

# THE RED RAG NEWSLETTER

Glebe District Hockey Club Inc

JULY 2000



## President's Report

MAY AND JUNE tuned out to be very busy months for club supporters as we celebrated our 70th Anniversary at Balmain Leagues Club, held another very successful Junior Carnival and somehow found time to squeeze in our annual Rotary Club Raffle.

However, I'm pleased to advise that all of these important events were a huge success, and on behalf of the Management Committee would sincerely like to thank the various organising committees and club members for their support on these occasions.

We are not quite finished with the Rotary Raffle, but indications are encouraging and hopefully we will exceed last year's result.

The Junior Carnival was better than ever with 333 teams enjoying a great day, and once again we were blessed with a fine day. The Junior supporters did an exceptional job on the day and if you happened to miss this event make sure you make it next year.

Our 70th Anniversary party was a great night attended by almost 200 past and present club members. It was particularly pleasing to see so many past members from the 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s attend the night.

A very enjoyable evening was made even more enjoyable by Dr Harry's 15 minute presentation on the 70 years' history of the club (which ran for about 35 minutes), but was an absolute gem.

Regards

*Bob Taylor*  
President

## Dear Member...

### Tree Dedication and Junior Presentation

AS MENTIONED earlier in the year, there will be a dedication of trees and native bush planted just to the north of Jubilee Oval, next to the Bicentennial Park. This is to be held on Sunday 3 September and we will follow this with our Junior Presentation and a BBQ at the Clubhouse. The names on the plaque will commemorate the Glebe players who are Olympians. The events start at 10 am, with the Junior Presentation from 11 am.

Come along and put some plants into the ground!

Bring a hat, some gardening gloves and a trowel (if you can).

There will be some working bees needed to help plant the trees (perhaps two) and we'd like people to help out. Again, more information when known.

### The Red Rag

TO PRODUCE the *Red Rag* is time consuming, and we need reporters and production helpers! Anyone who is willing to help, please get in touch with me. More input will ensure we can get our newsletter out more frequently.

### Vale

IT WAS SAD to hear of the passing of John Diveney who has been a long term member of our club, and a staunch supporter of all areas.

Also, Gladys Yates of the Sydney Hockey Association passed away recently. She will be missed as over the years she and her late husband contributed much to our sport.

Our thoughts are with both families.

*Eddy Crook*  
Secretary



**Always something happening at  
Glebe's No 1 Pub  
Supporting our Juniors**

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*"A Champion Club — A Club of Champions"*

## Men's News...

We are doing well to get into the Semi-Finals with our 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Grades. Congratulations to the teams who are there.

We did have some individual match reports from earlier games (Many thanks to those contributors — we *will* try and get some into further *Red Rags!*), but space holds us back to print them unfortunately. However, we are reproducing the following letter from the Monties in full.

It is a great compliment to us and shows the Glebe spirit to perfection.

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### MONTEREY HOCKEY CLUB

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Mr. Bob Taylor  
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10<sup>th</sup> July 2000

Dear Bob,

Just a short note to thank you, Emrit and all your members for the wonderful hospitality shown by Glebe at Jubilee Oval on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Whilst playing the last ever game at Jubilee was a very sad occasion, it was a great honour and privilege to be asked to share such an occasion with you.

Like all Glebe/Monterey encounters, the game was tough and played in the right spirit and the camaraderie shown afterwards is something all concerned will never forget. We have always regarded your Club and members as very good mates and always look forward to playing against you. Whilst the opportunity to get together over the past couple of years have been few and far between, when we have they certainly have been wonderful times. We will always cherish the memories of our clashes at Jubilee, Federal and Gardiner Park and the post match gatherings at our respective Clubhouses, which would often last long into the night.

Although we now seem to have played our last games at Jubilee Oval and Gardiner Park all of us here at Monterey think it is important that we keep in close contact. Whether this is at Trial Games or perhaps jointly arranged Social functions will remain to be seen, but the important thing is that we do keep in touch.

Once again, thank you all very much for your hospitality and friendship and all the best to all of your sides for the remainder of Season 2000 and beyond.

Long Live Glebe & Long Live the Monties !!!

Kindest Regards,

Paul Caukill  
Secretary

## Social Report...

### 70th Anniversary Celebrations

A wonderful evening, many coming from the past as well as current members. Bob Taylor has expressed how well the occasion went in his column. Col Rochester MC'd the evening in his usual debonair style and Doc Harry gave a great summary of our history. Maureen Paterson and her committee worked extremely hard to create a wonderful night at the Balmain Leagues Club. Thank you everyone who contributed to the such a successful occasion.

Blow are a a few photos from the night.

### Karaoke Night

A fun evening was enjoyed at the Clubhouse onour Kararoke Night. Dunny came as some pop star or another and everyone there joined in with much enthusiasm. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening so much fun.



*Vern Turner with past winners of the VJ Turner Trophy  
Alex Crook,  
Christian Campano,  
Aaron Oman and  
Adam Campano*



*Vern Turner and Pat Nilan*



*Col Rochester  
MC for the night*



## TURF UPDATE

AS SAID IN EARLIER *Red Rags*, the Court proceedings are still progressing. It's just a question of being patient and waiting for the Court Process to grind to a conclusion.

Over the next six months the parties to the dispute, that is the Hockey Club and the Harness Club, have to agree on categories of documents for discovery, file and serve lists of documents, complete inspection of documents, file and serve affidavits and ask the Court for directions. This is the convoluted process of the Law.

It is likely that it will be at least November before the Court directs the parties to the dispute as to the next step in the process. Viewing the affidavits the court may direct a mediation meeting between the parties in an attempt to obtain a negotiated settlement. If this attempt at mediation fails, then the matter is listed for a hearing before a Judge of the supreme court.

It is likely that the dispute will not be resolved for a further twelve months. This is a depressing thought, but consider this: the Hockey Club had its first meeting with the Harness Club in June 1992 — eight years ago — so I suppose a further twelve months is not going to disrupt the status quo.

The Agreement for Lease between the Harness Club and the Hockey Club was signed on 7 July 1995, and in this Agreement the Hockey Club had five years to build the turf, otherwise the Agreement lapsed. The Hockey Club's legal advisors have informed us that this five year expiry date will be renegotiated if the Hockey Club is successful in its court Action.

The Hockey Club inches forward in its quest for a synthetic turf within its traditional heartland. It is a quest well worth fighting for to ensure the long term viability of our Club.

*Harry Wark*

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## Club Calendar

Major dates  
to put in your diary

**COMING SOON**

Friday 1 September

**SENIOR PRESENTATION**

Balmain Leagues Club  
Rozelle

Sunday 3 September

**JUNIOR PRESENTATION**

and

**TREE DEDICATION**

Jubilee Oval

KEEP YOUR EYE  
ON THE NOTICEBOARDS  
AND  
LISTEN TO YOUR  
COACHES AND MANAGERS  
ABOUT CLUB ACTIVITIES

Dates may have to change, so keep  
watching



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## Women's News

### Metropolitan League Finals

Glebe women played out the Metropolitan League A, run by the Sydney Women's Hockey League, Grand Finals for the 1st and 2nd Grades at Ryde on Sunday 23 July. Glebe was promoted to the top Metropolitan League only three years ago and are proud to be able to reach the Grand Finals in such a short time. The game was an excellent display of strong hockey, with the teams so evenly matched that at full-time for the 1st Grade the score was 2 all. It was only in extra time that Esquires managed to slot in the winning goal. In the 2nd Grade Grand Final against North Sydney, Glebe were again in a match where the teams were pretty well on par with each other. Glebe came out the stronger side and took home the trophy with the final score 2-1. A great afternoon of hockey.

### Glebe Plays China

A mixed team of grades and guest appearances by some of the fellows played the Chinese National team on Monday night, 24 July at Homebush. We lost 4-2, but this was a most respectable score against a national team. The Chinese team is here for the Olympics and we were level at half time. We'll be giving them another run on Saturday 29 July.

*Carmen Byrne*

## Junior News

### Junior Carnival

May was certainly an extremely busy month with the Central Area Competition and the Junior Carnival held on the 21st.

The Carnival was an outstanding success. I wish to thank all Club members and supporters for their help both prior to and on the day. A special thanks to Ron Cheong for arranging the draw (a record 31 teams), Anne Wark in the canteen and for getting the PA equipment, Pat Nilan and Martin Howe for their match results board, Adam Campano for the umpires, Artie Moir and Bob Taylor for their marvellous microphone manners, Bevan Ineson for picking up and dropping off the extra set of goals from the St George club, Jim Oman for arranging the hire tent and stalls, and Eddy Crook for the Carnival team and V.I.P. invitations. Everyone put in a supreme effort. Vernon Howe must not go unmentioned and deserves a special thanks for organising the Minkeys. They really had a ball and it was great to see all those Minkey parents getting so excited!

It was especially pleasing that the weather turned out to be a wonderful day and that we were honoured to have Cr Máire Sheehan, Mayor of Leichhardt, and Neil Maxwell from the Balmain Leagues Club present trophies to the winners and runners-up. The Under 15 winners were St George, the Under 13's Glebe, and the Under 11's the Combined Independent Girls Team

I was delighted to have e-mails and phone calls offering congratulations, which just goes to show how successful the whole day was.

### Junior Representation

Glebe Juniors continue to be chosen for representation side and this season the following players are representatives:

NSW U/18'S

Brendan Booth, Darren Booth, Pat Wark

NSW U/15'S

Mark Paterson, Matthew Wark

NSW U/14'S

Michael Wark

NSW U/14'S TOURING

Andrew Cheong

### We're in the Semis...

Congratulations to all the teams from each age group who have got to the semis this year —

Under 15 Tigers (the Minor Premiers); Under 13 Tigers (who are the Minor Premiers); Under 11 Tigers (who finished 3rd); and the Under 11 Cougars (who finished 4th)

*Andrew Dart*



## Under the Arches...

### Rodney the Rat...

Rodney has been seen again at the Clubhouse. He is not the original Rodney, but he said he is the great, great (how many greats is forgotten) grandson. He said that he would let us know of any gossip he overhears in the Clubhouse.

All titbits of information in *Under the Arches...* are, therefore, attributed to Rodney the Rat.

### Cheer squad...

A number of young lasses were heard to encourage our players at the recent Metropolitan League Finals by singing .

Some of the verses cannot be printed in this family newsletter.

### Karaoke...

A certain member, on his return home from the Karaoke Night, had to pay a toll on one of Sydney motorways. It has not been made clear whether he had to sign autographs, sing a number from his CD, or pay to get through the turnstile.

*Rodney the Rat*



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## The Last Word...

### More about our history...

Meeting past members at our 70th Anniversary Celebrations, it was great to hear anecdotes from the past.

After the night, Vern Turner (who has a perpetual trophy named after him) wrote to Harry Wark, the co-author of our History *Under the Arches*, with more information about the recruitment (amongst other things) of our Juniors during the 1950s. Vern had gone around the schools in our area and there were about 134 boys playing every Saturday morning at St Pauls.

Where did all the sticks, balls, shirts etc come from? Vern met the costs from his own pocket and the shirts were made from cotton (and as each team had its own colour combination, that was not easy task) by his sister. Each shirt cost around £14, and the total cost £1876. Then there were the sticks. Some were purchased, but most were 'retreads': Vern had asked for and was given any broken stick which could be cannibalised to make a useable one. There were two brothers, who were cabinet makers, in Glebe Point Road near the Glebe School who would glue, reconstruct and bend the sticks for £2.10s.0d. each. Vern has forgotten how many, but over all there were about 70 sticks 'retreaded'. Even white paint for the balls (old cricket balls were painted and used for as standard issue for competition matches, even by the Seniors) was bought by Vern.

These were not the only expenses Vern met from his own pocket for the Juniors. Even from the figures mentioned, the amount was not a small one. Why did he do it? Well, he did it in the first place for, in his own words, "...my love of the Glebe Hockey Club, and my desire to see it grow and develop into the best club in Sydney. Secondly it gave me great joy to see the growth and development of skills by the young players. Thirdly, it allowed me to discover my vocation as a teacher which led me eventually to become a lecturer at the University of New England".

To hear about such details of our history is invaluable. Oral history is often lost unless we are able to record it in some way.

Many thanks indeed to Vern for telling us about this. His input to our Club has a long term influence on the Glebe spirit through the loyalty of our members and the continued enjoyment of the present day Juniors and players who have gone through the ranks into the Senior teams.

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We have *The last Word...* column in the *Red Rag* for such interesting items as this. If readers have anything they would like to share with members, let us know and we can publish it.

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