



August 2001

President's Report

As we near the business end of the season, it's great to see so many of our teams doing well and assured of a semi-final place.

Junior, Women's and Men's teams have performed very well this year, which promises to be our best for some time. Let's hope, at the end of the day, we have plenty of premierships to cheer about.

Congratulations to Lee, Maureen and Liz, along with all their willing helpers, who contributed to the success of the Club Trivia Night.

An amazing amount of time and effort was needed to make this one of the most enjoyable and successful nights the Club has had in recent years. Without the huge contribution of those helpers, it wouldn't have been possible.

Thanks also to the approximately 220 supporters who turned out on the night and created the cosy atmosphere.

The planning is already under way for next year's Trivia Night — if only we can find a larger venue.

Bob Taylor
President

Dear Member...

Another good month...

We are approaching the finals, and all divisions, Juniors, Women and Men, have an excellent chance of being there in many of the grades. Let's wish all players the best!

The Web site is on...

Our web site is now up and operational. It will be fine-tuned and tweaked as we go. Thanks for the hard work in design and getting it on the net to Natalie White. Check out the web-site and let us have your comments and possible inserts.

www.glebehockey.org.au

By the way, Sydney Hockey has a web site up as well. Look for men's results on www.sydneyhockey.com.au

The Trivia Night...

I'd like to add thanks to everyone who made the Trivia Night such a success. Next year will be a night to look forward to.

Senior Presentation...

The date for the senior Presentation is now fixed. It will be on Saturday 27 October at the Balmain Leagues Club. We aim to start at 6.30 pm.

Tickets are available at \$40 per person. Let your team Manager know if you'll be going and let him/her have your order for tickets! They will also be available from Amrat Parbhu and Danny O'Brien (for the men) and Carmen Byrne (for the women).

As in previous years, if anyone under 18 years of age wishes to come along, all will be welcome. However, they must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. This is to ensure that all licensing laws are covered! Social members from all divisions are welcome, of course! Tickets will also be available on Wednesday nights at the Clubhouse.

Please make your booking early. We need to know how many are coming so that catering can be arranged.

Junior Presentation...

Junior Presentation this year will be on Sunday 28 October. As usual, we will give our presentations at the Clubhouse. We expect to start at 10 am. More details closer to the time...

Eddy Crook

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NEW DATES

Senior Presentation
Saturday 28 October
Junior Presentation
Sunday 28 October

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"A Champion Club — A Club of Champions"

Men's News

Into the second round now and only three games left in the season the top three grades are all in the top four. Overall the club is performing quite well, third in the Club Championship behind Sutherland and Liverpool. There have been some excellent performances including 1st grade's crushing defeat of Ryde 6-0 and 2nd grades two wins over Sutherland.

Last weekend against Liverpool was a tough day. 2nd grade went down after leading 2-0 in the first half. 1st grade struggled, playing with 10 men for a third of the game, scored a late goal, but time had run out and we lost 3-1.

We have had our troubles as well and injuries to Pat McCann

– broken wrist and to Chris Neville – broken knuckle, have seen us struggle to field our strongest teams. We have also been undisciplined on the field and have had a lot of players being sent off. This is now starting to catch up with us as players are being suspended for repeated yellow card offences. Coming into the semi finals soon, this is one area that we all need to look at and consider changing our ways.

Both Kenny and Danny, as Club Captain are appealing especially to 1st and 2nd grades to think about their training regime and stressing that we do really need to pick our act up this area also. I am sure that if we put our mind to it all the teams are serious contenders for premiership wins!

Shane Nilan

Turf Update

In the May edition of the Red Rag was included an extensive report on the evolution and current progress of the Hockey Club's efforts to secure a site on which to build a synthetic turf. Any Club Member who wants a succinct overview of the Hockey Club's quest for a synthetic turf, should read this article in the May issue of the Red Rag.

In March 2001, the NSW Harness Club applied to the Supreme Court of New South Wales to have the Hockey Club's Statement of Claim "struck-out". If this action by the Harness Club had been successful, the Hockey Club's quest for a synthetic turf at the Harold Park infield would have been over.

On 10 March 2001 Master Macready of the Supreme Court heard the application and ruled that the Hockey Club's case had some merit, and that the Hockey Club's case against the Harness Club should be allowed to proceed to trial.

The Harness Club appealed Master Macready's decision and Justice Kim Santow heard this appeal to the Supreme Court on 8 May. Justice Santow ruled against the Harness Club.

The Harness Club appealed the decision to the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court.

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On Thursday 9 August 2001, in Court 12B of the Supreme Court Building, Justice Stein and Acting Justice Brownie of the Court of Appeal dismissed the Harness Club's application, for leave to appeal from Justice Santow's decision. Again costs were awarded to the Hockey Club. The hearing was very brief—the Judges did not call upon the Hockey Club's barrister Mr. Richard McHugh, to make any submissions in response to the Harness Club's barrister, as they were satisfied that the decision of Justice Santow was correct. The refusal of the Court of Appeal to grant the Harness Club leave to appeal, means that this is the end of the road as far as the Harness Club's strike-out application is concerned.

The Hockey Club's legal proceedings against the Harness Club can now proceed on track. The next step in these proceedings

is for the Harness Club to submit its affidavits to the Supreme Court. The Hockey Club submitted its affidavits on 2 April 2001 and the Harness Club, if no appeal had of been lodged, would have been required to submit its affidavits to the Court by 2 June 2001.

In an attempt to expedite the legal proceedings, the Hockey Club's solicitor Clayton Utz initiated a directions hearing in the Supreme Court before Registrar Berecny on Friday 10 August 2001. Registrar Berecny approved the following timetable agreed to by both the Hockey Club and the Harness Club.

The Harness Club is to file and serve its evidence in response to the Hockey Club's affidavits on or before 21 September 2001. The Hockey Club is to respond to the Harness Club's affidavits and to submit its expert or damages evidence on or before 19 October. The Harness Club is required to file its expert or damages evidence with the Court on or before 30 November. The matter will be re-listed for directions from the Court on 7 December. At this stage it looks as if the trial will be heard some time in the first quarter of 2002.

Preparing and compiling the evidence, for legal proceedings in the Supreme Court is a lengthy, time-consuming, expensive business. The Hockey Club has comprehensive and complete written records, of all dealings with the Harness Club, Council and Government. The quality of the Hockey Club records will be of great benefit in preparing the Hockey Club's case for trial.

Legal Proceedings in the Supreme Court are expensive to conduct. The Hockey Club has been extremely fortunate in having the services of Clayton Utz on a pro bono basis. The legal fees would, by now, have amounted to well in excess of \$80,000. These are significant costs being borne by Clayton Utz, so they have worked out an agreement whereby the Hockey Club will pay for their services, but the arrangements should enable the Hockey Club to see out its legal proceedings against the Harness Club. The Hockey Club's barrister, Mr Richard McHugh, also charges the Hockey Club a reduced fee. Richard's generosity is greatly appreciated.

In view of the altered relationship with Clayton Utz and the possibility (although this is unlikely) of a trial commencing before the 2001 Annual General Meeting of the Hockey Club, the Management Committee and the Synthetic Turf Committee felt it prudent to ask the ordinary Club Members their views on the legal proceedings.

A Special General Meeting of the Hockey Club was held at the Clubhouse on Monday 9 July 2001, to inform the ordinary Club Membership of the ramifications of the altered financial arrangements with Clayton Utz. Approximately 50 Club Members attended the Meeting, at which a five-page report entitled "Report on progress with Synthetic Turf for the Glebe District Hockey

Women's News

Things are looking good as we lead up to the final series and we are well placed for all six grades to make the Semi-Finals. Here is a quick update from some of the teams.

With a mixture of young and experienced players, Glebe 4 has worked hard in achieving their top position heading into the last few games before semifinals. Carol and Ann have been working consistently solid in defence along with Melissa's great goal stopping efforts, while with Esther's diving skills and Rosie's all round game improvements, the goals up the other end have been plenty. Not forgetting the tremendous effort of our half line keeping the game in control. Now with the return of Dani from injury and the help of our Glebe 5 subs, Glebe 4 seems to be on track for the finals. Fifth grade has had their ups and downs. They started with a flurry of convincing wins, only to 'hit the wall' in the

Second half of the season where they experienced a number of losses on the trot. This could be put down to the usual team disruptions of players having other commitments which prevent them from playing particular matches and the consequential effect this has on the team as a whole. With a team dominated by an overwhelming number of forwards, players have been required to play positions that were perhaps not their preferred choice. Nevertheless team morale is generally high, which surely must be attributed to the sharing of positive comments and encouragement between players.

Sixth grade have had a remarkable year, particularly given many changes to the line-up. The team is still ranked at the top, despite a loss a few weeks back to United. As they head into the finals they will lose two strong players to travel but still have their sights set on victory.

See you at the Semi-Finals!

Carmen Byrne

Turf Update (continued)

Club at Harold Park Infield" was distributed. Interested Club Members who were not at the Special General Meeting might like to read this report.

At this Meeting, approval was sought from the floor for the Hockey Club to continue its legal proceedings against the Harness Club. The tremendous boost to the Hockey Club, which a "Home" synthetic turf would bring, was fully discussed. Losing the Court Action against the Harness Club could have far-reaching ramifications for the Hockey Club, and this was also fully discussed at the Meeting. It was the unanimous decision of the Meeting that the Hockey Club continue with its legal proceedings against the Harness Club.

It is possible in the future, and this action was endorsed at the Special General Meeting, that the Hockey Club might need to ask the Club's Membership for money, with which to help fund the Hockey Club's legal action. In the event that the Hockey Club won its legal action with costs, the money contributed by Club Members would be refunded. The details of this course of action have not been finalised.

Currently, the Hockey Club has no real prospects of obtaining another site on which to build a synthetic turf, other than the Harold Park infield site. This having been said, the Hockey Club has notified the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority that it is interested in siting a hockey pitch at the Rozelle Bay Shunting Yards. The Callan Park option is a remote possibility and Leichhardt Council is fully aware of the Hockey Club's interest in the Leichhardt Number Two Oval site.

The Hockey Club would "jump" at an alternate site, to the Harold Park infield site, if it were on offer, but alas, as of August 2001, no such site exists.

Members of the Synthetic Turf Committee are: Jim Oman, Rod Hammett, Harry A. Wark, Les Wark, Eddy Crook, Marilynne Smith, Peter Adrian, Bob Taylor and Harry J. Wark. If any Club Member has an idea or thought; that they would like to share with the Synthetic Turf Committee, then individual Members of the Committee would be only too willing to hear what you have to say and bring your thought, suggestion or comment to the next Committee Meeting.

Harry Wark

Convenor

Social Report...

What a huge success the Trivia Night was, with a profit of about \$3500!

Those who attended had a fabulous time, and even though we were packed, people at every table managed to find their way to the bar.

I won't go into detail about the night, as I have far too many people to thank for all their help. To our Trivia Master, Adrian Howe, and his scorers, Christy and Marty, the questions were entertaining and kept the scores a close battle all night.

Steve and Liz Howard who, although they have been tied up as regulars in the hit show R.P.A., still managed to help. You can also thank them for the brilliant idea of matching names and centrepieces, which "The Gangsters" won.

Maureen Paterson - thanks for all your help with the venue, prizes and setting up. Thanks as well as all those others who turned up to lend a hand - Ron, Lorraine, Dawn, Pat, Pauline, Narelle, Liz, Robyn, Chris, Geoff, Andrew, Carole, Chris, Alistair, Ian, Danny, Fiaona and Maree.

Girls, if ever you need a man in the kitchen, I can recommend two - Rex Holyoake and Michael Carey - from cooking to serving and washing up - fantastic.

A special thanks to our three "bar boys" Tom, Tim and Ross. They were outstanding and very professional..

With about 230 people, amazingly the only thing we ran out of was lettuce and bread rolls.

To every table, your participation and support was fantastic, and to everyone who helped clean up at the end of the night - another huge thanks.

It was a champion effort from a club of champions.

Lee Farlow

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Club Calendar

Major dates
to put in your diary

COMING SOON

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER

SENIOR PRESENTATION

**Balmain Leagues Club
Rozelle**

and

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER

JUNIOR PRESENTATION

Clubhouse
Jubilee Oval

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AND
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COACHES AND MANAGERS
ABOUT CLUB ACTIVITIES*

Dates may have to change, so keep watching

Junior News

If you ever feel worried about the future of junior hockey, come down to Jubilee on a Saturday morning about 10.15. You'll have no fear.

For several years now, Vernon Howe has been teaching very young children the basic rules of hockey. It's called Minkey, mini-hockey, and this year Vernon says he has the biggest group ever.

About 30 children turn up each week to learn the basics, with average age 6 or 7.

Was it the success of the Olympic teams which have inspired all these kids to come and learn the game? "I think it's the coaching," says Vernon, deadpan.

He is ably helped by three men, all of whom have played with Glebe at one time or another - Tony Cowan, Phil Winwood and Andrew Goodrich.

Vernon says that the group is evenly divided - half girls, half boys - and he thinks that at least a third will be ready to go up to the under 11s next year. That means we should have another year with at least three teams in the under 11s.

Minkey has not been advertised much. The big group has come about largely because of word of mouth - and sometimes the fact that older brothers and sisters play in the club.

It's a great place to learn hockey skills for young ones - and a good time for parents to watch their kids, have a chat, and buy coffee and cake from the club house. All Minkey parents are encouraged to become social members of Glebe hockey club. Juniors don't pay fees in our club (unlike most other sports) yet we need money to run the facility.

So tell your friends about Minkey. It's on Saturday from 10.15 to 11.30.

From Minkey, to junior teams . . .

All eight of our junior teams are on track to make the semi-finals - and five weeks out, it looks like most of them will be in the major semi-finals.

That's a good result for our club, and we hope to have some premierships from that group.

The Under 11s are doing particularly well, and are heading up both the A and the B divisions, with the Tigers and the Wildcats respectively. Even our first-timers, the Cougars, are doing well in B division and look set to make a minor semi-final at least.

The Under 13 As have only been defeated by Sutherland. But both of those games were played when we were not at our full strength, so we look forward to a game when all players are present. The Under 13 Bs have played some great games and are learning fast.

The 15As are second on their table and the Bs third, with the Bs playing valiantly with only seven players in the last week of the school holidays. Our last round game will be on August 25, with finals being played out over three weeks. Those who win their major semis get to go straight into The Grand Finals.

Don't forget that the Central Area trials are on August 26 - and Glebe always does very well getting representatives into these sides. If you have yet to get a form, please ask your team manager.

Special congratulations to Alistair Cullen of the Under 13As, who played in Sydney 1s this year. He was selected to the NSW Under 13 team.

Congratulations also go to Ian Paterson, Andrew Fox and Zac Farlow who made the under 15 state team, and to Gary Bacchus who was appointed captain of the Under-14s state touring team. Well done to Tom Hurrell, Sam Noller and Dominic Kavanagh who were selected in the Met East PSSA team which played in Newcastle in July and came third in the state.

Thank you to all families of juniors who came to the Trivia Night. It was a tremendous evening, and the junior teams were well represented by their families - and also with their own table, with an average age of 12, headed by the lively Moran brothers. They were giving plenty of advice to all around them, particularly on the subjects of hockey, television and pop music. Thanks to the organisers, particularly Lee Farlow, for a fun night. It made around \$4000 and the juniors contributed around 13 tables.

Don't forget to put the Presentation into your diary now. It's on Sunday, October 21 at 10 am.

Jenna Price





Argentinian Visit

On Friday 27 July, we were asked if we could help a schools' representative under 16 hockey team from Argentina, who were coming to Sydney on the following Thursday (2 August)!

They were part of a young group of players who came to New Zealand and Australia to play rugby union (the boys) and hockey (the girls). They were let down badly by people in Sydney who were supposed to make match and billeting arrangements for the 20 girls. With Australia's reputation at stake, Jenna Price and Andrew Dart went into immediate action, and we were able to billet all 20 girls on the Thursday and Friday nights with junior parents. We were also able to put together a team of under 16 players (in fact, mostly under 15) for a match that was played at Homebush 2 on the Friday evening.

Our team lost 3-0, but the score did not reflect the standard of play our mixed team gave to the visiting international players. The Argentinian girls were a strong, disciplined side who gave no quarter and expected none, but we just missed many opportunities to sink the ball in the net. Afterwards we were told that we had given them the hardest and best game they had over the whole tour.

I would like to repeat Andrew's thanks to all those families who came to the cause so unselfishly and so quickly. As he says, it just shows what a close-knit and community-minded club we are.

Particular mention should be made of a few people whose support and efforts at such short notice allowed this event to happen. Jenna Price, who organised 8 billeting families; Andrew's wife, Vonnie, who followed up on a number of things when Andrew was unwell; Geoff Paterson and Geoff Bortfield (Coach and Manager respectively of the Glebe Under 15 Tigers); and the under 15 players and Gabby Wark, Kate Pearsell and Sally Howard, who agreed to join the boys for the game. Harry Wark Jnr helped umpire.

The billeting families were: the Darts, the Newtons, the Kavanaghs, the Tapsells, the Montrones, the Bacons, the Asquiths, the Sheards, Anne and Harry Wark, and us.

We all found the visitors a delight to host, and we were highly entertained by their exuberance in their celebration at the end of the game (which was also the end of their tour).

Thank you again to all who made their Sydney visit a success.

Eddy Crook

Under the Arches...

That certain member...

We've not received any messages to christen our "certain member" who passes on all sorts of titbits about members' doings! Let's have a name... Especially when a free beer or wine is on offer to the person who is the supplier of the selected name!!! My personal favourite is Wally - given that there might be a few people looking for the !@#\$ who passed on THAT information.

Let's have your ideas in the results box - or I get to award myself the free beer...

Sartorial elegance...

At Moorebank, supporters on the hill commented about a certain player who might have inherited his shorts - and fairly clearly his physique - from his father. Was it from the 70s or 80s? Perhaps later.

Overseas girls' team...

Was a great success. Some of our under 15 boys were a bit amazed at the standard of play by the Argentinian girls - not to mention their size and stamina. It must be admitted that the Argentinian girls were equally taken in by the quality of our younger players. It was heard that if it wasn't for the Argentinian rugger boys and their massive vocal support (and presence), the result could have been different!

Trivia...

A great evening! I crept along and overheard people on their mobiles outside the hall. I didn't see who they were, but the tickets *DID* say no outside help- but it was probably just checking out on the babysitter!

Rodney the Rat

