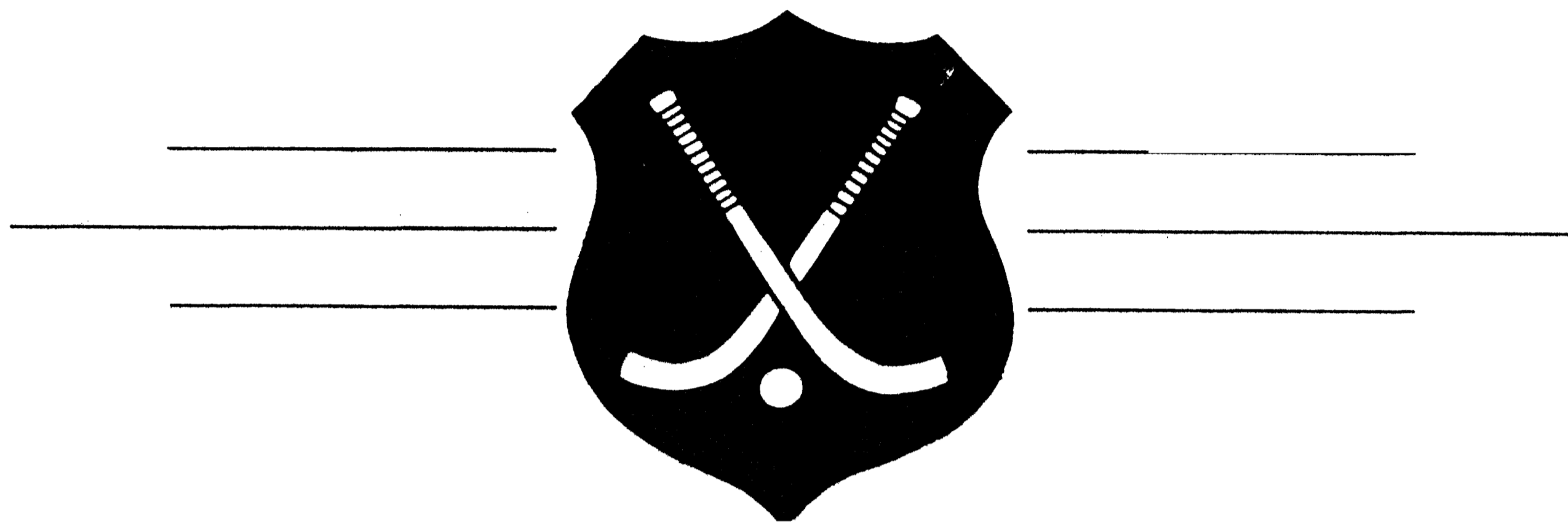


# Glebe District Hockey Club



**Thirty-Ninth**

**Annual Report & Balance Sheet**

**SEASON**

**1971**

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

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 PATRON <sup>^</sup> : J. KENNY  
 PRESIDENT : ~~W. J. STUBBS~~ P. Nilan  
 SEN. VICE PRESIDENT : ~~H. WARK SNR.~~ G. Gilmore  
 HON. SECRETARY : F. P. LETTS. <sup>^</sup>  
 HON. ASST. SECRETARY : ~~G. DEAN~~ P. Rogers  
 HON. TREASURER : F. WHITEMAN <sup>^</sup>  
 HON. ASST. TREASURER : G. MANOU <sup>^</sup>  
 CLUB CAPTAIN : ~~D. J. NEILAN~~ M. Howe  
 CLUB VICE CAPTAIN : ~~MARTIN HOWE~~ R. BROWN  
 JUNIOR CONVENOR : J. ATTERTON <sup>^</sup>  
 PUBLICITY OFFICER : ~~P. ROGERS~~ G. Hulme  
 CLUB COACH : ~~P. J. NEILAN~~ K. WARK  
 CLUB ASST. COACH : G. GILMOUR <sup>^</sup>  
 CLUB TRAINER : ~~J. ATTERTON~~ G. MANOU.  
 CLUB ASST. TRAINER : ~~K. WARK~~ J. ATTERTON.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE : M. Howe  
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 P. Nilan K. WARK G. Gilmore Rev. B. Dunn H. WARK  
 G. Gilmore M. HOWE, K. WARK Rev. B. Dunn

Selection Committee  
LIFE MEMBERS :

J. QUINLAN J. WORLEY J. KENNY B. Howe  
 W. RYAN K. DICKEY H. WARK SNR.  
 K. WARK P. NILAN

HON. AUDITOR : R. PAYNE-SCOTT F.A.S.A. <sup>^</sup>  
 HON. SOLICITOR : G. A. SALIER <sup>^</sup>  
 EQUIPMENT OFFICERS : ~~R. WARK~~ M. WEATHERLEY G. PUCKERIDGE  
 CARNIVAL ORGANISER : J. CAMERON <sup>^</sup>

Equip. Officers: J. Cameron, M. Weatherley, G. Puckeridge, R. Anderson  
 Leg. Matter: R. Birmingham

PRESIDENTS REPORT :

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Gentlemen,

On behalf of myself and the Management Committee, I present to you the 39th Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Glebe District Hockey Club, for your consideration and adoption.

In 1971 we fielded five (5) Senior Teams and with no success, even though four (4) of the five teams reached the semi-finals, with 2nd Grade playing in the finals and 5th Grade reaching the Grand Final. As President, it was extremely disappointing to find that our players could not fulfil one of the first requirements in playing Hockey - that is, trapping the ball, which is the first requirement we insist that our Juniors learn to do correctly. The inability to trap the ball, in particular 1st and 5th Grades, most surely cost us a premiership. The seniors will have to take a page out of the Juniors books and learn the fundamentals of the game, which has been drummed into the Juniors by some of our Senior players.

The most heartening feature during the year was the improvement shown by the younger Club members in Senior games. This surely sounds the warning that Glebe is on the march back to the top within two or three years, (I hope sooner) irrespective of the opinions of some St. George players and Club Members.

The Club congratulates all other Clubs, who were fortunate to win a premiership and a thank you to those teams who gave us sporting games during 1971. A special congratulations to St. George on winning for the 3rd consecutive year 1st and 2nd Grade Premiership and the Club Championship.

FINANCIAL

Our financial position continues to improve and our thanks and congratulations to Frank Whiteman for a job well done in controlling and collecting funds. Our Total Liquid funds are \$5,680, which includes Cash at Bank and on Hand \$3,680 and Investments \$2,000. Our Fund Raising efforts were :

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1. 250 Club - conducted by G. Manou, R. Nicholls and F. Whiteman, with the Secretary (F. Letts) always on hand to collect the cash when needed. Cash still to be collected is \$                      Again, as in previous years, a special thank you to Tom Casey for without Tom's special efforts the 250 Club may never have eventuated. Tom supplied approx. 40 names to the 250 Club.
  
2. Toxteth Hotel Raffle, conducted mainly by G. Gilmour with the assistance of K. "(Yogi)" Weekes, Colin Brown, the toxy drinkers with Chickens from the Wark's - Funds raised \$1,536 - Great effort workers and a hearty thank you from the Club.

Because of our 1971 Financial improvement there is no need to rest on our laurels, so when the 1972 Management Committee creates fund raising activities, make yourselves available and make sure it is successful. The Club needs your 100% financial support.

JUNIORS :

Well, whan can one say, success - year after year. In 1971, we became zone champions for all age groups. Under 10, 12, 14 and 16 while for the Sydney Titles we won the Under 12's and Under 14's - while the Club's under 16's were narrowly beaten 2-1 after extra time in the Final. The Under 10's were beaten in the Semi-Finals by the eventual Sydney premiers - Cumberland. The score being 3-2 after an extra 30 minutes. Cumberland easily won the Final 14-0, so our fellows were easily the second best Under 10's in Sydney and the Semi-Finals was really the final. Congratulations Juniors and Coaches for another great effort in making us the Junior Club Champions - Again. The Club will for many years to come, be indebted to the Junior Coaches and organisers, as it is apparent that our future strength will develop from these five young and talented teams. Thank you Graeme Gilmour, Charlie Brown, Colin Brown, Garry Manou, John Atterton, Pat Nilan, Kevin Weekes, Molly Wark Paul Casey and to all those other workers and supporters who turned up Saturday mornings to help the Juniors and Coaches. It was pleasing to note that some of our younger Senior Members were occasionally helping out without being

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It was pleasing to note that some of our younger Senior Members were occasionally helping out without being asked. Give encouragement to your friends and bring them with you. Remember we cannot be a Senior 1st Division Club, without having at least four (4) junior teams, so support T H E J U N I O R S.

Our thanks also to the Juniors parents and the Glebe Police Boys Club, who gave their assistance and support during 1971.

SOCIALS

We again experienced a poor social year even though our Social Committee worked hard to give you off the field entertainment. The functions that were organised and for those who attended, and did enjoy themselves, I thank you for your support. Our major social at Easter was again enjoyable and I believe the Valley boys extremely enjoyed themselves.

The Social Committee, I thank you for your support in 1971 and in particular Garry Manou who worked extremely hard before and during each social.

For 1972, let us all support the socials and not only make them enjoyable but also a financial success.

To all those persons who worked to make the Socials a success and to those persons who made their homes available we thank you sincerely.

To the members, their wives and girl-friends who gave their time to help during the year at Socials, Hockey Games, Hockey Carnivals and in particular worked on the Club House Canteen, making each of these vents successful. On behalf of myself, the Management Committee and Club Members - we thank you.

As President I would personally like to thank the Management Committee all Office Bearers and any other sundry workers, for their help in running the Club in 1971. To the Club Secretary Fred Letts and his wife Carole for another time-consuming good effort as Secretary, as we all know how difficult this job

is at various periods of the season, and finally my Wife Bev, for putting up with me and Hockey for another 12 months.

1971 was not as good as we hoped, but it would be pleasing if in 1972 a greater effort could be made to achieve our rightful position as No. 1 Senior Club in Sydney and N.S.W. The ultimate achievement is to win the Club Championship, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grades and with the youth now coming into our Senior Grades, I believe it will become a reality in the near future. Let our 1972 aims be higher than ever before.

In conclusion I deeply regret that for the coming twelve (12) months, I will not be able to make myself available for the position of President, nor a Member of the Management Committee. My expected business commitments for 1972 has made it extremely difficult to be able to give a 100% effort. As I cannot give a 100% effort, I do not believe that I should accept a position of so much importance when I know that someone else could give a greater effort in the management of this Club. I am extremely disappointed at not being able to continue as an official of the Club, let alone President. After being President 5 years, it is extremely hard to drop oneself from something you enjoy doing. It is worse than being dropped by the selectors. After being on the Management Committee for 13 of the last 14 years and a player since 1954. I hope I have not offended anyone in making this decision but I hope at some future time I will be able to return to the Management of the Club.

W. J. STUBBS.

PRESIDENT.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to present this the 39th Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

I feel that over all the year was a fairly successful one for the Club even though we failed to notch a Senior Premiership, but with the continued good efforts of our Juniors, their organisers and Coaches, and with the good efforts of the younger players coming into the Senior ranks I am certain the Club will go on to bigger and better things. It is not my intention to go into the Whys and Wherefores of the past season - playing wise as I am certain they will be well covered elsewhere in this report.

On behalf of all members of the Club I would like to thank John Atterton and his loyal band of Coaches, and helpers with the Juniors, I am sure that they were rewarded with the success of the junior players themselves, but how easier would their task be in keeping Glebe on top of the Junior Competition if only they had more thought and help from the Senior members, this help would be so welcome. A thought for all Senior Members - Juniors are the life blood of any Club such as ours - Will you help ?

The Financial report one would say at a glance is very rosy, but is it ? When one looks further you will realise that the Club has to raise approx. \$1,200 from other than members fees & subscriptions to keep the Clubs balance on the credit side of the ledger. We have managed to do this through the good work of Graham Gilmour and his band of helpers at the Toxteth Hotel but Gentlemen this is just not good enough, for this fund-raising venture could be cut off from the Club at any time and we should and must be able to raise this money from other sources and possibly the best help to the Club at the moment is Socials - but the support of the Club Members attending and supporting the Club is in one word deplorable.

I feel that I cannot go further without thanking a couple of Life Members of the club for the tremendous amount of work they have done for the Club in the past 12 months - I refer to Ken Wark who has mowed and looked after Federal Park virtually by himself and Pat Nilan who also almost single handedly built the Bar

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in the Club-house, not overlooking Darryl Fishenden and Kevin Doyle who painted the Clubhouse voluntarily.

Further I would like to thank Gaye and Lorna Brown and my Wife - Carole for the running of the Canteen every week - further to my Wife Carole - without her I would have failed miserably as your Secretary - the amount of work she does is enormous.

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank the Glebe Police Boys Club for their continued support and also Balmain Leagues Club for the Financial support.

In conclusion I would like to thank Col Dean for his help as my Assistant Secretary and as Minute Secretary at the Management Meetings and it is indeed a loss to the Club to bid Col Farewell on his return to Brisbane and I am certain every member wishes him the best in the future. Also to Russ Nicholls on his promotion to Newcastle once again we are going to miss Russ's ideas and we also wish him all the best for the future.

F. P. LETTS.

Hon. Secretary.



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A Y E A R   N O T   T O   R E M E M B E R   !

The Season of 1971 would be one of the most disappointing performances the Club has produced in recent years. With 4 out of 5 teams fielded making the Semis and no positive results. You could have bet "London to a brick" on 5th Grade, but they just got pipped on the post. The Senior members of the lower grades, particularly 4th and 5th Grade are to be congratulated on their efforts, both for their inspiration to the younger players and their encouragement of punctuality at all games.

While these Senior players are setting this standard, it is up to the junior members to follow their example. In fact all senior members, at all times, should be practising this ideal of example and encouragement. This is part of what we call "Club Spirit", and it is up to us, the senior members, to foster its growth.

Although our seniors failed in winning premiership honours, our juniors teams were rewarded for their effort with all 4 Teams making the Semis and the Under 16, Under 14 and Under 12 reaching the final. Congratulations to the Under 14 and Under 12's for their impressive win in the Finals.

As Club Captain, I would like to thank, on behalf of the whole club, JOHN ATTERTON, for his tremendous work as convenor, and all coaches, parents and supporters who put so much time and effort into training these kids.

To all representative players both State and Sydney, well done, and a special mention to Vernon Howe on his selection in the N.S.W. Under 14 Team. Vernon has tremendous potential, and with his unselfish and skilful displays throughout the carnival in Melbourne he was awarded the Best and Fairest Player.

With the '72 Season fast approaching we must endeavour to regain our position as the Premier Club. Last years results proved that our efforts were not good enough. Next year in an effort to regain the top position I would suggest :-

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CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT - CON'T...

1. An incentive scheme for players.
2. General Club Meetings (Monthly ?)
- 3. Fortnightly team talks and general discussion (tactics etc)
4. 100% co-operation from all members in regard to all aspects of Club-Life, which include, training and playing, fees, socials etc.

To Martin Howe, as Club Vice-Captain, thank you for your support throughout the season.

PAT NILAN  
CLUB CAPTAIN 1971.

1ST GRADE REPORT :

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SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR ! THAT WAS THE STORY OF THE 1ST GRADE THIS YEAR.

Starting off the Season in a blaze of glory - and glory it was. Taking out major honours in the St. George Carnival, the team continued to show the makings of a premiership combination with convincing wins against Sydney Uni. 9-0; Cumberland 6-0; St. George 3-2; and a 3-3 draw with Liverpool. The stage was set for the release of the stranglehold St. George had on the 1st Grade competition.

The 12th round match against North Sydney brought about our first defeat and two weeks later, after displaying shocking hockey fundamentals we lost to the low ranking Sutherland team, completely shattering our chances of the minor premiership.

The rest is history. However, our name will go into the record book for 1971, if only as one of the defeated ~~semi~~-finalists, without mentioning the fact that we were in a very commending position leading 2-0 against St. George at one stage.

I must congratulate St. George on being Premiers, not so much for winning but the way they won, their team spirit, determination, and will to win.

I feel the Glebe 1st Grade had all these things in mind but never completely mastering them in crucial games.

My thanks to all teams members who played throughout the season, and to Graeme Gilmour for his co-operation as Vice-Captain of the team.

In closing I would like to thank Russ Nicholls and Col Dean for their services and wish them well in their future Hockey.

Team Captain -  
PAT NILAN.