

Glebe District Hockey Club



Forty-first

Annual Report & Balance Sheet

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GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

FOUNDER :	The Late Rev. Bro. McCarten Keegan		
PATRON :	James Kenny		
PRESIDENT :	Patrick J. Nilan		
SEN. VICE PRESIDENT :	G. Gilmour		
HON. SECRETARY :	F.P. LETTS		
HON. ASSIST. SEC. :	S.P. ROGERS		
HON. TREASURER :	G. MORRISON		
HON. ASSIST. TREASURER :	R. JENKINS		
CLUB CAPTAIN :	R. BROWN		
CLUB VICE-CAPTAIN :	G. MANOU		
PUBLICITY OFFICER :	S.P. ROGERS		
CLUB COACH :	K. WARK		
CLUB TRAINER :	G. MANOU		
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE :	P. NILAN	G. GILMOUR	F.P. LETTS
	K. WARK	R. BROWN	G. MORRISON
	R. JENKINS	J. ATTERTON	R. ROCHESTER
LIFE MEMBERS :	J. QUINLAN	B. BATES	MRS. TAYLOR
	J. WORLEY	J. KENNY	K. DICKEY
	W. RYAN	H. WARK SNR.	K. WARK
	P. NILAN		
HON. AUDITOR.	F. WHITEMAN		
HON. SOLICITOR :	G. A. SALIER		
CARNIVAL ORGANISER :	H.J. CAMERON		
SELECTION COMMITTEE :	G. GILMOUR	K. WARK	R. BROWN
	Reserves:	W. STUBBS	B. HOWE
JUNIOR CONVENOR :	R. ROCHESTER	/	P. McQUADE

Congratulations again members on retaining the Club Championship, a result that each and everyone of us should be proud of - a result which again proved "WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS".

Fielding 5 Teams and with four teams playing off in the Grand Finals, resulting in 2nd and 4th Grades taking out a premiership.

To provide four teams for Grand Final Honours from a Club is a good result. The efforts of our selectors should not go unrecognised. They worked hard and put in a lot of overtime in selection of teams. A job really well done, under at times, some very hostile criticism. If we have a problem concerning selection, dont bitch about it, go through the correct channels to try and solve it.

I felt Club Spirit was, at times, higher than it has been for some years. Lets not forget this is one of the main ingredients for a happy and prosperous club. Let us all make a real endeavour in 1974 to keep this spirit alive.

The Social calendar for '73 is best forgotten ! Unfortunate but true !

The visit to Glebe from the Valley Club set the ball rolling and all looked set for a good season. Next to follow was a B.B.'Q. Talent Quest B.B.'Q & thats it. Sorry I forgot Grand Final night, at Caseys (what a mess).

If we are prepared to make ourselves available for any position we must be prepared to fulfill all the responsibilities associated with that job. The reason a committee is chosen to organise our socials is because of the fact that one or two members cannot & should not, have to try and cope with all the aspects of arranging a function. It is up to every committee member to fully involve himself with each task. Of course it goes without saying that their efforts should be backed up by every club member.

PRESIDENTS REPORT - CON'T....

JUNIORS :

We are lucky in one respect to have good junior players (who we hope will follow through to senior ranks) but should also be thankful that we have a strong committee guiding the junior affairs of the Club. Ralph Rochester, Pat McQuade and John Atterton, along with all the coaches and supporters gave another top performance throughout the year. Namely Gilly, Dennis Brown, Colin Brown and Garry Manou.

FINANCE :

Thanks to the efforts of our Treasurer Garry Morrison, our financial position still remains stable, and a comprehensive report is shown in the balance sheet.

Thanks also to Martin Howe for his fine effort in selling our stock of equipment, turned over just on \$1,000-00

1. Fund raising included Texteth Raffles - organised by Gilly, Dennis Brown and Colin Brown - they raised \$1,374-00 - also Tony Martin, Glen Puckeridge.

2. 100 Club netted \$348-00 - "WE CAN DO BETTER"

The amenities of the Club were added to with the purchase of a Pool Table, and has proven a real winner. Thanks also to Doug Brewer for his work on keeping the table in 1st class condition.

In conclusion I would like to thank all members for their support throughout the season, and in particular the Management Committee. Our Secretary Fred Letts is to be congratulated for an excellent job he did throughout the whole year, not forgetting (his secretary) Carole.

PAT NILAN
President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to present the 41st Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

I am going to start this report on a sour note this year and state that this report was the hardest Report that I have yet to produce as this year as every year for the past eleven that I have been associated with, the various reports have been late in being written and hand to me. But this year gentlemen it was ridiculous only ONE report received three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Some reports only being done in the last few days prior to the Meeting makes my task and the task of my Wife - Carole IMPOSSIBLE. This lack of foresight, co-operation and helpfulness has been very evident right throughout this season not only with the reports, but also with socials, Cleaning and tidying of the Clubhouse, Our Juniors, work on Federal Park, care and erecting of goal posts and equipment etc. etc. I could go on and on. Gentlemen the ball is in your court, please pick it up and make this Club a true Club - something to be proud of.

Now that I have got some of my grips off my chest I would like to congratulate every member on winning the Club Championship, the 2nd and 4th grade teams on the premierships and the Under 16's also. Our first and third grade teams were so close, so very close, but every member tried their best and I hope that next year will be our year, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades also A grade premiers as well as Under 16, Under 14 Under 12 and Under 10 premiers we can do it but only if every member does their best both on and off the field.

Our Juniors this year again had a successful year though not as successful as previous seasons, but this success was only achieved through a lot of work - the club owes a lot to three good workers for the Juniors Ralph Rochester, Pat McQuade, and John Atterton together with the Junior coaches and helpers but boy could they do with extra helpers. If you can help come forward and volunteer don't wait to be begged.

On Finance you will note that we this year the first for some time - ran at a loss. This Gentlemen should not happen in a year when your Fees rose by 25%. Well over \$1000-00 was raised by the Toxteth Hotel Raffles, this loss should not be - but it is why? This Club has existed for over 40 years mainly on Socials and raffles etc. but this year we lost money on Socials, we could not fill a 100 Club, Gentlemen you are kidding. Lets this year extract that well known finger from you know where and do a bit especially in the way of socials.

Once again we had the pleasure of the Valley Club visiting us over Easter and a great Week-End it was, but again a lot of members did not do that little bit extra to his hosts for our Guests. Another good game eas against the Palmerston North (N.Z.) Club and West Newcastle Leagues Club and only ~~individual~~ Industrial trouble cost us games against both Wagga and Melbourne High Old Boys.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CON'T...

We attended a number of Carnivals this year with our most outstanding success being the Sydney Associations Bisley Tournament which we won in a trot.

On behalf of all the Club Members I would like to personally thank the following people for their help during the past year :-

1. Graham Gilmour and his band of helpers for the Toxteth Raffle.
2. Ken Wark for his work etc. at Federal Park.
3. Harry Wark for his continual help with meat etc. for B.B.Q's. and the looking after the Toxteth Hotel Raffle money.
4. To the Glebe Police Boys Club for their continued support.
5. To the members of the Management Committee and Paul Rogers as Assist. Secretary for their help and time during the past year.
6. To those few members who have pulled their weight like Garry Manou with the Socials, food etc. as well as training the members of the Club.
7. To my Wife, Carole - a very special thanks for the continued work, help and support she has given me and the Club including the typing of this her eleventh report in as many years.
8. To Martin Howe for the way he looked after our equipment sales for the year.

In conclusion I am sorry if I sound very morbid in my report but I feel we are at the cross roads for the Club and we can either go on to much greater heights or start to go backwards, the direction we take is up to each and every member of the Club.

If I have missed thanking anyone - I am sorry for it is only an oversight.

F.P. LETTS.
Hon. Secretary.

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CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT :

First of all lets look at our achievements for the 1973 Season. Club Champions, 2nd and 4th Grade Premiers, Bisley Tournament Winners, Easter and Challenge Cup winners, runners up 1st and 3rd Grades and Under 16 Sydney Champions - a very good effort overall. On Grand Final day we had the chance to make it a clean sweep but unfortunately 1st, and 3rd Grades met better sides on the day to be beaten by the odd Goal. The Club championships which we should have won handsomely almost slipped from our grasp in the final few competition rounds. Although we had a distince advantage over our arch rivals St. George with the draw of the competition we only managed to retain it by the bearest of margins - two points. This in my opinion was caused by the complacence towards weaker clubs.

Inconsistency throughout the season in our top three grades was very noticeably there is no doubt that the way the competition has been run in the past few years is definitely the cause of this complacency. If Sydney Hockey Association are to continue to run the competition as they have been - we the members of this Club must come up with a solution or otherwise we will find ourselves sliding down hill and most important of all HOCKEY generally in Sydney. The Umpiring this year was in my opinion poor compared to previous years. The attendance of badged umpires at our games from the Umpires Association was also poor. The General feeling in the Club is that when we do have Association Umpires they tend to be very hard on us. A few players this year in the Club were given temporary suspensions due to bad decisions by the umpires. This in turn caused these players to argue with the umpires which in my opinion is detrimental to the Club.

Gentlemen we have the skills to overcome bad decisions - so lets keep the mouths shut and use these skills. You are no use to the side behind the net.

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CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT - CON'T....

Training this year was very well attended. Garry Manou prepared a tough training schedule which was very beneficial to all members. Unfortunately the power strike ruined training midway through the season and the good early efforts by Club members fell away to an average attendance there after.

5th Grade capably led by Col Smith was somewhat of a disappointment as far as attendance was concerned. Once the season was well under way we had the general 'drop-off' which usually happens to our lowest grade. This seems to be one of the Clubs main problems each year. Fortunately we had a good bunch of juniors to fall back on. The Juniors once again had a good season with the Under 16 side winning the Sydney Championship in a trot. The Majority of this side have been together for the last three years and there understanding between each other has to be seen to be believed. I feel this side must come into the Senior ranks as a whole with two older players in the side to give them that bit of experience which is important at this stage of their career. The organisation of the Juniors once again was excellent with Pat McQuade and Ralph Rochester being chief organisers with John Atterton giving the helping hand when needed.

An invitation to Newcastle was accepted by the Club and a Bus was hired to transport the large contingent of Glebe players and wives to Newcastle - which was expected - what a bloody joke. Seventeen players to play three games turned up. My feelings about this trip as far as attendance was concerned is none other than disgraceful. Wests proved excellent hosts and a most enjoyable day was had by all. The players who attended kept our proud record intact with two wins and a draw, with the first side winning by the odd goal. It is beyond me why members do not give their support to these fixtures - we let Newcastle down badly.

Glebe once again had the pleasure of Valleys company at Easter (I hope it was) and we proved again that our Hockey is just a shade better than theirs - retaining the Easter Cup and Regaining the Challenge Cup . Unfortunately Valley were not invited to play in the Bisley Tournament thus robbing them of an extra days Hockey. The week-end once again proved a blinder with the usual week to get over it.

In closing I would like to congratulate all representative players for winning selection in the various Representative teams, especially the Junior members and a big thank you to Ken Wark for his effort in making Federal Park a good surface to play on. Also to the members who ran the chook raffles at the Toxteth on Friday nights - well done fellows.

R. "CHARLIE" BROWN.
Club Captain.

1ST GRADE REPORT :

The Result of the Sydney Hockey Association 1st Grade Grand Final for 1973 recorded a win for St. George (4 Goals) over Glebe (3 Goals) and so another chapter in our records books has been played.

Finishing in 3rd place on the competition ladder, after some varied performances against both top and lowly rated teams, proved we were not in consistent form throughout the season. Games played against Randwick (both rounds) Liverpool, Ryde and Cumberland in which we had advantages but did not capitalise, pushed us out of the prime 2nd position and into 3rd berth.

Making the Grand Final was a tremendous effort, considering the hopeless position we were in during the Final against Moorebank Liverpool. The way in which the team lifted its game, really showed a touch of the true Glebe spirit.

This was the closest we have come to winning the 1st Grade since 1969 when once again we had the advantage of a 1-0 lead over St. George. We were not disgraced or overshadowed, the team played some really fine hockey.

As Captain I tried to encourage team spirit and team hockey at all times, and on most occasions the team gave me full support. I feel I must mention the support our sideliners gave the team and in particular the Final and Grand Final games.

It was a very good effort to again secure the Club Championship, but at the same time, we must realise that some of the top recognition goes to the winners of the 1st grade premiership.

We have proved time after time that we can win the lower grades. It is now up to 1st grade to attain full honours. Lets hope '74 will be the year to do this.

1st Grade Report - Con't....

Suggestions for achieving this goal include :-

- (1) Revised playing style.
- (2) Team Tactic discussions.
- (3) Team and individual training.
- (4) 100% co-operation from all team members.

PAT NILAN
Tema Captain.

2nd GRADE REPORT

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THE GAME - H O C K E Y
THE CLUB - G L E B E (ONCE AGAIN)
THE TEAM - THE MIGHTY 2nd GRADE SIDE

STATISTICS

Played - Won - Drew - Lost

MEN ON A MISSION

"Those five who all opponents fall before"

Our Goal-Keeper, Col Brown - a ~~memora~~ remarkable and uncanny performer. His guts and supremacy in the circle was an inspiration to all team members. Garry Manou tried desperately to win Col's possie but could only last a couple of matches.

The longer the season lasted the better Bob McLachlan performed. Not at all happy with his game earlier in the season Bob possessed the ability to produce the goods when most required. One of the sides main stays.

He was admirably partnered by Peter "POSER" Howe. Young Pete is wrapped in destroying the opposition with his speed and agility and making it all look so EASY. However the "POSER" seems to get carried away (off) in Grand Finals.

At right half - Graham Lisk - Super Star - Superb. You've got class baby, this team could not have been without you. When in possession the "Human Dynamo" Lisky, with his deft touches and manoeuvres really made the right side fire.

Indestructable - John McDonald, his unforgettable goal against Norths pulled the whole side back into the match to allow us to escape with a 4 all draw - a real Boomer.

"Now for the five who devoured all before them".

RIGHT WING - Robert Wark - an enormous player with stacks of