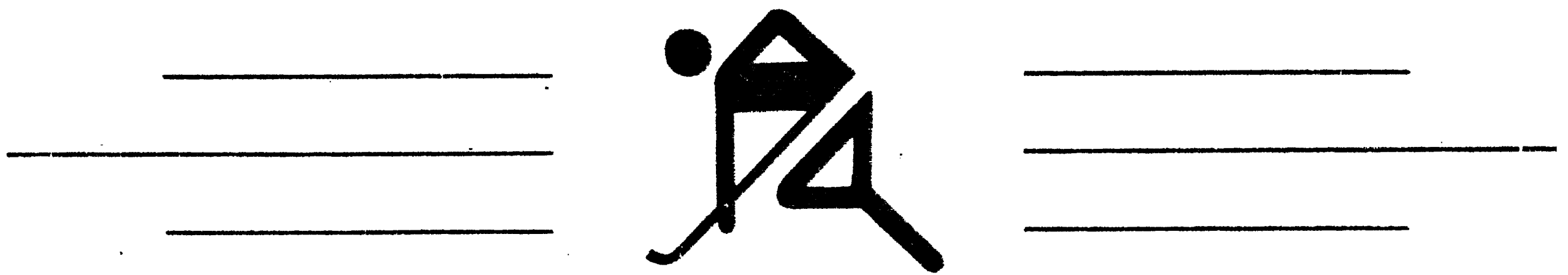


Glebe District Hockey Club



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Club Captain:- Ian Mutton

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Club Coach:- Pat Nilan

Club Trainer:- Greg Corben

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R Diviney G Patterson

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J Quinland B Bates Mrs Taylor J Worley

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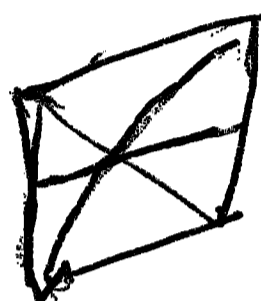
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John Diviney, WARREN DELL



1ST MEETING

Hon Secretary's Report

I present to you the total membership of The Glebe District Hockey Club, this the 49th Annual Report of the Club. Unfortunately, this report is not up to the usual previous AR's in that it has been hastily prepared. I believe that most members are aware of how this occurred.

In this report I wish to comment on a number of aspects of the Club this year, as I saw and appreciated them.

Juniors: This year saw the poorest junior competition ever in living memory. If the comp is not improved this Club and other Central District clubs, will find ourselves stripped of District Status. Four junior teams are hardly enough to sustain us in the future. All seniors must take a more active part in the juniors any assistance is good assistance!

Hockey: In my opinion, Hockey is a sport of various levels: Rep, Social and competition/premiership. I feel that Glebe this season was unique in Sydney, with 8 senior, 4 junior and 3 womens teams. All levels of our game were to be found in all the three categories. The time is past when a Club such as ours can only cater for one facet of the game.

Club Size: This year the Club had 172 players on the books. I consider myself fortunate to know possibly all members of the Club and I appreciate their support and advice. At this size possibly the Club has grown and reached higher maturity. Should the Club remain at 172 members all up?

Social Life: 1979 wasn't the best for social side of Hockey. The season was fragmented and this lead to little social activity. Those socials that we had were some of the most enjoyable Hockey times - I think. Geoff Patto did a great as soul/sole social organizer. Googah Goodrich, did a terrific job with the 'canteen', Club members and guests did enjoy themselves.

Grounds: Federal Park (Wark Field) remained the focal point for Club hockey as well as being the venue for representative training and the ground for Eastern Districts Womens' Grand Finals. Ken Wark Snr, a little supported job well done. The "Stock Yard" was also used by lower grades - does anybody remember what the good 'Jub' was? In the air are plans to obtain trusteeship over a section of land on the other side of Federal Road, at Glebe Point. Unfortunately, some locals feel that Hockey should remain the poor relation in regards to grounds available and managed in the Municipality.

1980:- Juniors must be assisted at all costs, we will benefit. Training must be well attended, possibly a side that has frequently non training players should be made to forfeit. Club morale must be increased, don't just criticize be a participant. Jubilee Year is 1980 as far as I am concerned First Grade Premiership is not good enough, all premierships and championships must be Glebe's.

To the Club, thank you for 1979. Col Smith Thanks Make.

B E Pink
Hon Secretary
G D H C

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1979, a very mixed year, a disappointing year, a year of great change.

For the first time since 1971 no Glebe teams as Premiers of the Mens' Grades. For the first time in memory no Glebe teams in a Grand Final. At first look a disasterous year, but, let us look more closely. I personally feel that our playing record is not as bad as the record books show it to be.

The new competition format of the Sydney Association, certainly affected our results, however this may prove to be to our benefit in the future. The bleeding and improvement shown by the young men selected in our third grade team must strengthen our teams for future years. These mainly young players who did not look like making the semi-finals mid way through the season, improved so much as they gained experience and confidence played their way through to the Grand Final. A memorable effort by the players and their success augers well for future years.

With regard to our top team the record shows that we were beaten by North Sydney, the eventual Premiers, in the final. But again, looking closer we note that we lost five players from last seasons Grand Final team. Robert Diviney, Kevin Sweeney both through injuries, Harry "DOC" Wark furthering his career in England, the retirement of "MR HOCKEY" Pat Nilan and the loss to Sutherland of Graeme Lisk and not to mention the the partial loss of John McDonald through business. All these losses left huge gaps to be filled. The return of Greg Corben and the acquisition of Henry Lysaght plugged some holes, but the others whilst were(well)filled by other players and this created further gaps right through the grades, all the way down to our eighth grade.

Our First Division teams, our 4th 5th and 6th grade teams more than held their own against the 1st 2nd and 4th grade teams of their opponents. Glebe I feel adapted themselves to this situation, much better than any of the other Clubs, with one of our teams making the semi finals and being beaten on corners in the finals. The other two grades in first division were just dead unlucky not to play the semi's.

As with first division teams, our third division teams also acquitted themselves well. Often taking the field short of players, with others doubling up, one team made the finals only again to be beaten on a count back of points by the side that finished second on the competition table. Whilst the other team narrowly missed out on the semis finals.

Our Womens teams this year increased their numbers to field three teams. For better or for worse they decided to split their competition and one team remained in the North Shore comp and two teams entered the Eastern Districts competition.

The North Shore team played their way through to the Grand Final and after a draw at the end of playing time commenced a Penalty Stroke play-off for the Premiership, only to be beaten for year in succession. Our teams in the Eastern Districts also performed creditably in their respective competitions, although I feel they were both over graded.

Thank goodness for our Juniors, our Under 14's Premiers, and all other grades having successful seasons. Where would we be without John Diviney and his assistants coaches - thank you all from the rest of the Club.

FEDERAL PARK

This year we again played the majority of all our home games on Federal Park, soon we hope it to be renamed "WARK FIELD". Federal Park is now one of the best playing surfaces in Sydney. For this each and every Hockey player in the Club owes a huge debt to Ken Wark who continues almost single handed to maintain and improve the surface. May I tactfully suggest that each and every one of us "PULL THE FINGER OUT" and support Ken by helping him where possible and attending the Working Bees when called.

INDOOR HOCKEY

The Club again retained the Joe Krepp Trophy for the Super 8 Competition. Again playing with the kind sponsorship of the TOTAL OIL Company, the Total-Glebe team were

too strong for University of NSW in the Grand Final.

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Hockey and especially Glebe Club needs sponsorship like TOTAL OIL Company and any help that we can give TOTAL in return for their sponsorship we should endeavour to provide.

Our thanks to TOTAL OIL Company for their assistance, for the fine evening they provided for the team after we won the Competition and especially for the continued association next season, when they again will sponsor us in the Indoor with new uniforms and increased expenses.

CONCLUSION

Whilst I may have been amiss in my role of President of the Club in not being more forceful with many members, I hope to improve next year if you the Members re elect me for a further year.

On behalf of all members I would sincerely thank all those members both playing and social who run the raffle at the Toxteth Hotel each week. These members keep this Club solvent and help to keep the fees at the present level. I again request the assistance of any member who can attend these raffles to please do so and whilst attending please also assist.

To all members, wives and friends who assisted the Club during the year I thank you on behalf of the Management Committee and members and also congratulate all our representative players during the season.

In closing let me remind all members of the Club's slogan and motto "A CHAMPION CLUB - A CLUB OF CHAMPIONS". Let us all get together and work together for the betterment of the Club: Glebe back at - No 1.

FRED LETTS
PRESIDENT GDHC

JUBIILEE YEAR 1980 -- 50 YEARS OF GLEBE

Members of Glebe District Hockey Club, whilst it gives me great pleasure to be a member of this great Club at times I wonder if all members take pride in putting the maroon and white shirt on. As was said in my report last year we all must train harder and learn more of the finer points. This season, I think we relied on past performances and thus were beaten in semi finals and finals.

Gentleman, I must say this in all sincerity we did not support our Club Trainer or Club Coach. Some small percentage did and gained fitness and knowledge thanks to Greg Corben and Pat Nilan for the effort you both put in. 172 Members were on our books this year and we could only manage between 30-45 at most training on one night a week let alone those very few who came along on Mondays as well. This gentlemen is what you I must realise and overcome for if we don't we will slide further.

Unfortunately, we cannot take to many bows this year: no Bisley, no Premierships and no (most of all) Club Championships. Senior hockey did not produce any Premiership, but two other Premierships were won. Firstly, Indoor Hockey: as under dogs Total-Glebe came from behind to win against Uni of NSW 6-5 in the final, and secondly congratulations to Geoff Patterson and the U14's for winning the Grand Final and Premiership.

Glebe players in representative ranks were also thin this year. Those selected to represent were:

NSW Indoor Hockey:-

G Bell, G Patterson and R Divinery.

NSW Seniors:-

G Bell, G Patterson and R Diviney P Nilan (Coach)

NSW Colts:-

W Birmingham, R Diviney and T Cowan.

NSW U16's:-

Craig Stubbs, who also captained the side.

NSW U14's:-

Keiran Dell.

NSW U18's CHS:-

Patrick McMahon.

At the end of this season Glebe entered one ladies and two mens sides for the Tamworth Carnival. Again, we saw more than half the people pull out at the last minute. This left those that did travel added expense for the weekend as well as the Club. However, those who made the effort enjoyed the weekend.

To Molly Wark and your team, a fine effort to make the Grand Final but, lady luck turned her head in the penalty stroke play-off. To the 2 ladies teams in the Eastern Districts Comp, maybe graded a little high, but I am sure by the end of the year you were playing better hockey.

A special mention to Colin Smith and Mike Buckley. A super effort with your fellows in 7th and 8th grades this year. Col and Mike, we need many more members like you. The hockey ball not only lacked interest in our Club, spectators numbers were also down.

In closing this report I would like to STRESS this Gentlemen:

Get OFF OUR BUMS and get the Glebe Hockey Spirit flowing again
--- if we don't we will surely slip further.

Ian Mutton
Club Captain.

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FIRST GRADE REPORT

1979 was a rather difficult season, when, we had to start the year with the loss of 5 players from the 1978 Grand Final Team.

Following, from this we had many unfortunate injuries, and this, combined with players representing, caused 1st grade players to miss 46 matches during the season. Consequently, 21 players played in the side this season.

Thus it was hard for us to settle on a regular combination and the continual flow of players coming through the team, set Pat a difficult task. However, congratulations must of course be given to all the young players who rose to the occasion when called upon to play 1st grade. Their performances augers well for Glebe's future in the competition.

At times we played some excellent hockey, proving that on our day we were the best team in the comp. We proved this by defeating UNSW 3-1, North Sydney 3-0, Randwick 5-1 and Cumberland 4-1. In these games we showed self discipline control and a flair for attacking and enterprising hockey. Unfortunately, 4 games do not make a season and in several other games we did not even have the discipline to show Pat the respect he deserves. This does not win games.

Individual form of the majority of players was mixed. As mentioned before many of our younger players were given the opportunity to prove themselves and some rose to the occasion: well, Buster Birmingham, in particular showed himself as a player of great potential and was rewarded by selection in NSW Colts Team. We hope he has a big future, and provided he shows the proper dedication and willingness to learn I'm sure he will be a big asset in the future. Roger McDonald, also put some very good games together. With a little more time to mature in the game and by concentrating solely on his game and not others or umpires he too has a great future. We had great expectations of Tony Cowan this year, but, unfortunately because of personal problems Tony found total concentration on hockey rather difficult. Garry Wark tried very hard to work on his self control and if he shows the same application next year he will find all his problems are over. (Remember Garry, controlled aggression).

Ken Wark Jnr, was only given limited opportunities but on each occasion he performed admirably. Next season Ken will be exerting plenty of pressure on some 1st graders and should earn himself a permanent spot in the near future.

To our credit this season the cycle has turned in the era of Glebe Hockey. We have been steadily rebuilding our Club by helping and promoting our own junior players. This, together with a more professional approach to the game should see Glebe having a good year celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 1980.

Congratulations must be given to G Patto, G Bell, T Cowan, B Birmingham, and R Diviney who were our Senior Reps this season in either Colts or Seniors

Congratulations also to North Sydney on their long awaited Premiership.

Finally, thanks to Pat for his super effort, and to everyone who played 1st grade and who gave me their support and respect. I'm sure that after this season we all realise just how important it is for 1st grade players to be totally committed to their Club both on and off the field. A Club survives and gains strength from its First Grade side and we need a concerted effort from everyone, not just a loyal few.

Greg Corben, Captain.