



President's Report

With the 2001 season well under way it is very encouraging to see the vastly improved performances of our teams right across the board.

The elevation of our Junior boys and girls into Senior grades is having a significant impact on recent results and this can only improve as these players adjust to the rigours of Senior hockey.

While talking Juniors, our 6th Junior Carnival was held on Sunday 20 May on the grass at home with 30 junior teams taking part in Under 11s, 13s and 15s.

The entire day was a raging success thanks to precision organisation from Andrew Dart and his Junior committee, plus a swag of club members and supporters who turned out (some at 6 am) to lend their assistance throughout the day. I'm sure Andrew will have plenty to say about this great occasion in his report, but on behalf of the Management Committee I would like to sincerely thank everybody who contributed in any way to this very important event.

The Club reaches a milestone in its history this month with the introduction of our web-site. For the computer and web buffs in the Club I'm sure this is a major asset and visitors to our site will have the opportunity to learn about the club.

Bob Taylor

Dear Member...

Our first *Red Rag* for the year!

As mentioned in last year's *Red Rag*, nothing in — nothing out. We will not print blank pages, so let's have your news, comments or even views. If you have any hockey gear or things to sell, swap or give away — let us know, and you might find a new owner through *The Red Rag*.

Glebe Hockey Club Web Site

Natalie White has designed a web site for us which will provide further information and news about us. It will be run in conjunction with *The Red Rag* and (for those of us with access to the net) let us check week by week how we are doing in the Juniors', Men's and Women's competitions as well as keeping up to date with the turf, social and other club functions news.

We intend to do a weekly update of the results, and each month (with the *Red Rag*) bring you the latest general news. If there are any other important updates, we will do them with the weekly web site changes.

The site will be registered soon; but in the meantime, if you have any comments on the design and content, let us have them. We want to bring you all the news of our club, and let others know about us as well. Please send comments to Natalie at the email address below.

Media Sub Committee

To help us this year with *The Red Rag* and the web site the Media Sub Committee has been formed. Main contacts (with their e-mail addresses) are:

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If you do not have access to e-mail, contact us at the Clubhouse on Wednesday evening or give me a call (phone number on Page 6).

Eddy Crook

Vale...

Fred Mills and Brian "Chicka" Pope passed away this month. Both were prominent members of Moorebank-Liverpool Hockey Club and enjoyed a close relationship with Glebe.

Our sincere condolences to their families.



TIGERS

The Place to Play



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

Welcome to the 2001 season! Two rounds have already been played and we're off to a pretty good start. Training on Tuesday nights has been well attended but fitness training on Wednesday nights not so. Fitness is of great importance no matter what level you play, so we should all try to make an effort in this department.

The first two rounds have seen a host of players unavailable, and also a couple of old faces returning to the club to play. Steve Cain and Chris Neville have come back to play and we have a few new players, including Stefan Madycki from Liverpool and Scott Howard from Bankstown. Of the players missing, both Brad Goodridge and Simeone Booth are holidaying in Europe, and Darren Booth is away with the NSW Under 21's, Pat McCann is umpiring at this tournament also.

Congratulations to Darren and also to his younger brother Brendan, who was selected in the NSW Under 18's recently. Good luck also to Aaron Nilan who was selected to attend a training camp with the Australian squad this week in Melbourne.

Ken Wark Jnr has been appointed coach of first grade and will be playing as well. Geoff Paterson is backing up from last year and coaching second grade.

The lower grades are doing reasonably well: 4th & 5th (4 wins & 1 loss each); 6th (4 wins and 1 draw); while 7th has 3 draws and 2 losses.

OK – let's look forward to a successful season and an enjoyable one!

Shane Nilan and Amrat Parbhu

Congratulations...

Congratulations to Harry Austin Wark on his medal award from the Australian Sports Awards recognising his lifetime commitment to hockey.

This is a Federal Award and was presented to Harry by Máire Sheehan, Mayor of Leichhardt, at a function at Leichhardt Town Hall on Monday May 14.

Fellow Club member, and goal keeper extraordinaire, Terrence Kelly was also a recipient of a similar award for his contribution to Junior cricket.

PS Harry Austin is also celebrating a birthday on Monday 21 May. He is remaining a little coy about his exact age, but rumour has it that he is 69.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HARRY

Turf Update

To remind us of the turf position, here is a brief summary of the history of our efforts to gain a synthetic surface, and the position as it stands at the moment.

Since the synthetic turf at the State Sports Centre Homebush became available in 1984, the Glebe District Hockey Club has been trying to secure a site within the Glebe area which would be suitable for the installation of a synthetic turf, to provide this facility for our Members. In 2001, it is an unfortunate fact of life that without a synthetic turf, men's and women's competition hockey will not be played in the Glebe Area

The Club submitted a Development Application to Leichhardt Council in November 1987, for a synthetic turf at Federal Park Annandale. Negotiations with Council on the Federal Park site continued for several years, but Council, under pressure from a vocal local resident group, were extremely reluctant to approve the site for the development of a synthetic turf. Leichhardt Oval number two field, Lambert Park Leichhardt, Jubilee Oval Glebe, Leichhardt High School, Glebe High School, the Rozelle Bay Railway Shunting Yards, a site next to the Leichhardt Bus Depot, Callan Park (off Glover Street) and the Wentworth Park infield were all considered as alternative sites to the Federal Park site, but in the end discussions regarding these sites came to nothing.

During the first half of 1992 the NSW Harness Racing Club approached Council with a view to extending the Harold Park

Paceway on to public parkland and building a new access road to the facility across public open space. Council recognised that the Harold Park infield would be a better site for a synthetic hockey field than the Federal Park site and actively encouraged the Hockey Club to begin negotiations with the Harness Club. It was Council's intention that the Harness Club would acquire the necessary open space to enable the track extension, on the proviso that the Hockey Club got a lease over a site for a synthetic turf at the Harold Park infield.

An Agreement for Lease was signed between the Harness Club and the Hockey Club in July 1995 for a site for a synthetic hockey pitch at the Harold Park infield. The Harness Club was to give the Hockey Club a lease over the site when the Hockey Club had acquired the funds with which to construct the field.

After the Agreement for Lease was signed, the Hockey Club attempted to acquire the necessary Funding and Council approvals to enable the Hockey Club to fulfil the conditions of the Agreement For Lease and thus acquire a Lease from the Harness Club, over the proposed site at the Harold Park infield, on which to build a synthetic turf.

The Hockey Club had its Building Application for the synthetic turf approved in 1997 and informed the Harness Club in July and August 1998 that it had the funding in place with which to build the synthetic turf. The Costings and Funding Document provided to the Harness Club in July 1998 contained detailed quotes for all building work and full documentation of the Hockey Club's funding arrangements. It was the expectation of the Hockey Club that it was the Harness Club's legal obligation to provide the Hockey Club with a twenty-two year Lease, with a twenty-two year Option, over the proposed site at the Harold Park infield. The Harness Club disputed the Hockey Club's funding arrangements and refused to provide the Hockey Club with a Lease.

The Synthetic Turf Committee were faced with two alternates, either abandon the Harold Park infield option, or commence legal proceedings against the Harness Club in an attempt to secure a lease over the infield site. After canvassing the views of Club Members, and discussing the situation at the 1999 Annual General Meeting, the Synthetic Turf Committee decided to institute legal proceedings against the Harness Club, with a view to acquiring a lease over the Harold Park infield site. The legal firm Clayton Utz have been acting for the Hockey Club, and the Club is extremely grateful for their help. Legal proceedings were commenced in November 1999.

Since 1992 the Hockey Club has spent over \$55,000 on turf development costs and in the 1999 spent \$26,500 on legal fees. This year the Hockey Club paid nothing in turf development costs, thanks largely to Clayton Utz's generosity. In the coming year, the Club may be called upon to fund Court Fees, which may be very high if the case against the Harness Club proceeds to trial.

The Hockey Club has been preparing its case and has exchanged letters with the Harness Club. On 4 August 2000 the Hockey Club registered a timetable with the Equity

Women's News

Coach Profile

Welcome to Phil Diamond, the new 2nd Grade Women's Coach. In the 1960's he coached junior boys to State level in NSW and conducted the initial skill junior coaching camps. In Canada he coached mens' teams at club and provincial levels. Returning to Queensland, he coached junior boys' and senior women's teams, and when he returned to Sydney he joined Glebe.

Phil brings to coaching a commitment to foster junior development and integration of players in the senior women's teams.

Please welcome Phil to the club.

First Grade Report

Glebe First Grade Women have experienced mixed fortunes at the start of the 2001 season. After two wins, two draws and one loss half way through round 1, the Glebe girls are striving to improve every week.

Rachel Wilkinson has been promoted to 1st Grade this year and is doing a great job. Newcomer Shaye Jordan has added some flare to the attack while Kim Robards continues to dominate in the middle of the field.

Selection News

Bianca Netzler from Glebe 1st Grade was recently selected in the Hockeyroos squad for 2001, Kim Robards was selected in the Australian Development Squad and Sarah Stephenson represented the NSW Under18 Team at the National Titles where NSW was successful in winning the title. More details in the next issue !!!

Fees, Fees, Fees!

Fees are now due! For everyone's convenience we can now take payment by credit card, you can also pay by cheque or cash. So there's no excuse...

Senior Fees	\$290	
Students	\$240	(full-time only)
Juniors	\$190	(under 18)

All fees must be paid by the end of June. Deposit of \$100 due immediately.

Division of the Supreme Court and the discovery process of the court proceedings has now begun. The Hockey Club provides the Harness Club with its evidence, to support its claim that it should be given a lease; and the Harness Club provides its evidence, supporting its claim that the Hockey Club should be denied a lease. This Discovery Stage of the legal proceedings is proceeding slowly.

In the meantime, the Harness Club applied at the beginning of the year to have a caveat on their property which had been placed by the Hockey Club, removed. The action was successful, and on the strength of that judgement, the Harness Club applied to have the Hockey Club's case struck out, on the grounds that there was no case for a lease. This action was not successful, and an appeal lodged by the Harness Club was also unsuccessful, with the Hockey Club awarded costs. The Harness Club is now seeking leave to appeal against that decision.

If their action does not succeed, then the normal process should continue as follows:

After viewing the Harness Club's evidence, the Hockey Club will file an Affidavit with the Court and similarly, the Harness Club will file an Affidavit after it views the Hockey Club's evidence. It is envisaged that the Hockey Club and the Harness Club will present for a Directions Hearing at the Supreme Court late this year or early 2002. It is likely that at the Directions Hearing, the Court will arrange a mediation meeting between the Harness Club and the Hockey Club. If no settlement can be reached between the two Clubs, then a Judge lists the case for a Court Hearing. If the case does come to trial, it will probably not be heard until mid-to-late 2001 at the earliest.

It is the view of the Synthetic Turf Committee, that for the Glebe District Hockey Club to survive in the long term, we need to have a synthetic turf in the Glebe area, to train and to play home games.

The Synthetic Turf Committee, a Sub Committee of the Management Committee of the Club is striving to the best of its ability, to secure a site for a synthetic turf in the Glebe area. The Committee is acutely aware that The Glebe District Hockey Club is the only outdoor sporting Club left which represents the Glebe District at the highest level of a sport, Premier Division, and at the grass roots, the Minkey Squad. The Glebe Rugby League Club, the Glebe Rugby Union Club, the Glebe Cricket Club, the Glebe Harriers, the Glebe Lacrosse Club and the Glebe Bicycle Club are defunct. A synthetic turf is essential for the hockey club to survive.

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Social Report...

The Clubhouse

We've had a good start to our hockey season so far. On Wednesday nights the Clubhouse has been doing a roaring trade. We've had a huge turn up to training, and the BBQ and bar have been very busy. In fact, we are still trying to get the numbers right as we have run out of food (but never beer) some nights! Hopefully this is now sorted. There have been a lot of helpers at training and on Saturdays. We don't know how Anne Wark seemed to do it so easily! It is great to have Ron Cheong helping out in Anne's role this year. Thank you to everyone who has helped so far.

Toxteth night

Our welcome drinks event at the Toxteth was well attended. About 70 people turned up and enjoyed the finger food and the company before Adam Campano dragged about 25 off for a pub crawl. They were seen lurking about Glebe before heading off to Adam and Christian's bachelor pad at Annandale.

Trivia Night

A Trivia Night is to be held on 21 July. This will be our major social and fund-raising event for the season, so we would ask that everyone make a huge effort to get on a table. There will be great prizes for the best dressed table, best name and others. As our Turf Committee is doing such an unbelievable job, we still need lots of money to support them (and our club) for barristers and QCs.

More information closer to the time, but start getting your tables together now.

*Lee Farlow
Social Officer*

URGENT ROTARY RAFFLE

You've got your tickets

sell them and return
the books
as soon as possible

If you can sell
more tickets,
please contact
Maureen Paterson
she has plenty in reserve

Club Calendar

Major dates
to put in your diary

COMING SOON

TRIVIA NIGHT

saturday 21 july

Venue to be advised
but keep this date free
for fun and games

SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER

SENIOR PRESENTATION

**Balmain Leagues Club
Rozelle**

and

SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER

JUNIOR PRESENTATION

Jubilee Oval

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

Dates may have to change, so keep watching



Junior News

The season so far...

After round seven of the competition, all Glebe junior teams, even our beginners, are in excellent positions.

The Under 11 Cougars, coached by Melissa Newton, are enjoying themselves immensely and learning topnotch skills along the way. Melissa has 15 players on her team and many of them are new to the game, but they've scored plenty of goals and learned good defence tactics. They are third in the second division of the under 11s comp. First in the second division are the Under 11 Wildcats, coached by the irrepressible Phillip Sheard and Neil Kaye. Anyone who saw the Under 11 final of the Glebe Carnival will know that Under 11 hockey is in great shape when the Wildcats gave the Tigers a real shake. The Under 11 Tigers are top of the A division with 6 wins and one draw, coached by the venerable Harry Wark. He's pleased with the development of their skills but says they have even more work to do.

The Under 13 Tigers are also top of their table, the A division, and are so far unbeaten, coached by Craig Bageley, a new coach to the Club. Sutho I is hot on their heels and it should be a good finals round. The Under 13 Wildcats are in the second half of the point score but learning fast as they go. Coach Tom Holyoake, ably assisted by Ross Tapsell, has some brand new players but is turning them into excellent team workers, with skills improving each game. The coaches both came up through Glebe Juniors themselves.

The Under 15 Tigers are in second place, with only one loss to Sutherland. Coached by the highly experienced Geoff Paterson, they are in good shape, with four state players and others on rep teams of other kinds. The Under 15 Wildcats are in the third place in the B division with some good wins, a couple of draws and a couple of losses. They are coached by Anthony Cornish and are developing every week.

The Under 17s had a slow start to the season but have come good with a winning streak over the last three matches, under the expert tutelage of Adam Campano, assisted by Terry Kelly. The improvement in skills right across the Club is a tribute to the coaches, many of whom have come up through Glebe Juniors ranks. Thank you to all who coach and manage our juniors.

Glebe Carnival

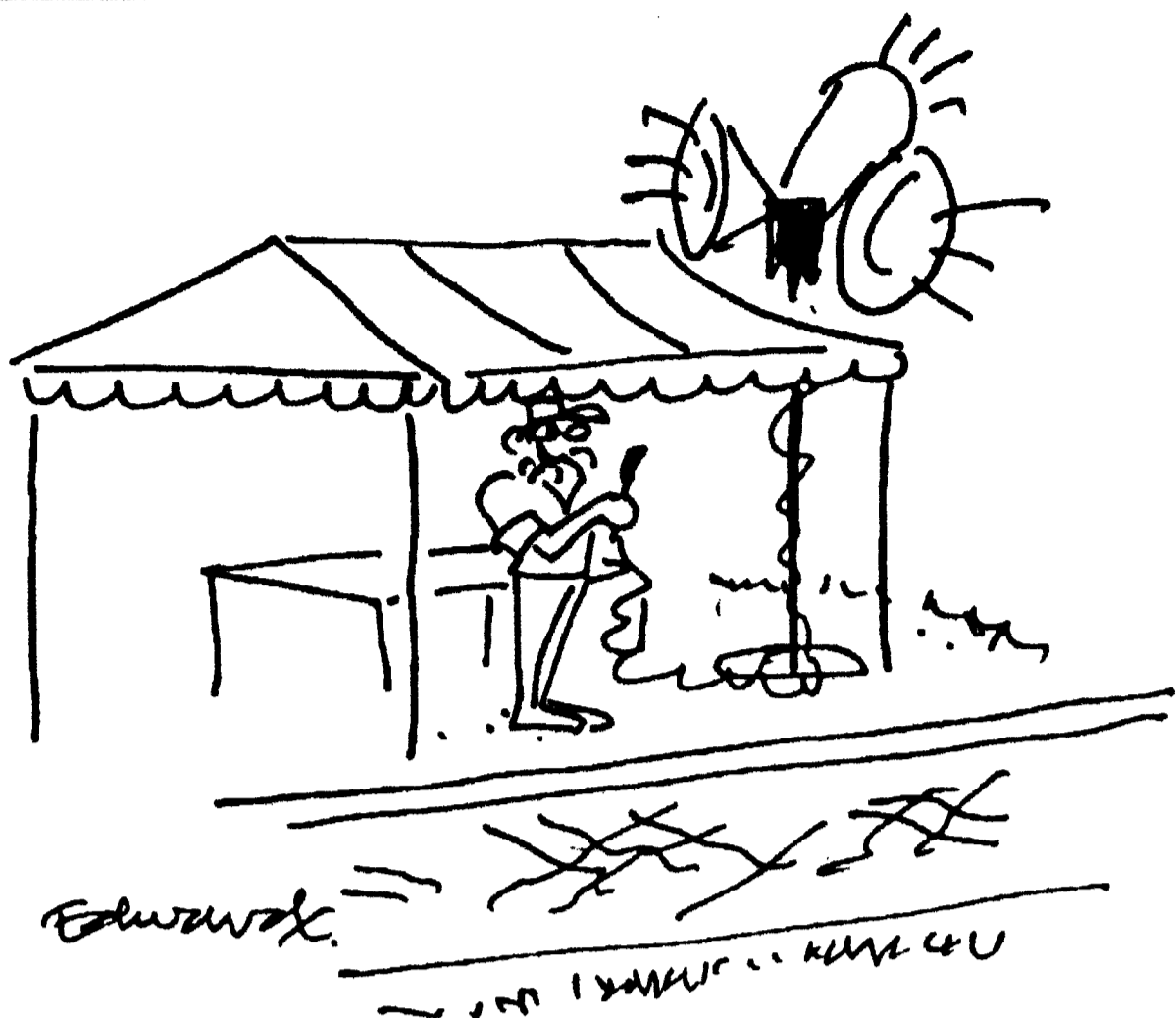
Many thanks from Andrew Dart and Ron Cheong to all of you who contributed to the success of the Glebe Carnival on Sunday, May 20, in any way. Whether you barbecued sausages, refereed, sold raffle tickets, worked on the canteen; whatever you did, thank you. We had great support across the board, and a special thank you to the guy in charge of the weather. Another beautiful Glebe Carnival Day.

At the finish of the pool games in the Under 11s, it was clear that Glebe was going to be winner, since the Wildcats and the Tigers finished at the top of their respective pools. It was a tight game, and the Wildcats gave the Tigers a bit of a fright about five minutes before the end. It was one nil to the Tigers but it was a lot closer than that! The Under 13 Tigers fought long and hard against traditional rivals, Sutherland I, but couldn't convert their opportunities. Nor could Sutherland, and after ten minutes of extra play, the two teams were declared joint premiers of the Carnival. St George won the Under 15s Carnival title to repeat their success of last year.

The Mayor of Leichhardt Council, Máire Sheehan, gave a short speech. John Pearson from Balmain Leagues Club, one of our major sponsors, and Glebe Olympian Pat Nilan awarded trophies as the sun set on a beautiful day.

Once again, thank you to players, supporters, servers, cooks and washers-up.

Jenna Price



We are sorry to announce that Arthur is not with us as he is still recovering from surgery on his hand to remove the microphone embedded at last year's carnival.

Under the Arches...

Rodney the Rat...

Rodney (or a relative) is still around!

He must be a full member of the club as he was at the AGM last year. Col Brown asked him to leave as he wasn't looking very well and appeared to be considering a run up a trouser leg or two.

He said he intends to keep us up to date with the gossip.

Further to the Pre-Season Drinks...

Going home to continue festivities after the Toxteth and an amble around the local hostelrys, a certain member *thinks* he had a great time and arrived at work the next day looking as if he had, but details were very sketchy. Once he regains his memory, we may have more stories!

Dress to kill...

Overheard in the Clubhouse was a caustic remark by a certain member about the way players (especially men) took the field these days. It seems that sartorial elegance has disappeared in favour of the homey look!

A certain member...

I am asked to refer to "a certain member" of the club frequently. Could I call him (or her) by a name? Any suggestions for hers (or his) name will be considered, and we'll use the name(s) chosen in future *Under the Arches* columns. Let me know by dropping a line to me in the results box on the counter at the Clubhouse. The supplier of the selected name will get a free drink (one!) at the bar on a Wednesday night.

Rodney the Rat

For Sale

Club Tracksuits and Rugby Tops

Tracksuits	\$75
Rugby Tops	\$55

See

Geoff Paterson
Arty Moir
Ron Cheong
at the Clubhouse

for these and hats, socks,
shorts,skirts

HOCKEY GEAR ALSO AVAILABLE

See

Geoff Paterson

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