new style), it will be a great help.

Help out in our Club

Other areas of the Club need volunteers. Do you have any special skills that we can use? Even your help behind the bar in the Clubhouse on Wednesday evenings and on the occasional Saturday would be of great help. If we spread the load, it makes it easier for everybody.

Anyone can help — from all areas — Men, Women and Juniors, Social Members.

Let anyone on the Committee know where you can help.

Indoor Hockey

There isn't enough room to display the honours in the body of *The Red Rag*, so I'd like to give here our congratulations to players selected to play in up to National level indoor hockey teams:

Aaron Nilan
Aaron Oman
Brad Goodridge
Allen Morris
Peter Wark
Adam Campano
Doug Cronin

NSW Open Team and Australian Open Squad
NSW Under 21 Team and Australian Under 21 Team
NSW Development Open Team
NSW Under 18 Team
NSW Under 18 Team
Sydney 2 Open Team
Sydney Under 21

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"A Champion Club — A Club of Champions"

Club Calendar

Major dates
to put in your diary

COMING SOON

Saturday 1 May
Pub Crawl
Starting at
The Toxteth

OTHER EVENTS TO COME

Sunday 23 May
Junior Carnival

Saturday 19 June
Jazz Night
Details to come

July (date to be set)
Glebe Party (18-30's)

Saturday 7 August
Cabaret Night

Again at The Newington, Petersham.
If you missed last year's boys' display,
well it's the girls' turn to entertain.

Saturday 16 October
Senior Presentation Night

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE NOTICEBOARDS
ABOUT CLUB ACTIVITIES
Dates may have to change, so keep
watching

FEES

Another reminder

NO PAY — NO PLAY

Men's News

Welcome to the 1999 hockey season. For those of you who don't know, I was selected Club Captain at the AGM and Amrat Parbhu selected as Assistant Club Captain. The Club Captain is the convenor of the selection committee, so if you have any questions or concerns with selections (or any matter at all), please feel free to come and talk it over with myself or any other member of the selection panel. The provisional selectors are Martin Howe, Les Wark, Craig McPhee, Arthur Moir and Amrat Parbhu.

With the season commencing on April 10, we have little time left to prepare. We've held two trials, which provided for some much needed fitness and match practice, as well as giving the selectors a chance to view players.

Please bear in mind that selecting players over seven grades is a difficult and time consuming task and that the best interests of both the club and individuals are taken into account. Selection meetings are held at 6.00 pm Wednesday nights, so if you are unavailable for a particular week please let one of the selectors know before this time.

Craig McPhee has been selected as 1st Grade coach with John Nilan as Manager. Robert Wark has been selected as 2nd Grade coach. All three of these men are very keen and looking forward to a successful season.

The success we hope to achieve this year (winning every grade!), depends on the effort that we ALL put in. Training is vitally important in achieving results on the field, so let's all have a think about what we want to achieve this year and let's ALL do something about it. Wednesday night fitness training commences at 6.00 pm at Jubilee oval, Thursday night skills training commences at 8.00 pm at Homebush.

The club is without three 1st Grade players from last year, Dean Benfield, Chris Neville and James Wright, but with all our juniors coming through the grades, we are still in good shape.

Welcome to the new players joining us, I trust you will find Glebe a rewarding hockey club to play for. Time to knuckle down now and get stuck into it, but let's not forget to enjoy our hockey!

Shane Nilan
Club Captain

Social Report

The same incredibly talented team will be on the job to bring you a fun season this year. Our aim is to unite the Club, have fun, meet new friends and enjoy old ones. We have tried to do something for everyone.

Our Club is fighting for our synthetic field and costs are high, so our aim this year is to bring in \$6,000 so let's have your help. Last year at the Cabaret Night we had a very successful auction and we hope to repeat it again this year. If anyone has any donations, call Chris.

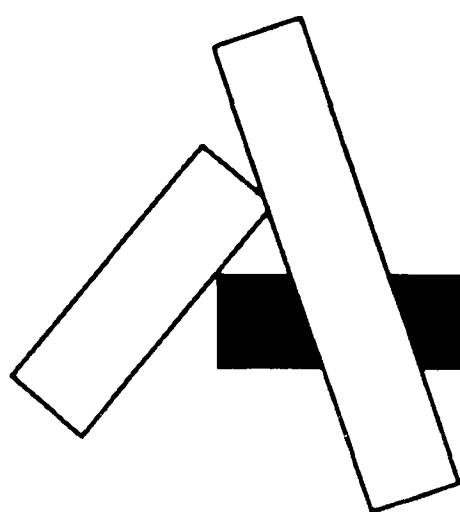
We all hope you will make our job easier and attend our functions.

Functions planned include the Pub Crawl. There are limited seats, so please register with either Sarah or Mary. Those who don't feel up to the exercise enjoy dinner and drinks at The Toxteth (one of our main sponsors). We would like to make this an introduction to the season for all new and not so new members. The Toxteth always makes us very welcome and an enjoyable evening is anticipated.

The Social Committee this year is:

Lee Farlow	9719 9393
Sarah Cronin	9664 6715
Mary Wark	9552 4603
Chris Newton	9660 8349
Rebecca Lawson	9660 1704

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Women's News

Welcome to the 1999 season! Glebe will field six women's teams this season, with entries in Metropolitan League A and B grades, as well as Eastern Districts first, second, fourth and fifth grades. The Eastern Districts Association has decided that all grades will play on turf this year, with most games to be held at Little Bay. This will probably result in a slight increase in women's fees, which will be around the \$280 mark, the exact amount is to be set soon (student rates and other concessions are available).

Eastern Districts Grading has been finalised and is as follows:

	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
1	United	UNSW	East Rugby	East Rugby	Glebe
2	UNSW	POHOGS	UNSW	Glebe	St George
3	Randwick	Randwick	Sydney Uni	EC Dolphins	EC Dolphins
4	Sydney Uni	Sydney Uni	EC Dolphins	Sydney Uni	UNSW
5	St George	St George	YWCA	Randwick	Sydney Uni
6	Glebe	Glebe	United	St George	YWCA
7	UNSW	St Vincents	Randwick	UNSW	United

The season kicks off on 9th/10th April for first and second grades, with Eastern Districts teams all commencing on the Anzac Long weekend (please notify Margaret Howe immediately if you will be unavailable). Draws will be available soon. Unfortunately for fourth and fifth grades, having all teams playing on turf will probably result in some games being played outside their normal Saturday afternoon timeslots. The first grade squad have had early success this season, coming second in the inaugural Institute Challenge. "The Challenge" was set up by the NSW Institute Team, and involved each of the top four teams from last year's Metro A division playing one game against the NSW Institute. The club team with the best result in this initial round won a place in the final. Ours was the only team to beat the NSW Institute, winning a closely contested game 3-2. The final was another entertaining and well fought game, with Glebe going down 3-2. Congratulations to all players involved, their early form certainly bodes well for the season ahead. Turf training is at Homebush again this year, for one hour from 8:30-9:30pm. Please remember to be there by 8:15 to warm up. For women, training costs are included in your fees.

Congratulations to players selected in representative teams:

Eastern Districts U16 (to play in Half State Tournament in Wagga Wagga)

Sarah Stevenson (Captain)	Amy Kludas	Kylie Lawson
Adrienne Ling	Zoe Michaleff	Kate Rice
Amy Wark	Gabrielle Wark	

Eastern Districts Open Team (to play in State League)

Lisa Ellick	Kelly Needham	Bianca Netzler
Amy Romas	Stacey Wallace	

Anybody interested in learning to umpire? Women's umpires convenor, Tiffany Brown, is organising seminars and training in preparation for an Eastern Districts Umpires Theory Exam on 26 May. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about the game (especially for junior parents) and to develop your umpiring skills. Please contact Tiffany (9944 4905) for more information.

Mary Wark
Women's Secretary

Indoor Hockey 1998-99 (continued from page 4)

Increasing numbers of people wanting to play indoor hockey. So if you want to play, or better still, help out in areas such as coaching/managing, Adam Campano would greatly appreciate a moment of your time. Glebe's most successful season overall in Indoor Hockey to date will hopefully inspire all involved, especially our great bunch of talented young hockey players, to great personal improvements and team success in the real version of hockey, starting Saturday 10 April 1999. Cheers to you.

TURF UPDATE

In July last year we gave NSW Harness Club, the owners of Harold Park Paceway, documentation of our funding for the construction of the turf in Harold Park's infield. The lease should have then been provided to us, duly signed, within fourteen days. NSW Harness Club failed to do so, saying they were not satisfied with our costings and funding documentation.

In September 1998 we presented NSW Harness Club with additional, updated costings and fundings information. Still we have not been provided with a signed lease.

At our 68th AGM on 29 November, I presented a current appraisal of the "state of Play" between us and NSW Harness Club. In the discussion that followed it was made clear by several speakers, including Bob Taylor our President, that if the Hockey Club had to take legal action in our attempt to obtain a lease at Harold Park, it might send the club bankrupt.

After a full and frank discussion, the unanimous view of the AGM was that we should proceed to obtain a lease from the NSW Harness Club, and if that involved a risk of bankruptcy, then so be it. Several speakers also thought that if we did not obtain a synthetic field in our traditional heartland, then our long term viability as a force in Sydney hockey was in jeopardy.

In January this year, our legal advisor in this matter, Mr Kieran Tapsell (Mick's brother) wrote to NSW Harness Club asking for the lease and raising the possibility of Supreme Court action if it was withheld. In their reply of 21 January a lease was not forthcoming. We tried to clarify matters by writing again to NSW Harness Club, and asking for a lease. They repeated their claim that our costing and funding documentation was not adequate (we reject this out of hand) and they required more costing and funding details.

In order to check that our costings previously submitted to NSW Harness Club were accurate, Jim Oman has for many weeks been obtaining written quotations for every stage of the synthetic turf construction process.

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Juniors' News

Welcome

On behalf of the Junior Committee I would like to welcome everyone to the 52nd season of the Junior Club — and an especially warm welcome to all those who are joining us for the first time in 1999.

Northern District Carnival

Although the early date of the Northern Districts Carnival prevented many of our players from attending due to their commitments to other summer sports, it was nevertheless very pleasing to have four Glebe teams turn up on March 28. All players put in great performances.

Glebe ran out winners in the Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 divisions. Our second Under 15 team were very unlucky to miss a second place trophy when they were beaten by Northern Districts who had a better goal average.

Social Members

Thank you to everyone who has taken up social membership. Your support is extremely important as it helps to offset the ever increasing running costs of the Juniors. For those parents who haven't yet become social members but would like to help our Club maintain its proud record of no fees for junior players, you can pick up a social membership form in the Clubhouse or simply contact Mick Tapsell or myself.

*Jim Oman
Junior Convenor*

Indoor Hockey 1998-99

Super 10 Mens: GLEBE

Glebe enjoyed its most successful season yet in the Men's Indoor Super 10, making the final for the first time, only to be defeated 6-2 by the vastly experienced and professional Bankstown side. Glebe had made the final after a thrilling 8-6 win against arch-nemesis Moorebank-Liverpool. The side comprised Steve Sherwood, Brad Goodridge and Adam Campano at the back, Christian Campano in goals, Sam Everist, Anthony Wark and Aaron Nilan up the front, and Aaron Oman and Allen Morris who mainly shared the centre position. The side won 8 of their 11 games, drew a game against Moorebank, and lost on only two occasions to the eventual champions. Congratulations to the two Azzas - Aaron Nilan (Open) and Aaron Oman (U/21) on their selections in their respective Australian Indoor squads - a superb achievement.

Mens B Division: GLEBE 1

This fine young side performed brilliantly in winning this competition against some very good opposition, with the only glitch being a single loss to a weak Parramatta side during the round games. Glebe accounted for Baulkham Hills in their semi-final 6-2, and then defeated a strong UTS A side in the final 4-2, after being behind 2-0 at half-time. The side showed great fitness, skill, patience and composure in mounting a comeback, sealed when Doug Cronin scored a brilliant back stick deflection goal from a great Peter Wark through ball. Alex Crook had a blinder in goals in the final, and was ably supported by his backs, Peter Wark, Joel Rivers and Adam Campano. Patrick Wark played in the centre and Doug Cronin and Tim Harvey were our strikers. Congratulations to our first Minor Premiers and Champions in Indoor Hockey for some while.

Men's B Division: GLEBE 2

This Glebe side was a developmental team of sorts as the majority of players were either 1st or 2nd year U/17A players, aged 15-16, complemented by experienced men's grade players, Jason Taylor and the talented Sam Everist. Rowan Kelly, Ben Everist and Sutherland recruit David Rosser shored up the back, along with goalkeeper, Damon Jones, and Alex Adrian joined Sam and J.T. up front. The side was extremely competitive, suffering only one large loss to Glebe 1, and just missed out on a semi-final berth when they lost their final game. I would like to add that it is becoming more difficult each year for the one person to try Indoor Hockey to coach/manage three teams at the same time, especially with

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Turf Update (continued)

In summary, it is estimated that to build a water based synthetic turf to FIH standard with 500 Lux lighting (adequate for televised night games) will cost \$598,000.

To fund this cost we have \$650,000 in place. This is made up from grants from the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation and Leichhardt Council, plus other sources. The NAB has agreed to lend us \$350,000 for construction. This loan is to be guaranteed by a Club Member/Supporter putting up a residential property as security and another Club Member putting up a security of \$50,000. The Hockey Club thanks these people for their benevolence and public-spirited attitude. Leichhardt Council has approved a guarantee of \$150,000 of the borrowed funds, so in the event we should default on the loan, they will cover the amount not covered by the residential property and the \$50,000 up to \$150,000.

At the time of going to press, we'll have completed the financial documentation we believe is required to satisfy all conditions of the Agreement for Lease. We plan to get our detailed submission to NSW Harness Club by mid-April. If after this submission a lease is forthcoming, we shall start to build our turf. If not, our only resource will be to take action in the NSW Supreme Court.

We have been told that it is usually five or more months between Court listing and Court appearance. Hopefully, our quest for our own synthetic field at Harold Park will be resolved, one way or another, by the end of the year.

Our legal costs so far are over \$14,000. This is despite the fact that we get legal work done at "mate's rates" and the real commercial value of work done on our behalf is probably double the charged amount.

Others have made outstanding contributions of their time and expertise in the past and for the future. Rodney Hammett has indicated that he will supervise construction at no cost to the hockey club. Walkers have confirmed that they will do the base works gratis.

The Synthetic Turf Committee is encouraged by our Club Members and we would like to hear of any views and insights from anyone. Members can rest assured the Committee is trying hard to secure a synthetic turf at Harold Park's infield. We'll be 69 year old this year, and for our 70th and in the year 2000 it would be a great present for our Club.

*Harry Wark
Convenor
Synthetic Turf Committee*




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Under the Arches

New members...

It has been heard that someone might not be able to coach a junior team this year as a new member (or two again?) of the family team is coming along in August.

Families seem to do well with Glebe. Perhaps the new seniors (men and women) might have (or intend to have) offspring who can join our Minkeys and other Junior teams...

Let's keep up the tradition!

Indoor hockey...

We have just had a good season in indoor hockey. It was heard that we ought to put a full sized field under a roof.

Perhaps we should suggest this to the Synthetic Turf Committee as an option for Harold Park. It would make it an all weather trotting venue as well!

New season's rumours...

It's been a little quiet so far this year, are we all too much tied up with getting fit for the season (hope so)?

Anyway, our ears will be alert to any tales (good as well as true) that may be circulating and that we can use (some might not be printable, for many reasons) in the next *Under the Arches*.

In the meantime —

Let's enjoy our hockey.



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The Last Word...

Networking

We can network for each other through the Club and through *The Red Rag*.

If you have any skills, things, ideas you would like to let others know about, what about advertising in your newsletter? It will not cost a member anything. Just let Eddy Crook know in time for the next (and coming) issues, and we'll fit you in.

You might have something to sell — something you'd like to offer to Club members.

You might have a service — you might teach something, or mend something — anything.

Let *The Red Rag* be a vehicle for you.

Articles, comments, letters...

Don't forget you can write in *The Red Rag* as well.

Let Eddy have the copy soon enough and we'll print it (if it's publishable).

The very last word...

Well for this month, anyway.

We are just starting out on another season. Help is needed in all areas of the Club. If you can help in any way at all, don't wait to be asked — let us have your name and the area you'd like to help in.

Speak to any member of the Committee, your Manager and/or Coach. We always welcome assistance.

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