



Glebe District
Hockey Club
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Junior
Teams

Annual
Report

2004

Junior Convenor's Report 2004

Once again, it is with great pleasure that I present the Season 2004 Glebe District Hockey Club Annual Junior Report and welcome all to the Junior Presentation Day. On behalf of Mark Noller, Assistant Junior Convenor and Tom Browell, our Minkey Convenor, Season 2004 will be long remembered as the year without rain.

Season 2004 Seventy Four Years On!!!!

2004 began with much promise. The Glebe Juniors had nine teams contesting the Central Area Junior Hockey Association (CAJHA) Competition and our Under 17's competing in the Sydney Hockey Association (SHA) "A and C" Divisions. A total of eleven in all. An increase of one Junior Team for Season 2004.

In the CAJHA Competition, the following Glebe Junior Teams qualified for the 2004 Finals Series:

- U/15 Redbacks
- U/15 Hornets
- U/13 Redbacks
- U/13 Strikers
- U/13 Hornets
- U/11 Redbacks
- U/11 Strikers

This is a very impressive result. Seven out of nine teams contesting the CAJHA Finals Series. Well done to all Coaches, Managers and most importantly all players. Also let us not forget our wonderful, dedicated, loyal parents. Without our parents, we would not have such a successful Glebe Junior Hockey Club. The countless hours ferrying their kids and in many cases other team members to Hockey Grounds all over Sydney can at times become "over the top" but apart from myself I never heard a bad word, a whinge from anyone. Glebe Junior Parents, you are to be congratulated. I just hope that you get the same enjoyment and pleasure from watching and participating with your children with their Hockey that Vonnie and I get with Nathan and Jordan.

In The SHA U/17 Competition, both of our Teams qualified for the Semi-Finals. Well done guys!! The U/17 1 Team qualified for the U/17 "A Division" Grand Final while our U/17 2 Team made it as far as the U/17 "C Division" Final – a fantastic effort by all the guys and their Coaching Staff. On Friday night, 20 August our U/17 1 Team met, as has been the case for a number of years now, Sutherland. Glebe and Sutherland have virtually had a stranglehold on the U/17 "A Division" Grand Final for many years now, with pretty even results across the two Clubs. This particular Friday night produced one of the most spectacular, intense and exciting contests between two

very evenly matched teams. Needless to say that at 3-3 at the end of Regulation Time and 5-5 and the end of extra time, we came into "Golden Goal" Territory. Pulses were racing, hearts were pounding, women were screaming, men were shouting (both Clubs) and then that magic moment, Glebe scored – the place went nuts, the Sutho boys were shattered, the Glebe boys were ecstatic. Glebe had won. But truly, Hockey was the winner on this night. Simply, a superb exhibition of Hockey from two very fine team of young men.

On Sunday 29 August at the CAJHA Grand Finals held at the Moorebank-Liverpool Hockey Complex, The Glebe Junior's had three (3) Teams represented:

- U/15 Redbacks – A Division
- U/13 Redbacks – A Division
- U/13 Hornets – C Division

At the end of the day, the Glebe Juniors had one Premiership, our mighty U/13 Hornets. A great Team effort – well done Peter Wark and Nell Graham and of course the Players. Unfortunately, our U/13 and U/15 Redbacks lost their respective Matches, with the U/13 Game going into extra time. All players from these two teams were gracious in defeat and were proud ambassadors of the Glebe Junior Hockey Club. It was as always great to see so many Glebe Supporters out at Moorebank to cheer on the players.

I feel it is appropriate to make special mention of Catherine Wark. Catherine commenced playing grade with the Glebe Juniors in 1997. The Wark name is ingrained in Glebe Hockey. Catherine is a past winner of The Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan Trophy (our Major Junior Award). Catherine leaves the Glebe Juniors at the end of Season 2004 with NSWHA State Representation Honours in 2002, 2003 and 2004. Catherine is the perfect example of a truly dedicated Club person. Always there for her fellow team members, her Coach and Manager and the Club which she obviously adores, where she has played such wonderful Hockey for the past eight years. On behalf of the Glebe Juniors, thanks Catherine and we wish you well playing with the Glebe Women's Club and future Representative Honours..

The CAJHA is comprised of six clubs – Bankstown, Glebe, Moorebank, Randwick-UNSW, St George and Sutherland. For many years now, Glebe and Sutherland have been the two dominant Clubs, consistently battling it out in the "A Division" Grand Finals in all three Age Divisions. The last couple of years, however, to the betterment of the CAJHA Competition, the other Clubs have shown significant

improvement in their competitiveness so that we now see once struggling clubs, Randwick-UNSW immediately comes to mind, contesting for Grand Final berths. This does not mean that Glebe and Sutherland have dropped off the pace in any way, both Clubs for as long as I can remember fight neck and neck for the Club Championship every year, it is just that the other four Clubs have probably observed and acted on the success and operations of Glebe and Sutho over the past few years.

At the end of the Regulation Season, once again Sutherland emerged victorious in the CAJHA Club Championship. As you can see from the Club Championship Points Table, Sutho and Glebe are “way out there” with Randwick UNSW a distant third

2004 Results

U/17'1	Premiers	A Division	SHA
U/17'2	Third	C Division	SHA
U/15 Redbacks	Second	A Division	CAJHA
U/15 Strikers	Fifth	B Division	CAJHA
U/15 Hornets	Fourth	B Division	CAJHA
U/13 Redbacks	Second	A Division	CAJHA
U/13 Strikers	Fourth	B Division	CAJHA
U/13 Hornets	Premiers	C Division	CAJHA
U/11 Redbacks	Third	A Division	CAJHA
U/11 Strikers	Fourth	B Division	CAJHA
U/11 Hornets	Sixth	C Division	CAJHA

Many Thanks

At the beginning of Season 2004, in consultation with Mark Noller, Assistant Junior Convenor, and Mark's wife, Deb (the Glebe Hockey Club Website expert) we decided that Mark would take a far more active role in the overall administration and operation of the Glebe Junior Club. The reason for this is that 2004 will be my last year as Junior Convenor, with Mark taking over my role in 2005 (subject to the Annual General Meeting). I have been in the role since 2000 (5 years) and after consultation with my family felt that five years was long enough in the one position. Mark has been a tower of strength over the past couple of years, and I sincerely believe will do an excellent job. Three out of the four Noller children play Junior Hockey with Glebe, and with my elder son, Nathan moving up to the U/17's, and 2005 already his third year of Men's Grade, it was a relatively uncomplicated decision to finally step aside and let a younger person pick up the reins. Mark and Deb have been in charge of our Junior Carnival for the past two years, so the experience is already in place.

On that note, I am sure that Mark would greatly appreciate some hands up from Glebe Junior parents in regards to taking over the operational control of the Glebe Junior Carnival in 2005. Obviously, as the Junior Convenor he cannot continue in his role (along with his wife, Deb) as the Junior Carnival Convenors, as it is simply too much work for two people to

organise by themselves. I should know as I approached Mark & Deb at the beginning of Season 2003 asking them to look after the Glebe Junior Carnival as I knew that there was simply no way that I could continue to organise it largely by myself. Obviously Mark, Deb and myself will be actively involved and offer support where needed, but I feel it is time for some of the younger parents to take a more active role in the administration and operations of the Glebe Juniors.

I would also like to congratulate Deb on her efforts as Secretary for CAJHA in Season 2004. Deb has once again done a wonderful job with excellent communications between the CAJHA Executive and Committee and the Central Area Clubs. Deb has completely up-dated the Glebe Hockey Club Web-Site which now is user friendly, with all sections of the Club contributing with match results, match dates and venues and team reports. As in Season 2004, ALL communications regarding the Glebe Juniors for Season 2005 will be via e-mail and the Club Web-Site. As mentioned last year, we encourage Team Managers, Coaches and Club Members to down-load information such as Match Reports, Scores etc, onto the Web-Site. Deb is happy to help and provide assistance in regards to this.

Once again a very big thank you to Ron Cheong, our Club House Manager. Ron has had this position for a few years now, and this year we have seen a new Bar Fridge, Bar and Served Counter and Carpet installed. The Club House is now far more user friendly and all sections of the Club are now benefiting from these improvements. Once again thank you to Steve McConnell and Peter Holmes – our Resident BBQ Chefs. They really put out for the Glebe Juniors and continued to supply that great crispy bacon rind. Again a big thanks to the “Canteen Girls” – Elizabeth Flemming, Pauline Holyoake, Vonnie Dart, Chris Newton, Dawn Baker, Julie McConnell, and all others who helped out on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings.

What do you say about Harry Wark, the Junior Club's Resident Wednesday night “Warm-Up” Coach. Harry has been doing this for many, many years now. He was doing it when my son Nathan started playing Junior Grade in 1997 and even though the “new recruits” are sometimes in awe of his immense voice they soon realise that Harry is there for them and both players and parents are deeply indebted to Harry for his effort and boundless enthusiasm he has for not only the Glebe Juniors but all sections of the Club.

To our Junior Coaches and Managers in Season 2004 – simply thank you. I know that all the Players' parents appreciate the huge amount of time and effort that you all put into the Glebe Junior Teams. Again it was great to see former Glebe Juniors coaching in 2004 – Matt Wark, Melissa Newton, Peter Wark and Kylie Lawson.

Coaches and Managers in 2004

Team	Coach	Manager/s
U/17-1	Les Wark	Keith Marsh John Cullen
U/17-2	Matthew Wark/Stefen Madycki	Craig Bagley
U/15 Redbacks	George Manou	Ian Turnbull
U/15 Strikers	Harry Wark	David Small
U/15 Hornets	Marvin Lamond	Susan Berry
U/13 Redbacks	Michael Bougoukas	Shane Brown
U/13 Srikers	Kylie Lawson	Jonathan Gillis Patricia Gillis
U/13 Hornets	Peter Wark	Nell Graham
U/11 Redbacks	Melissa Newton	Mary McDonald
U/11 Strikers	Phil Sheard	Beth Rushmer
U/11 Hornets	Greg Organ	Steve McConnell

Mark and I personally thank all these people for their time, effort, dedication and loyalty to the Glebe Junior Hockey Club. A number of these good people have already accepted Coaching Positions in 2005 and these are:

George Manou, Michael Bougoukas, Phillip Sheard, Matthew Wark, Melissa Newton, Kylie Lawson and Greg Organ.

I would like to acknowledge a relatively new member to the Glebe Club – Ian Turnbull. Ian has been associated for many years with Hockey at both Junior and Senior Levels. He played most of his Senior Hockey with the St George Club and represented NSW at both Junior and Senior Level. IN 2003 Ian and his son Adam made a conscious decision to make the Glebe Club their home for the future. Adam has represented at both Sydney and State level for Field and Indoor Hockey and this year commenced playing Men's Grade. I make mention of this, as Ian is the current President of the SJHA and Vice President of the CHJHA. Ian has made it very clear that he will endeavour to pursue the interests of the Glebe Hockey Club wherever possible without compromising his official positions. Ian this year was the Manager/Assistant Coach to our U/15 Redback Runner's Up.

Junior Carnival

Mark & Deb Noller's report on our own Glebe Junior Carnival is contained within this Report. The Glebe Juniors were invited to only one other Carnival in 2004 – St George. This was held at their brand new Synthetic Field at Kyeemah. Age Groups contested were U/11's and 13's only and as usual Glebe sent along a large contingent of teams. As usual the St George Carnival was held on the first Sunday of the start of the CAJHA Competition and as usual it was raining. All Glebe Teams performed well and as one Senior St George Official remarked to me that day – "we can always count on Glebe to participate at our Carnival, because without your Club we would not have a Junior Carnival". I suppose that is why the

Glebe Juniors were invited to play the very first game on the new turf at the Official Opening of the new field in March. I sincerely thank David Wells, President of the St George/Arncliffe Scotts Hockey Club for inviting our U/11 Redbacks to play in that first Official Game at the Opening of the new ground. The game was played with tremendous spirit with fittingly the St George U/11 Team emerging victorious. Again a special mention to David as he asked two SJHA Badged Umpires – Nathan Dart and Adam Turnbull, who happen to be Glebe Juniors, to umpire the match – a very sporting gesture.

Minkey Hockey

Season 2004 was just a wonderful year for our youngest players in the Junior Club. Saturday after Saturday, 30, 40, 50 sometimes 60 kids down at Jubilee either on the main ground itself or under the Date Palms, Vernon Howe, Phil Winwood and Tony Cowan gathered the kids to have fun. Their boundless enthusiasm, dedication and willingness with the kids and the Club is awe inspiring. Tom Browell is our Minkey Convenor – what can you say except Thank You!!! Tom's Minkey Report is contained within this Report.

Umpire Development

As mentioned in last years Annual Report, CAJHA in conjunction with the Sydney Junior Hockey Umpires Association (SJHUA) began a big push to recruit Junior Umpires. At the end of Season 2003, the Glebe Juniors had three SJHUA Badged Umpires – Ross Bougoukas, Nathan Dart and Adam Turnbull. At our Annual Junior Carnival, Sam Noller (U/15 Redbacks) and Alex Sheard (U/13 Redbacks) were awarded their SJHUA Junior Badge – well done guys. CAJHA in 2003 requested that each Club endeavour to have six (6) SJHUA Badged Umpires by the end of Season 2004. We have five (5) – nearly there. Special mention of Nathan Dart and Adam Turnbull who represented the SJHA at the NSWHA U/13 State Championships held at the Moorebank-Liverpool Hockey Complex from 03 to 05 July this year. Adam umpired the "A Division" Final and Nathan umpired the "A Division" Relegation Match. Adam also will be part of the U/13 NSWHA State Team as an Umpire. Nathan also received an "Umpire Coaches Award" and Adam received an "Umpire Achievement Award". Both boys umpired extremely well which culminated in them receiving their NSWHA State "C" Badge. This means that the two boys can umpire Senior Men's and Women's Grade Matches. During the CAJHA Finals Series, all five boys umpired and did extremely well.

During the CAJHA Finals Series all five boys umpired throughout the series and on Grand Final day Ross umpired the U/11 "A Division" Grand Final while Sam and Alex umpired the U/11 "B Division" Grand Final. Nathan and Adam declined their Grand Final appointments as they had to play in Men's Major Semi

Finals on the Saturday before and then play in the U/15 "A Division" Grand Final. Congratulations to all five boys and Mark hopes to see a few more Glebe Juniors take up the Umpiring reigns in 2005.

Synthetic Turf

Harry Wark. – Chairman of the Glebe District Hockey Club's Synthetic Turf Committee has compiled a Report.

Indoor Hockey

Indoor Hockey, which is held after the end of our regular Field Season, is now an entrenched part of the Glebe Junior Hockey Calendar. The Glebe Juniors have been playing Indoor Hockey with the Sydney Junior Indoor Hockey Association (SIJHA), an off-shoot of the SJHA, for the past three years. The Indoor Competition usually commences in October and finishes in the week before Christmas. Over these three years, the Glebe Juniors have achieved outstanding results – winning a number of Premierships. A steadfast band of Glebe Junior Coaches and parents have continued to develop Indoor Hockey at Glebe and I would like to publicly thank them for their ongoing support – John Cullen, Keith March, Ian Turnbull, Jenna Price, Mick Bougoukas, Phillip Sheard, George Manou and Kate Jones.

In 2003-04 Ian Turnbull's U/14 Redback Team were Joint winners of the "A Division" Competition. From this SIJHA Competition a number of Glebe Juniors were selected to represent SIJHA at the NSWHA 2003 Indoor State Championships held each year at Unanderra, Wollongong. Sydney always performs well at these Age Division State Championships, and in January this year, the NSWHA U/16 State Indoor Team won the Australian U/16 National Title with Nathan Dart and Liam O'Donnell members of that outstanding success. Well done guys. I hope in Season 2004 that the Glebe Juniors continue to embrace the Indoor Game because I sincerely believe that playing the Indoor game improves the stick skills of the players. The Indoor game is so fast that the player's reaction time is improved immeasurably. This equates to better field players for the next season, particularly amongst our younger players.

A number of Glebe Junior Indoor Players have already been selected in NSWHA Indoor Squads for 2004/2005. These players are:

U/21 Luke Freeman

U/18 Nathan Dart, Luke Freeman

U/16 Nathan Dart, Teren Manou and Adam Turnbull

Fund Raising & Sponsorship

In Season 2004, the Junior Club's long standing major sponsor – The TOXTETH HOTEL, again supported the Club. The Murphy Family have been outstanding for many years now in their

sponsorship of the Glebe Juniors and on behalf of the Executive Committee and all Club Members I sincerely thank them – ONCE AGAIN for their ongoing commitment to the Glebe Hockey Club and in particular the Junior Club. Mark and Shaughan Murphy have actively been wonderful sponsors of the Junior Club and increased their commitment this year by providing a number of Bistro Dining Vouchers in conjunction with Ian Paterson's South African Fund Raising Night down at the Club House. Actually it was my wife Vonnette (Vonnie) who provided the Vouchers but she prefers to remain in the background when it comes to this sort of thing. Vonnie says one Big Head (me) in the family is enough. The Toxteth Hotel also provided a large number of boxes of chips at both our Annual Junior Carnival and Presentation Days.

In 2004, the company that I work for – The JourneyMasters Pty Ltd, the Travel Management Company of the National Rugby League, Australian Rugby League and NSW Rugby League – again provided sponsorship to the Club in the form of 4 tickets to "State of Origin 1" in Sydney, and also two (2) nights accommodation at the Crown Plaza Coogee Beach in Sydney as the major auction prize at our annual Trivia Night. I am very pleased to say that Aaron Oman, our Men's First Grade Captain bid the most for this prize and I am sure it will be greatly enjoyed.

Again, The Annual Rotary Raffle provided much needed income for the whole Club – well done Amrat!! The Glebe Juniors once again organised the two biggest Fund Raisers for the whole Club – our Annual Junior Carnival and Trivia Night. My heartfelt thanks to Mark & Deb Noller for the Carnival and Chris Newton, Elizabeth Fleming, Julia Stahl (McConnell) and Vonnie Dart for the Trivia Night.

The Men's Club held a couple of after match BBQ's at the Club House, whilst the Women's Club held a Kareoke Night which from all reports were well attended and great successes.

In Conclusion

As I said in last year's report, Season 2005 has again been one of mixed emotions. Personally, I feel that this year the Junior Club ran extremely smoothly, largely due to the efforts of Mark Noller. By encouraging Mark to take a far more active and hands-on role in the overall control and operation of the Juniors, I sincerely believe that I will pass on the reins to a very dedicated and knowledgeable guy, who now has the experience to continue to guide and hopefully build on the decades of successes of the Glebe Junior Hockey Club. This year the weather was particularly kind to us (until Grand Final Day) and all teams were able to play their Competition Matches on time and rain free.

As always our Junior presence at all levels of Representative Hockey was extremely strong. This wonderful Representative achievement is no doubt a follow on from the sensational Glebe Junior Hockey Club Minkey Program overseen by Vernon Howe. To Vernon and his band of merry helpers, a big thank you. The Minkey Hockey Program continues to grow each year and we are now seeing the benefit in our Men's and Women's Grade Teams as these Minkey kids of many years past now play Senior Grades with Glebe and a number go on to represent CHJHA, SJHA, SHA, NSWHA and ultimately Australia.

Congratulations to Alister Cullen (U/17 1) on his selection in the Australian U/16 All Schools Team. As always a comprehensive list of all Glebe Junior Representative Players is contained within this Report.

To Bob Taylor and his Executive Committee, another great year of keeping The Glebe District Hockey Club at the forefront of Sydney Hockey. Unfortunately our quest for our "Own Turf" still continues. Hopefully Leichhardt Oval "No 2" will be successful for the Club.

I have had a wonderful five years as the Glebe Junior Convenor and wish Mark Noller every success in his time as Junior Convenor. To all Players, Parents and Supporters – thank you!!!!

See you all "Under the Arches in 2005"

Andrew Dart

Synthetic Turf Report

Glebe District Hockey Club's attempts to acquire a site, on which to build a Synthetic Hockey Field (1984-2004)

Because of the climatic conditions, the Olympic hockey tournament played at the Montreal in 1976 was played on synthetic grass. The true run of the ball and the durability of synthetic grass was recognised by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) as being having advantages over conventional grass hockey fields.

It was not long after the Montreal Olympics that the FIH mandated that all international fixtures had to be conducted on synthetic grass hockey fields. To ensure that hockey internationals could be played in Sydney, the State Government built the State Sports Centre at Homebush, which was opened in 1984. In 1984 the facility at Homebush had one wet turf and one sand turf. From 1984 all first grade games in the Sydney Hockey Association (SHA) domestic competition have been played on synthetic grass hockey fields and from 1996 all men's competition games under the control of the SHA have been played on synthetic grass hockey fields. The transition from only first grade playing on synthetic grass hockey fields, to all men's competition games being conducted on synthetic grass, occurred over 12 years. This transition was facilitated by the installation of progressively more synthetic hockey fields around Sydney including, in no particular order, Moorebank (two fields), Sutherland, Bankstown, Ryde, Concord, Little Bay, Turramurra and MLC School. Burwood.

1980's – A look at Federal

Officials of the Glebe Club realised in 1984 that for hockey to flourish in the Glebe area, it had to have access to a local synthetic grass hockey field. In 1984 Club officials Kevin Sweeney and Arthur Moir approached the Wentworth Park Trust about the possibility of installing a synthetic hockey field at Wentworth Park, inside the greyhound-racing track. After preliminary discussions with Mr Dick Healy, the then Chairman of the Trust, it became clear that because of the number of meetings and trials to satisfy

greyhound racing requirements at Wentworth Park, access to a hockey there would be too restricted. Attempts to site a synthetic hockey field at Wentworth Park ceased in late 1984.

Between 1984 and 1987, the Hockey Club was actively seeking a site on which to build a synthetic grass hockey field, but nothing was found.

During 1987 the Hockey Club's Secretary, the late Keith Paterson had discussions with Leichhardt Council about siting a synthetic turf hockey field at the Hockey Club's home ground, Federal Park Annandale. The Hockey Club had first used Federal Park for hockey in 1964.

Keith lodged a DA for a synthetic hockey field at Federal Park, with Leichhardt Council in November 1987. There was an onsite inspection and community meeting in March 1988, attended by around 100 people, some Councillors of Leichhardt Council and several Council Officers. At the onsite meeting 90 people supported the hockey field proposal, but there were several people, mainly from the Save Rozelle Bay Group, that firmly opposed the concept of the natural grass being replaced by synthetic turf and for the field to be fenced off from the public.

The Save the Rozelle Bay Group lobbied successfully, and effectively prevented the passage of the DA through Council. For the next 3 years, the Hockey Club explored with Council, the possibility of siting a synthetic turf field at sites other than Federal Park. Sites considered at that time included Harold Park, Wentworth Park, Jubilee Oval and Lambert Park at Leichhardt.

The 1990's – Harold Park

In the early 90's, the Hockey Club participated at several Rozelle Bay Working Party Planning