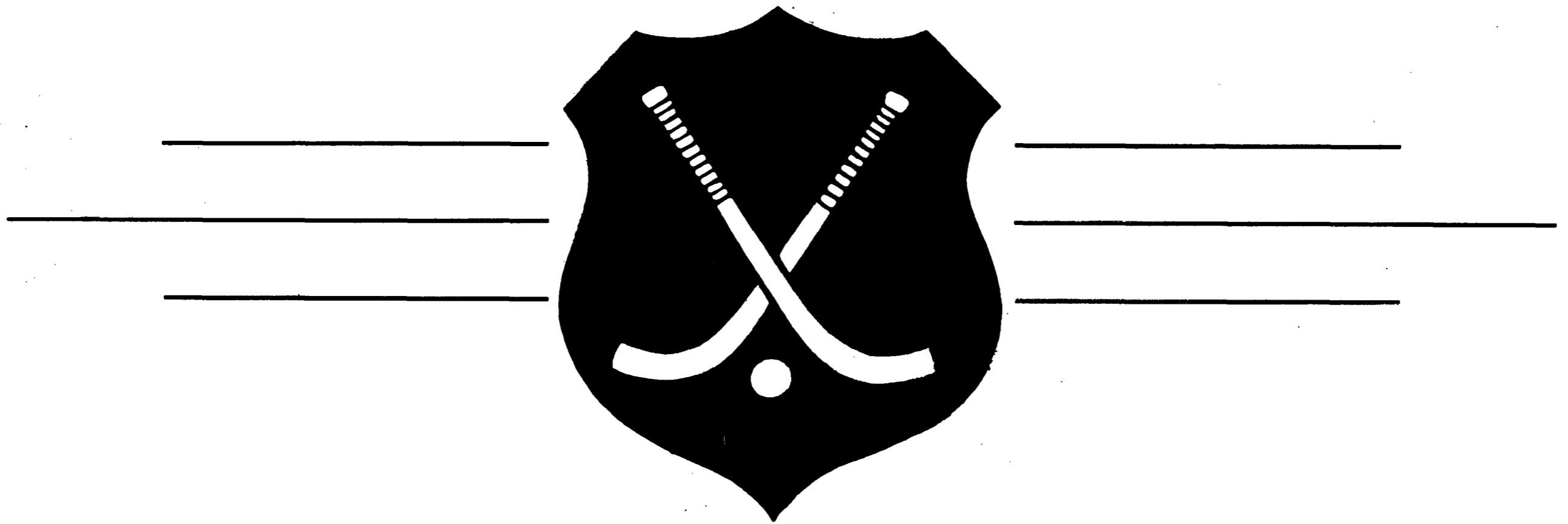


# Glebe District Hockey Club



**Thirty-Sixth**

**Annual Report & Balance Sheet**

**SEASON**

**1968**

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

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FOUNDER : THE LATE REV. BRO. McCARTEN KEEGAN

PATRON : J. KENNY ✓

PRESIDENT : W. STUBBS ✓

SEN. VICE PRESIDENT : H.A. WARK SNR. ✓

HON. SECRETARY : F.P. LETTS

HON. ASST. SEC. : ~~A. MORLEY~~ G. LISK LEFT THE CLUB JUNE 1968 ~~GA~~

HON. TREASURER : ~~W. STUBBS~~ K WARK

HON. ASST. TREAS. : ~~S. STEVENS~~ J. McDONNAN

CLUB CAPTAIN : R. BROWN

CLUB VICE CAPT.: K. WARK

PUBLICITY OFFICER : ~~W. STUBBS~~ D. BROWN

~~DELEGATES TO S.H.A.~~ J. COWAN P. NILAN ~~W. STUBBS~~ C.B. Brown

JUNIOR ASSOC. :

~~DELEGATES TO S.H.A. : H. WARK D. STEVENS~~

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE :

W. STUBBS ✓	F. LETTS ✓	<del>L. WEATE</del> K. WARK
R. BROWN ✓	G. GILMOUR	P. NILAN
H. WARK SNR. ✓	P. ROGERS	<del>D. STEVENS</del> - RESIGNED

REPLACED BY  
J. COWAN

PROVISIONAL SELECTION K. WARK ~~D. STEVENS~~ D. BROWN

COMMITTEE : L. NEEDHAM ~~H. WARK~~ M. HOWE ~~T. HAYES~~ W. STUBBS

LIFE MEMBERS :

J. QUINLAN	J. WORLEY	J. KENNY
H. WARK SNR.	W. RYAN	K. DICKEY

HON. AUDITOR : R. PAYNE-SCOTT F.A.S.A.

HON. SOLICITOR : G. SALIER ✓

EQUIPMENT OFFICER : ~~C. WILSON~~ J. COWAN, Dayke

CARNIVAL ORGANISER : J. CAMERON.

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GENTLEMEN :

On behalf of myself and the Management Committee I present to you the 36th Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Glebe District Hockey Club, for consideration and adoption.

1968 was a season of mixed fortune. Our 1st Grade for the second year in succession was defeated in the Semi-Final in which they did not produce the form they had shown throughout the 2nd round of the 1968 season. The difference between the two sides was probably a little more determination by the North Sydney players plus that run of the play luck at the right moment. A determined deserved win by Norths who gave the eventual Premiers Moorebank, a shock in the final. Our congratulations to Moorebank on a fine and well deserved premiership victory.

In contrast 2nd and 3rd grades again won their respective competitions. 2nds their 5th in a row and thirds their 3rd in a row. Well done both teams. Both sides had their moments during the year but as the year progressed they improved immeasurably to become Premiers. A special mention to a new Member, that is Tom Harvey, and a sincere thank you for making a special trip from Melbourne two (2) week-ends in a row to play in the finals.

All the Club members to be congratulated on again winning the Club Championship, our 15th in 21 years (including one joint win with Ryde) and our 5th in a row. Well done.

To Fourth Grade, our commiserations, on a disappointing year, but it is about time we established some way in giving greater support to this grade. The management Committee is at present investigating the possibility of obtaining another ground close to Jubilee Oval so that at least half of their games will be played close to home. Maybe this will help as we may be able to have some supporters attend these games plus the fact that with a bit of organisation we may have a 5th Grade in 1969.

FINANCIAL

Financially the Club had one of its worst in a number of years. Although our expenses were comparative in total with the previous two (2) years our income was more than cut in half. This was brought about by the failure of the Majority of the members failing to attend the few socials provided and in particular the neglect of the members to support the 250 and 100 Clubs the Management Committee attempted to start.

The main reason for decrease in funds is the failure of the Club to raise or produce income and I only hope that 1969 there will be a drive to increase our financial funds.

JUNIORS :

The Club had five (5) teams in 1968. Although the only premier-ship we won, was by the Under 10 Glebe Team, all teams performed in a manner which was a credit to the Glebe Club. Congratulations to all teams and to the Glebe Under 10's on their 2nd Premiership win in a row. Also to Graham Gilmour their coach, well done Graham.

= To the coaches and main supports and organisers the Club thanks you for the time and effort they put into the Juniors. They were, Graham Gilmour, Pat Nilan, Robert Brown, Colin Brown, John Cowan, Russ Nicholls, Molly Wark and Col Dean. There were others but these were the main ones who turned up most weeks, in fact there was a number who turned up regularly as spectators. Although the roster system helped there was definitely greater interest shown by the majority of the members during the 1968 season. This is good for the Juniors as it will make them keener in the coming years. The best performed Roster Team was that led by Russ Nicholls and a small presentation will be made to his roster team members.

The roster system will operate again in 1969 so to all members where possible, get behind it. A grateful thank you to Glebe Police Boys Club for their assistance in supplying two (2) teams and equipment for 1968. It helped the Club's funds immeasurably.

Finally a special thanks to a couple of the youngsters parents, that is, Cath Casey and Maureen Cowan for their efforts in helping the previous persons mentioned and the Club in raising funds, running socials and washing and caring for the Juniors equipment.

### SOCIALLY

1968 was probably our greatest season on record. No trip to Valley Brisbane, I believe the greatest fault in not going to Brisbane is because our Senior members (mainly 1st and 2nd grade players) showed lack of interest. I know that there is probably good reason for not going but we have given the Club a bad stigma in not going which will be hard to overcome in later years. Our sincere apologies to Valley for not repaying their 1967 visit in 1968. Lets start saving for the next trip which will probably be in 1970 as Valley has indicated their willingness to visit in 1969.

Most socials were not run at a loss and those who attended had an enjoyable time.

Although West Newcastle Leagues day cost us a few dollars it was one our our most successful socials for 1968. We have to repay the visit in 1969 by sending three (3) teams. Let us all get behind it and go.

The Annual Cabaret was a ripper and our most successful in years. Yes, we made a profit on the night.

To Cath Casey for holding a B.B.Q. at her place to the other members who made their places available. Lets have more well attended socials in 1969.

To the members, their wives and girl-friends who gave their time to help during the year at socials, hockey games and carnivals, and made each of these events successful, I would like to thank all of them on behalf of the Management Committee and the Club Members.

I would like to thank the Management Committee, all Office Bearers, and sundry workers for their help during the past year. In particular to our Secretary, Fred Letts and his wife Carole thank you very much. There are few people in this Club who realise the work that Fred, as secretary, does for the Club even to the extent of this year, attending ordinary committee meetings with the members who have had to appear. On behalf of the members thank you Fred.

Finally, we have had a few set-backs in 1968, let us put them behind us, start afresh for 1969, take a feather out of the cap of those who have shown us that we would all do a little bit of work for the Club, put our noses and shoulders to the ground and lets steam roll the opposition in 1969, both on and off the field. Make Glebe remain on top in 1969 and in the years to come.

In conclusion from the Club members to Pat Nilan and the rest of the Australian Team - congratulations on a wonderful performance in winning the Silver Medal at the games.

I wish every member the best for Christmas and a Happy New Year and every success both on and off the field in 1969.

BILL STUBBS  
PRESIDENT.

The season was again very successful for the Glebe Club, although we missed out on the big one again. The highlights of the season being Pat Nilan's selection in the Australian Olympic Team and Brian Howe and the Easybeats, coming from almost impossible position to win the 3rd grade premiership.

The season started with the pre-season competition at Manly where we lost "OUR" Bisley Shield to Moorebank by the odd goal. I thought we were very stiff but that's the way it goes "sometimes the whistle blows sometimes it doesn't" as we all found out during the season.

Both second and third grade wins in the Grand Final showed the real Glebe fighting spirit, it was only determination and guts that got them there, well done fellows and Congratulations.

Training attendances this year was the best for many years and I must thank Ken Wark for doing a great job on Wednesday nights. To those players who didn't bother to put an effort into training, I would like to thank you for making the selectors job twice as hard and next year you might find yourself on the sidelines. (I hope so, anyway.)

Juniors again had quite a good season with the under 10 team again successful in both Zone and Sydney competitions. The roster system which was brought in effect this year operated very well and I am sure this will be on in the years to come, it is very encouraging for the kids to have two or three senior members in attendance with each team every Saturday morning. I must mention the great work that Col Deane and Russ Nicholls done with the Under 16 team this year. Col is from the Valley Club and is a very good Club man to get hold of, I wish a few of our members would put as much work into the Club as he did during the season. PAT NILANS selection in the Olympic Team was a reward for the work and dedication that he puts into the game. I am sure that everybody in this club can feel proud that Pat is a member of this great Club, well done Pat.

Socially, the year was not a good one in respect of the number of socials held and the number of people that attended them. The second B.B.Q. at Kath Casey's and the Mexican Night were beauties, as all socials should be. The work that Kath Casey put into this Club is tremendous.

West Newcastle Leagues Club visit to us was a great day, the games played against them were all good the way hockey should be played. Winning two games to one we only just had the edge on them, when we return the visit next year make sure that you will be available as we will be really well looked after. I guarantee it.

In conclusion I would like to thank John Cowan for helping me during the season by painting the balls and looking after them for me.

What you put into this Club you gain by it so get into it next year and do your share. We are the Top Club in Sydney so lets keep it that way.

Remember, WE LEAD, OTHERS FOLLOW. DON'T FORGET IT.

Robert Brown  
Club Captain.



1st GRADE REPORT :

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I don't think I have seen a Glebe first grade team so inconsistent as the team this year. At times we played brilliant hockey and other times so pathetic, you would not believe it.

After being undeafed in the second round I thought that this was going to be our year, but once again we saw it slip through our fingers to the expense of North Sydney in the Semi-Finals.

During the season we missed many opportunities to score by bad goal shooting, this is something we must overcome if we are going to get back on top.

I feel another of our downfalls was the lack of dedication to training and games. It's no good if some players go into a game with a half hearted effort, no matter how strong or weak the opposition is every player must give his full effort in games and training.

Here is a very brief summary of the team:-

G. MANOU - Gary's game this year was disappointing after the promise he showed last season, but the experience he gained will really help him next year.

G. GILMOUR - Played well throughout the season and was one of the most consistent players in the team.

S. SINGH - Trapping of the ball was Sam's main asset, and when the pressure was on he was as cool as a cucumber.

B. GOODRICH - Showed the ability he has always had and played well although ran out of steam a few times.

C. DEANE - Our import this year from the Valley Club, played well throughout the year and I think only through injury he would have won Sydney's best and fairest competition.

MARTIN HOWE - Had his best season ever and will be a first class player in years to come.

D. BROWN - Scored some spectacular goals during the year but missed the easy ones. If he was fitter it would have been a different story.

R. BROWN - Lead the side to the best of my ability, but i feel I failed a few times.

H. WARK Jr. - Had a good season but must learn to control himself on the field.

D. STEVENS - Was on the ball all the time but was a little astray with his goal shooting maybe his broken thumb had something to do with it.

P. NILAN - The most constructive forward in the Team and made many fine runs.

R. NICHOLLS - Played well early in the season -

I would like to thank other players who played with us during the year, namely; K. WARK, G. GRIFFITHS, C. SMITH, J. McDONOGH, W. STUBBS, AND L. NEEDHAM.

In conclusion I would like to congratulate Pat Nilan on his selection in the Australian Olympic Team and the winning of a Silver Medal.

R. BROWN  
Team Captain.

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2nd GRADE REPORT

Congratulations 2nd Grade on a fine determined 2nd Grade Premiership victory. The Club's fifth consecutive win and the sixteenth 2nd Grade Premiership since 1931.

This years teams playing record was not as good as in previous years but their high spirits, enthusiasm and will to win, paid dividends.

If at the start of the second round and even after three (3) second round games someone had said that the seconds would finish five (5) points clear of any other team I would not have believed them but as the competition came to a close, the youngsters in the team improved immensley and with our experienced members pushed the team to the top.

The final record of the team was 13 wins, 5 draws and 2 losses.

The Grand Final Team was :-

L. Weate, K. Wark, G. Lisk, G. GRiffiths, L. Needham, N. Pye,  
R. Wark, J. McDonogh, W. Stubbs, G. Dunn, C. Smith.

Of this team only two played in the 1967 team they were :-

L. Weate, and W. Stubbs. To me the performance by this team in winning the competition was the best shown during the past three years. I say this, because the team was underated early in the season and the team comprised a couple of young promising players and a few inexperienced players. All these players improved and with the experience of Len Needham and Ken Wark the final result was the best result.

To this Grand Final Team my thanks and congratulations for a whole hearted effort and my thanks to all those other players who during the year played with the seconds, especially Tom Harvey, it was unfortunate that Tom was not with the seconds in the finals, but he served the Club with distinction in third grade.

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I would like to give a special thank you to Ken Wark and Len Needham for their advice, assistance and keenness to develop the team during the year and in the finals also to Des Wise for his advice during the finals.

To the younger members R. Wark, N. Pye, J. McDonogh, and G. Lisk well done and I hope to see you all playing at least 2nd Grade in 1969.

Of all the players in seconds the finest performance in the finals was that of Graham Lisk. If he continues to play this brand of Hockey his chances of playing 1st Grade are better than even money. Well done Graham keep it up, first grade is just around the corner.

Finally the youngest player in the team, Robert Wark, who improved a lot from the beginning of the year will undoubtedly improve twice as much in years to come. To you Robert, listen to the experienced players, digest and evaluate the information, then go out and play your own natural game blending this information to your own game.

This advice not only applies to Robert Wark but to all players, young and old, as there are a few players who can pass their knowledge and experience to the players of the Club.

Also in note of thanks to Garry Dunn who has since returned to Ivanhoe in Victoria, I am sorry he has left us.

Well done seconds lets make it six (6) consecutive premierships in 1969. I know you can do it, prove it to the rest of the Club and other Clubs.

BILL STUBBS.

Team Captain.