

Glebe District Hockey Club Inc



JUNIOR TEAMS

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Junior Convenor's Report 2001

On behalf of the Junior Committee, it is again with pleasure that I present the Season 2001 Glebe District Hockey Club Junior Annual Report and welcome all to the Junior Presentation Day.

Season 2001 - 71 Years!!

The Glebe Juniors in 2001 had one of the very best and successful Seasons in a long, long time. All 8 teams entered in U/17, U/15, U/13, and U/11 Age Divisions made the Semi-Finals, a feat that we have not achieved for many years. Of those 8 Teams, 5 went on to contest the Central Area Junior Hockey Association (CAJHA) GrandFinals - the U/11 Tigers, U/11 Wildcats, U/13 Tigers, U/13 Wildcats and U/15 Tigers. On Grand Final day, Sunday 16 September, the Glebe Juniors emerged with 4 Premierships, Joint U/11 "A" and "B" Divisions, U/13 "B" Division and U/15 "A" Division. Without a doubt, a magnificent result for all concerned - Players, Coaches, Managers, Parents and Supporters. Glebe once again finished second to Sutherland in the Club Championship - 545 to 486 points, with Bankstown again a distant third on 224 points. Of the 6 Clubs that make up the CAJHA, Glebe and Sutherland are certainly the two dominant clubs. It was disappointing that both Moorebank and St. George were not represented on Grand Final day, but hopefully will be competitive in Season 2002. I am sure that all who were present on that day will agree that it was one of Glebe Juniors' finest days, and the party down at Jubilee Park that night will certainly be well remembered.

2001 Results:

U/17 Tigers	Fourth
U/15 Tigers	Premiers
U/15 Wildcats	Fourth
U/13 Tigers	Runners Up
U/13 Wildcats	Premiers
U/11 Tigers	Joint Premiers
U/11 Wildcats	Joint Premiers
U/11 Cougars	Third

Season 2001 was my second year as Junior Convenor and I must admit it was a little easier than my first year. Once again, Ron Cheong, as Co Junior Committee Member, was fantastic. As many of you know, Ron is a workaholic. Apart from his position on the Junior Committee, he also, along with Lee Farlow, looks after the Club House Canteen, is the Junior Equipment Officer and Secretary of CAJHA; so in effect he has 4 "caps". I know how much time and effort he puts into all his positions, and I would also like to thank Ron's wife, Lorraine, for basically putting up with both of us over the season. On that note, it is the wonderful and unselfish effort put in by so many parents throughout the year that makes the Glebe District Hockey Club what it is today - a truly family and community based entity. I would like to thank all the Coaches and Managers of the 8 Junior

Teams that we fielded this year. Your dedication and love for the game went a long way to ensuring the success that the Juniors enjoyed in 2001. These people were:

<i>Team</i>	<i>Coach</i>	<i>Manager/s</i>
U/17 Tigers	Adam Campano	Christine O'Connor
U/15 Tigers	Geoff Paterson	Geoff Bortfield
U/15 Wildcats	Anthony Cornish	Dawn Baker
U/13 Tigers	Craig Bagley	John Cullen Keith Solar-March
U/13 Wildcats	Tom Holyoake	Rhonda Parkin
U/11 Tigers	Harry Wark Jnr.	Jenna Price John Kavanagh
U/11 Wildcats	Phillip Sheard	Mick Bougakas
U/11 Cougars	Melissa Newton	Linda Groome

As many of you know, Anne Wark in conjunction with Harry Wark Snr. looked after the Club House Canteen for many years and decided at the end of Season 2000 to step down so she could do what we all take for granted - watching your children play Hockey on a Saturday. Over the Off-Season, much effort was put in by many to find a replacement for Anne but to no avail. As the start of Season 2001 was almost upon us, Ron Cheong and Lee Farlow along with "Old Harry" took that giant step forward and offered to run the Canteen on a trial basis, hopeful to get that much needed help from the Players' Parents and Club Members on Wednesday night training and Saturday mornings. What a response!!! People came literally "out of the woodwork" to help. Special mention to Steve Howard and Geoff Bortfield for their efforts every Wednesday night on the BBQ (I still have my little digits, guys!!). To Lee and all her ladies - Pauline, Liz, Fiona, Lorraine, Vonnice, Dawn, Chris, Carol, and many others, a big THANK YOU!!

This year, The Glebe Juniors played a number of Trial Matches against the Sydney University and Bankstown Clubs and I truly believe that this helped our Junior Teams on the way to the success that the Club achieved by the end of the season. I will most certainly be organizing Trial Matches in March next year, hopefully a full day down at Jubilee Oval for all age divisions.

Unfortunately, once again the Terry Reece Trophy did not eventuate despite representations to the Entrance Club. I will again endeavor to revive the challenge in 2002, but it would appear that, for the time being, The Entrance Club is not interested in contesting the Terry Reece Trophy.

On a brighter note, in late July I was approached by a frantic woman who was organising a Hockey game for a Representative Argentinian Girls' U/16 Hockey Team. The Sydney connection had badly let her down with regards to billeting arrangements for 20 girls and

a game on Friday 3 August. In desperation, she contacted Hockey NSW who immediately suggested that if any club was going to be able to help her it would be The Glebe Hockey Club, as we had helped out in the past.

To cut a long story short, Jenna Price organized the billeting arrangements in fewer than 30 minutes. One phone call from myself to Geoff Bortfield, the U/15 Tigers Manager, resulted in a game against the Argentinian Girls at The State Sports Centre on the Friday night. So that the girls would not be subjected to a whole team of boys, Gabby Wark, Sarah Howard and Kate Pearsell agreed to play. The Argentinian Girls won 3-0, but all agreed that it was an extremely hard-fought match and highly entertaining.

Special thanks to the billeting parents, Glebe Players and Parents, Geoff Paterson and Geoff Bortfield, Coach and Manager respectively of the U/15 Tigers, Jenna Price and Eddy Crook for their great efforts.

In all, a great effort from a "Champion Club"!!!

Glebe Junior Carnival

Again - a magnificent day. The terrible weather leading up to Sunday 20 May really had me on edge, and when Glebe played on Jubilee in pouring rain on the Saturday before, I must admit I was not too confident; however, as in the past, the skies cleared on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning dawned blue and bright. As I said last year, the Glebe Junior Carnival is the Premier Junior Hockey Carnival in the Greater Sydney Region. The only other carnival that took place was St. George, and Glebe contested all three Finals, eventually taking out the U/11 and U/15 Division. Our own Carnival Day saw over 30 Teams battling it out on Jubilee and Federal Ovals, and once again out on Bicentennial Park. Vernon Howe and his loyal band of helpers ran a wonderful Minkey Competition; and a big thank you as always to Pat Nilan (Glebe, Australian and Olympic Representative) for presenting all participating Minkey Players with their Glebe Carnival Ribbon.

My personal thanks to Guy and his team from Leichhardt Council for their immense work on preparing the playing fields under extremely unfavourable conditions in the week leading up to the Junior Carnival Day; and also special thanks to Máire Sheehan, Mayor of Leichhardt Council, and Vonnie Dart representing the Toxteth Hotel for making the medal presentations. Obviously, it takes a huge amount of prior organisation to bring this day together and I would like to acknowledge a few special people for their contributions — Ron and Lorraine Cheong, Lee Farlow, Jim Oman, Bevan Ineson, Harry Wark Senior, Bob Taylor, Adam Campano, Marty Howe, Vernon Howe, Pat Nilan, Dawn Baker, Eddy Crook, and all those parents who turned up from 6 a.m. till late in the night to ensure that the Glebe Hockey Carnival Day was again a HUGE SUCCESS.

Age Division Winners at the Carnival

Under 11	Glebe Tigers
Under 13	Glebe Tigers & Sutherland
Under 15	St George

Minkey Hockey

Once again, in season 2001, Vernon Howe conducted a most impressive Minkey Hockey Program for the youngest players in our club. Vernon has been running these very successful Minkey programs since 1995, and in recognition of his loyalty, dedication and support of the Club, Ron and I on behalf of all Club Members felt that it was appropriate to acknowledge his contribution by presenting to Vernon a Special Achievement Award.

The Minkey Squad this year at times reached upwards of 50 children, a magnificent response considering the many other Junior Sports played in our local community. With such a large squad, Vernon was very fortunate to gain the help of three Senior Players - Phil Winwood, Tony Cowan and Andrew Goodrich. The Minkey Competition at our Junior Carnival was again a delight to watch, and allows the youngsters the opportunity to play hockey in a very fun-orientated environment.

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming all Minkey Players, parents and friends who are present today. It is the first time that the Minkeys have participated in our Junior Presentation Day and I sincerely trust that you all have a pleasant and enjoyable time with the "Glebe Hockey Family".

Umpire Development

Unfortunately, with such a busy hockey season, an Umpire Night was not able to be arranged. Throughout the year, CAJHA debated a number of issues in relation to Junior Umpires, particularly in relation to the extremely small number of Junior Badged Umpires currently available in Central Area; verbal abuse by both players and parents of those people brave enough to umpire games; and payment of Junior Badged Umpires. The CAJHA have decided that for Season 2002 the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- Each Club are to select 4 children in the U/13 and 15 Age Divisions for Umpire Coaching, hopefully leading to all selected children receiving their Junior Umpire Badge.
- Each Saturday morning at the venue in which these children are playing in their normal age division, they are to Umpire the Age Division game immediately following their own game i.e. U/15 Umpire to U/13 Match and U/13 Umpire to U/11 Match.
- Only Moorebank and Bankstown pay their Junior Umpires (\$10.00 per game). All other Clubs including Sutherland appear to be against it at this stage.

Specific details are still to be worked out; however, all Central Area Clubs now at least have a framework to start on their Umpire Development.

Synthetic Turf

All Club Members have been kept fully informed about this extremely important matter. Harry Wark Jnr. and his Synthetic Turf Committee have again worked tirelessly throughout the year on our ongoing quest for "OUR TURF". This quest is gradually coming to its conclusion and you will find a complete update in this Season 2001 Report compiled by Harry Wark Jnr.

Fund Raising & Sponsorship

Once again Season 2001 was a good one with regard to these very important areas. The Club commenced the second year of a three-year sponsorship deal with the BALMAIN LEAGUES CLUB and the Juniors continued with their long-standing sponsor THE TOXTETH HOTEL in Glebe. To both these organisations we are eternally grateful, as it allowed the Club to continue with its long and proud tradition of never, ever having charged our Juniors a registration fee to play hockey since the inception of the club in 1930. The Club is also extremely grateful to Richard Ware Real Estate and Galuzzo & Sons for their generous contributions.

The wonderful success of both the Junior Carnival and the Trivia Night, plus the traditional Season Opener at the Toxteth Hotel is a tribute to Lee Farlow, who is an inspiration to all Club Members for the huge amount of background work that is done in the ongoing effort to raise funds for our Club. Once again, a special thank you to Maureen Paterson and Michael Carey for their unstinting effort with the annual Rotary Raffle - this really brings in much-needed revenue each year to supplement the Club's income.

Finally, a big thank you to all those parents and supporters who donated at the annual Junior Carnival to the various raffles offered on the day.

In Conclusion

Season 2001 was undoubtedly one of the very best in many years for the Junior Club. All areas of the Juniors excelled - The CAJHA, both the St George and our own Junior Carnival, the Minkey Squad and the Glebe Juniors' excellent representation for Central Area, Sydney, NSW and Australia. On that note, congratulations to Matthew Wark, who was selected in the Australian All Schools U/16 Team to tour South Africa in 2002. A full list of all Glebe Representative Players is contained within this report.

A special thank you to all members of the Glebe District Hockey Club Executive Management Committee. These people work tirelessly for the benefit of the Club and are a credit to the community. My personal thanks to my wife, Vonnice, who once again, did all the pre-season database work with regards to the Glebe Teams and the Sydney and NSW Player Registration Lists.

Even though the field hockey season has finished, good luck to all Glebe players in the Summer Indoor Hockey Competition. I am sure you will all enjoy the speed and excitement of the indoor game and no doubt come back as better players in the field season for 2002.

The Glebe Juniors had a great year! Everybody, enjoy the summer, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and no doubt I will see all of you, both new and old, under the arches in 2002.

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Synthetic Turf Report 2001

The Synthetic Turf Committee advances the cause of the Hockey Club in trying to organise a suitable site within the Glebe Area on which to build a synthetic turf hockey field. This Committee is a Sub-Committee, appointed by the Hockey Club's Management Committee, which itself is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. The Synthetic Turf Committee was constituted in January 1997 and comprises Bob Taylor, (Club President), Eddy Crook (Club Secretary), Harry A Wark, (Club Patron), Jim Oman, Marilynne Smith, Les Wark, Rod Hammett, Peter Adrian and Harry Wark, Convenor.

Bob, Eddy and Harry A Wark are Members of the Management Committee and report the discussions of the Synthetic Turf committee back to the Management Committee. Jim Oman has extensive contacts in the building industry, Rod Hammett is a civil engineer and advises on engineering matters and Eddy and Marilynne liaise with Leichhardt Council. Peter Adrian is a planner and advises on these matters. Les Wark, an ex-secretary of the Club, was the Hockey Club's Principal negotiator with Council from 1992 to 1997, and Harry J Wark has been involved in the Club's quest for a synthetic turf since the November 1987 Development Application was submitted for Federal Park Annandale. The Synthetic Turf Committee functions well and has a very good "handle" on the difficulties and opportunities that confront the Hockey Club in its quest for its own synthetic turf hockey field.

Any Club Member, Parent or Club Supporter should feel free to make suggestions to the Synthetic Turf Committee that they feel might help the Hockey Club move to acquire a suitable site on which to build a synthetic turf hockey field.

The Synthetic Turf Committee meets approximately six times a year, and all Members of the Committee receive incoming and outgoing correspondence. All Synthetic Turf Committee Meetings have an Agenda and Minutes are taken. These records are available for inspection by any Member of the Hockey Club. These records can be sent electronically if requested.

Some of our junior parents and players had their first season with the Club this year. I will, for their sake, give a brief history of the Club's efforts to secure a synthetic turf in the Glebe Area, before discussing the progress that has been made in 2001 towards achieving this goal.

In 1976 in Montreal, the Olympic hockey competition was played on a synthetic turf field; and so began the march to play top grade hockey on synthetic turf fields. In 1984 the first synthetic turf field in Sydney was built at the Homebush State Sports Centre. Since then, ten synthetic turf fields have been constructed around Sydney.

The Glebe Club realized in 1984 that, to remain at the forefront of Sydney Hockey, it would be desirable for it to have its own synthetic turf field in the Glebe Area. Since 1984, starting with Arthur Moir, Kevin Sweeney and the late Mr. Keith Paterson, many members have worked on behalf of the Glebe Club, searching for a suitable site on which a synthetic turf could be constructed. Many, many options have been examined and negotiated over 17 years. Unfortunately, land in the inner city, on which a synthetic turf could be built is hard to come by. Local schools, Wentworth Park, Callan Park, Rozelle Bay Shunting-Yards, Lambert Park, Jubilee Oval have all been considered over the years, but in the end have come to nothing.

In November 1987, the Club submitted a Development Application to site a synthetic field at Federal Park Annandale; but Council determined that the Hockey Club should examine other options before proceeding. For several years, the Hockey Club unsuccessfully attempted to find an alternate site to Federal Park. Eventually, in April 1992, the Hockey Club resubmitted its Development Application to site a synthetic turf field at Federal Park.

Serendipitously, it seemed at the time in early 1992, the NSW Harness Racing Club, the Harness Club that conducts trotting races at Harold Park, was seeking to extend the Harold Park Paceway. The then-proposed work was to involve an extension of the track over Johnson's Creek Canal and onto Public Park Land on the northern bank of the Canal. The Council was reluctant to alienate Public Airspace and Public Open Space without the Community deriving significant benefit.

In 1992 Leichhardt Council reasoned that if the Hockey Club and the Harness Club could reach agreement about using the infield site for a synthetic turf field at Harold Park, this would be the best outcome for the community. Constructing a synthetic hockey field at Harold Park would mean that Federal Park could be maintained as Public Open Space, which would be a big plus for the passive Park users. What the passive users of the Park would have been giving up was some Public Airspace over Johnson's Creek and a small amount of land on the northern bank of the canal. The Hockey Club's desire to site a synthetic hockey field in the Glebe Area would also have been satisfied by the Harold Park Redevelopment scenario. If the then-proposed Harold Park Redevelopment proposal was to proceed, a compromise solution would have been achieved, which would have had a minimal impact on passive park users, yet provided the Hockey Club with its much-needed synthetic turf.

The Hockey Club accepted the Council's suggestion to commence negotiations with the Harness Club, and talks started in June 1992. The Hockey Club actively lobbied the community to accept the Harold Park

Redevelopment Proposal, so that it might site a synthetic turf at the Harold Park Infield Site. There was considerable community opposition to the Harold Park Redevelopment proposal, but Council determined that the Hockey Club was to accrue great benefit from a synthetic turf field at Harold Park and that this benefit outweighed the disadvantages of the loss of Public Airspace and Parkland, following the Paceway extension. Leichhardt Council passed the Harold Park Redevelopment Master Plan, which included a synthetic hockey field in the plans, in September 1994.

After the Development Application was passed by Council, the Hockey Club and the Harness Club continued to negotiate the terms of the lease over the site for the proposed synthetic hockey field at Harold Park. These negotiations took much longer than the Hockey Club expected, but an Agreement for Lease was signed between the Hockey Club and the Harness Club in July 1995. This Agreement for Lease provided for a Lease to be signed between the Harness Club and the Hockey Club, when the Hockey Club had acquired the money with which to construct the synthetic turf field. In July 1998, the Hockey Club presented its funding arrangements to the Harness Club and asked for a Lease over the agreed Infield Site.

The Harness Club refused to grant the Hockey Club a Lease; despite the Hockey Club “bending over backwards” to answer all of the Harness Club’s concerns about construction costs and funding arrangements. It became clear that if the Hockey Club wanted to obtain a Lease from the Harness Club, then it had to turn to the Court to decide the matter. This course of action was a major step for the Hockey Club, as the matter would have to be determined in the Equities Division of the Supreme Court. Running a legal case in the Supreme Court is expensive, and the Hockey Club was not sure if it could fund the action through to its conclusion.

Fortunately, a city law firm, Clayton Utz, agreed to help the Hockey Club on a pro bono (gratis) basis, as part of its service to the community. In November 1999 the Hockey Club presented its Statement of Claim to the Supreme Court, stating why it thought it should be granted a lease by the Harness Club. The wheels of the law move ever so slowly, particularly if one side doesn't appear to be in any particular hurry to finalise the matter.

The Harness Club was slow to present their Defence to the Hockey Club’s Statement of Claim to the Court. After the Harness Club’s Defence was lodged with the Court, the Hockey Club and the Harness Club had to engage in the Discovery process. The Hockey Club had to give the Harness Club all its documentation pertaining to the dispute, and vice versa. Before the Discovery process could proceed, the parties had to agree as to what documents were to be released for Discovery, and these negotiations were protracted.

By the end of the year 2000, the Discovery process was proceeding at glacial speed.

In March 2001, the Harness Club contacted the Hockey Club and asked it to lift a caveat the Hockey Club had placed on the Harold Park Infield Site. The Harness Club were refinancing a debt and the bank would not grant them a loan which used the trotting track as security while the Hockey Club had a caveat over the site. The Hockey Club had placed a caveat on the site in late 1998, after the Harness Club refused to grant the Hockey Club a lease over the site. This was to ensure that, in the event that the Harness Club became insolvent, the Hockey Club’s interest in the site would be protected. The Hockey Club thought that a caveat over the site was still in its best interests, and declined to lift the caveat.

At 1600 hours on 21 March 2001, the Hockey Club was served with a summons to appear in the Supreme Court at 1000 hours the next day, 22 March 2001, as the Harness Club had commenced urgent legal proceedings to have the caveat lifted. The Hockey Club’s solicitors unsuccessfully sought to have the matter deferred while the Hockey Club organised its defence. The Judge took the view that the refinancing matter was urgent and rejected the Hockey Club’s request for a delay in proceedings so that it could better organise its defence. The Hockey Club was not represented by a barrister at the hearing, and its defence had to be organized on two business hours’ notice. A longer period of preparation would have greatly assisted the Hockey club case.

After a two-day hearing, Justice Simos found in favour of the Harness Club and ordered the Hockey Club to pay costs. The Hockey Club had to lift the caveat on the proposed hockey field site. Justice Simos argued that the relocation clause in the Agreement for Lease meant that the Hockey Club could be relocated from Harold Park on three months’ notice. This being the case, the Judge determined that the Hockey Club did not have a sufficient interest in the site to sustain a caveat. The effect of this decision is that if the Harness Club goes bankrupt, the Hockey Club loses all claim to the proposed synthetic hockey field site at Harold Park.

There was some considerable discussion with the Club’s solicitors as to whether the Hockey Club should appeal this decision, but it was decided that the expense involved outweighed any potential gains from winning an appeal. Even if the Hockey Club had won the appeal and then reapplied the caveat, the caveat would still have ranked behind the bank’s caveat. The Hockey Club’s caveat would not have been reinstated to the top of the queue.

Buoyed by its success in winning the “caveat case”, the Harness Club applied to have the Hockey Club’s Statement of Claim “struck-out”. This claim was heard in the Equities Division of the Supreme Court by Master Rick Macready on 10 April 2001. Master Macready found in favour of the Hockey Club and ordered the Harness Club to pay costs.