

Glebe District Hockey Club



Fifty-Sixth

Annual Report & Balance Sheet

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1986



GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

Founder - The late Reverend Brother McCarten Keegan

OFFICE BEARERS AND OFFICIALS 1985 - 1986

PATRON	:	James Kenny ✓
PRESIDENT	:	Danny O'Brien
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	:	Kevin Sweeney
HON. SECRETARY	:	Keith Paterson
HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY	:	Ian Treharne
HON. TREASURER	:	Peter Howe
HON. ASSISTANT TREASURER	:	Ian Treharne
CLUB CAPTAIN	:	Colin Rochester ✓
PUBLICITY OFFICER	:	Eric Fraser
EQUIPMENT OFFICER	:	Carl Francis
CLUB ROOM OFFICER	:	Tom Casey
CARNIVAL ORGANISER	:	Peter Mitchell
HON. AUDITOR	:	Pellarini Van & Associates
HON. SOLICITOR	:	Gordon Salier
SOCIAL SECRETARY	:	Ralph Rochester
JUNIOR CONVENOR	:	Martin Howe
ASSISTANT JUNIOR CONVENORS	:	Bob Taylor, Jamie Howe, Eric Fraser
CLUB TRAINER	:	
CLUB COACH	:	

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Peter Howe	Ian Treharne	Carl Francis
Kevin Sweeney	Danny O'Brien	Colin Rochester
Keith Paterson	Craig Martin	Eric Fraser
Martin Howe	Tom Casey	

PROVISIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

Colin Rochester,	Tony Martin,	Barry Howe
Bob Taylor,	Danny O'Brien	

LIFE MEMBERS

J. Quinland	B. Bates	Mrs. Taylor	J. Worley
J. Kenny	K. Dickey	W. Ryan	H. Wark, Snr.
K. Wark, Snr.	P. Nilan	W. Stubbs	F. Letts
R. Brown	G. Gilmour	P. Rogers	J. Diviney

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Danny O'Brien,
PRESIDENT.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE ANNUAL REPORT

56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
PATRON	J. Kenny	<i>KENNY</i>
* PRESIDENT	D. O'Brien	<i>R. WARR</i>
* VICE-PRESIDENT	K. Sweeney	<i>K. SWEENEY</i>
* HON. SECRETARY	K. Paterson	.....
ASS. SECRETARY	I. Treharne	.....
* HON. TREASURER	P. Howe	.....
ASS. TREASURER	I. Treharne	.....
* CLUB CAPTAIN	C. Rochester	.....
PUBLICITY OFFICER	E. Fraser	.....
* EQUIPMENT OFFICER	C. Francis	.....
* CLUBROOM MANAGER	T. Casey	.....
* JUNIOR CONVENOR	M. Howe	.....
ASS. JUNIOR CONVENORS	R. Taylor	.....
	E. Fraser	.....
	J. Howe	.....
CLUB COACH		.....
CLUB TRAINER		.....
CARNIVAL ORGANISER	P. Mitchell	.....
SOCIAL ORGANISER	R. Rochester	.....
HON. AUDITOR	Pellarini Van & Ass	.....
HON. SOLICITOR	G. Salier	.....
* MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER	I. Treharne	.....
	C. Martin	.....
* (3 to be elected)	E. Fraser	.....
*	
PROVISIONAL SELECTORS	T. Martin	.....
	B. Howe	.....
(4 to be elected)	R. Taylor	.....
	D. O'Brien	.....

K. Paterson,
HON. SECRETARY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1986

Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure I present the 56th Annual Report of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

The Club again was prominent in 1986 with:-

- * Two Australian Representatives in Warren Birmingham and Ken Wark Jnr.
- * W. Birmingham being chosen as the best player for N.S.W. in the Australian Championships.
- * 1st Grade winning the Allan Yates Memorial Shield and Sydney Cup.
- * Brian Morgan winning the Brian Booth Medal.
- * 2nd Grade winning the Premiership.

Significantly, however, we failed to secure more premierships with 1st Grade & 4th Grade finishing third, 3rd Grade finishing fourth, 5th Grade runners up, 6th Grade unable to make the semis and the U/17's also unable to make the semis.

My view on our downfall can be categorised as follows:-

- 1) Players making themselves available only for a certain team when they would certainly be selected in higher grades.
- 2) Lack of dedication to training and discipline while playing.
- 3) Selections meaning firstly the way our teams are picked via the Constitution which doesn't allow for situations like Homebush Bay and secondly, where a player is replaced with somebody who doesn't play his position.

I believe these areas need investigation and need to be corrected if we are to succeed in the future.

There were many rumblings from within the Club regarding the apparent loss of club spirit. Again, there were factors which contributed to this with a major factor being the restructuring of the Competition.

With 1st Grade playing at Homebush Bay, at times clashing with 2nd Grade or being at 9.00 p.m. on Friday/Saturday/Sunday nights, it makes it very difficult for the lower grade players to see them play as has been the case in the Club's long history.

It also meant 1st Grade were unable to watch the lower grades and participate in after game discussions at the Clubhouse. Sydney Hockey Association I believe is trying to rectify the problem which is also affecting the other Clubs.

While the restructuring of the Competition was a major factor in dwindling club spirit this is not the only reason. The indifferent attitude which has been evident over a number of years is still here. The response received when Socials were organised was very poor. The Club in fact made huge losses which reflects a sorry situation. If anyone gets a chance to read 1978's report you would note very little has changed over the last 8 years.

Sponsorship was another disappointing aspect this year with Max Pike of Stan Hayes Quality Meats and Richard Ware of Raine & Horne, Glebe providing some assistance however very small. In saying this, I do not intend for you to think I am belittling their efforts however the Club needs much more significant sponsorship. With economic times the way they are we really do need to look for bigger deals and possibly we need to look at forming a special sub-committee to market the Club and sign up sponsors.

Brighter news was the vast improvement of this year's telephone book deliveries. With each team being responsible for set areas and all rallying behind their captains they turned up when required and put in a terrific effort making the deliveries so easy. It is obvious we must approach future deliveries this way.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Management Committee on their efforts this year with special thanks to Keith Paterson, Peter Howe, Kevin Sweeney and Carl Francis.

Eric Frazer who looked after the raffles, my personal thanks as you were the only one who stood up and did what no other person would do. Also Ken Wark Snr. for his continued efforts in maintaining the playing surface on Federal Park.

My report illustrates a somewhat disappointing year where you may see quite a successful year. I can only say my view is based from an Administrative angle which has little to do with our playing results.

In closing, I stress the "Glebe District Hockey Club" is what you and I make of her. Her exploits, her development, her proud heritage can only be enhanced/saved by our every action/attitude and willingness to succeed for her, not in spite of her. Please make next year one she will be proud of.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

IN MEMORIUM

It is with deep sorrow and regret that I report the recent passing of Molly Wark Snr. A true blue Glebe supporter and stalwart for nearly half a century.

To Harry and Ken and their families, on behalf of all members, I offer our sincere condolences.

Danny O'Brien,
PRESIDENT

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 1986

This is my third and last annual report as your secretary.

I would like to thank the various committees for their support over the past three years. In particular, some committee members deserve special mention.

To Peter Howe and his wife, who, late last year took over the compilation of the 1985 report, whilst I was hospitalised. Again, this year, Peter and his wife have prepared this report, due to the recurrence of my eye problem.

To Danny O'Brien, who has prepared and distributed the various newsletters during the 1986 season.

To Ian Treharne and, in his absence, Craig Martin, who have accurately recorded the minutes of each meeting.

There are other matters which are still proceeding.

Federal Park

The Maritime Services Board has withdrawn its claim on Federal Park and I am now negotiating with the council for a new 10 year lease for the ground.

Jubilee Oval

I have submitted the application for Sports & Recreation Funding for the alteration to Jubilee Oval. If we are successful, in this regard, the Club should have three (3) home grounds from 1988 onwards.

Clubrooms & Store

The leases for the two clubrooms at Jubilee Oval and the store at Federal Park have now expired and negotiations are under way for new leases for these premises.

Sponsors

Our previous sponsors have withdrawn their support and income from these sources has been minimal. Discussions have commenced for new sponsors for 1987, from at least three sources.

The Club is indebted to Garry McCann (S.H.A. Publicity & Promotions) who is working tirelessly to encourage financial support for our Club.

Further news, in this regard, should be available at the Annual General Meeting.

In conclusion, I hope that my three year tenure of office has been of benefit to the Club. I will still be available, if required, to bring to a conclusion all of the matters referred to previously.

Keith Paterson,
HON. SECRETARY

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCES - 1986 - 13 MEETINGS.

K. PATERSON	13	K. SWEENEY	9
D. O'BRIEN	12	C. ROCHESTER	9
P. HOWE	12	C. MARTIN	8
C. FRANCIS	12	T. CASEY	5
M. HOWE	11	E. FRASER	4
I. TREHARNE	11		

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1986

Gentlemen,

I present to you the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for the 1986 season.

As at the date of this report the Club has 16 Life members, 81 Playing members and 17 Social members.

It will be seen from the Balance Sheet that a loss was suffered by the Club this financial year which is a matter of concern.

There were a number of adverse features which severely affected the Club during the 1986 season, namely:-

- 1) TEAM HOCKEY: The introduction of Team Hockey by Sydney Hockey Association has virtually alienated the 1st Grade from the rest of the members causing a "splitting" of the Club. As a consequence, lack of Club spirit has been evidenced which has resulted in a downturn in Clubhouse patronage and attendance at social functions. This, in turn, has produced a most unfavourable return in Bar/Canteen receipts and a substantial loss of revenue in respect of Socials.
- 2) SPONSORSHIP: Unfortunately, although Keith Paterson and Danny O'Brien explored and pursued to the end many avenues in this regard, we were unsuccessful in obtaining sponsorship for this season. Our previous sponsors withdrew their support due, I presume, to their own financial problems, which, taking into account the present economic climate, is understandable.
- 3) TOXTETH RAFFLES: Early this year, due to no member being willing to do the raffles, it appeared as though we would need to disband this fund raising activity. Following several discussions at management level, Eric Fraser agreed to run the raffles until the end of the playing season. He commenced mid-April and contributed solely to a gross return to the Club of \$1,396.00. A special thank you to Eric for performing this thankless task.

Simply, because of lack of support from Club members, revenue from this source was substantially down on last year and indeed on previous years. I feel the incoming Management Committee will need to seriously consider an alternative source of raising income in future.

Offsetting some of the above was the success of the Telephone Book Deliveries which resulted in a return of \$4,020.00. The members have demonstrated that they can, if they commit themselves to a given project, support the Club and enjoy it. It is obvious we will need to continue with this fund raising activity in future years.

It was disturbing to note there were virtually no controls over cash sales, with several members handling the till on Wednesday nights and Saturdays. Similarly, beer stocks/sales were handled by a variety of members.

Receipt books should be introduced for all forms of income and better stock controls introduced. These matters should be taken up with incoming Treasurer and Clubhouse Manager.

Equipment trading was similar to previous years, getting off to a slow start and improving towards the latter part of the season. Loss shown on revenue statement is off-set by stocks held.

Carnivals and Socials were very quiet. It is recommended that the future Management Committee appoint a Social Committee to handle fund raising/social activities in future.

Major playing costs were as follows:-

1) PLAYING COSTS

S.H.A. Affiliation Fees and Fines	\$ 4231
N.S.W. H.A. State League Fees	\$ 600
Ground Rental - Jubilee Oval - Leichhardt Council	\$ 500
Ground Maintenance - Federal Oval	\$ 250
Representation Allowances	
Senior	\$ 50
Junior	\$ 200
Bus Hire Al - Tamworth - State League	\$ 292
Travel Expenses - B. Morgan	\$ 230

2) JUNIOR COSTS

Annual General Meeting and Presentation Day	\$ 781
Junior Carnivals - Wests, Parramatta, St. George	\$ 115
Sydney Central Area Fees	\$ 200
S.J.H.A. Registration Fees	\$ 160
S.H.A U/17 hire of State Sports Centre	\$ 319
Club Tee Shirts	\$ 63
Sydney Central Area Fees - State Sports Centre & 500 Club	\$ 165

3) ADMINISTRATION

Postage Printing and Stationery	\$ 1097
Insurance	\$ 285
Telephone - Clubhouse and Secretary	\$ 958
A.G.M. Costs	\$ 579
Light and Power for Jubilee & Federal	\$ 456
Clubhouse Maintenance	\$ 416
Clubhouse Improvements	\$ 554

The major assets of the Club are -

Term Investments with State Bank	\$15000
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The Club cannot expect to effect a turnaround of the current loss to future profits unless a substantial effort is made by all Club members in attendance at socials and participation in all fund raising activities.

We are, therefore, looking to you for your full support in the future.

I understand that action is in train by Management to obtain Sponsorship for next year, however, it is imperative that the Club undertakes a major fund raising drive if we are to remain liquid.

In closing, I would like to thank all the members of the Management Committee for their support during the year.

Peter Howe,
HON. TREASURER

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - 1986

The 1986 season was fairly successful, although only one Premiership was won.

Every team was graded highly and with the exception of 6th Grade, all teams made the finals.

1st Grade finished third in the premiership proper - won the Allan Yates Memorial Shield - won the Sydney Cup.

2nd Grade - Premiers.

3rd Grade finished fourth in the premiership - Runners up in the Allan Yates Memorial Shield by a flick-off.

4th Grade finished third.

5th Grade were runners-up, being beaten in the Grand Final against St. George.

6th Grade missed out on the semi-finals.

As was mentioned, most senior teams were highly graded and although premierships were scarce, all teams performed creditably and in the true Glebe spirit.

This year the Club enjoyed success in the representative arena, W. Birmingham and K. Wark were members of the Australian Senior Team, which conquered the rest of the world in the recent World Tournament in the U.K. As well, these two players represented the N.S.W. senior team which competed at Darwin in the Australian Championships, and again for Australia against the touring Argentinians.

Because of business commitments, Craig Stubbs left the Club to begin a two year stay in Melbourne. Craig, unlucky not to represent N.S.W. for the last few years, must have turned some of the selectors heads by being picked to represent Victoria to play against the touring Argentine side. Well done Craig.

J. Fitzgerald and J. Dell were selected in the N.S.W. U/17 team to compete in the Australian Championships at Adelaide. Both Sydney Senior and Colts U/21 teams were also well represented.

The Club had the usual influx and exodus of players this year and when the dust settled, six senior teams took to the field. 1st Grade lost a total of six players and this was obviously felt by grades down the line.

Again, the selectors were the subject of the usual criticisms that a selection panel will always suffer. I'll take this opportunity to congratulate them for the manner in which they committed themselves to this thankless job.

This year Brian Morgan, who travelled from Bathurst each week to play in our 1st Grade side, performed very consistently and was awarded the very prestigious Brian Booth Medal. (Joint winner with P. Baker from Uni.of N.S.W).

Off the Field the season was mixed with highlights and lowlights.

- 1) Socials - Apart from the Presentation night, not a lot of interest by members, playing or social. The same usual faces attended B.B.Q's and the Dinner Dance. The Club socials are usually good nights and their success usually depends on numbers. I'll take this opportunity to thank every member who made an effort to support the Club in their fund raising endeavours.
- 2) Telephone Books - Thanks to those who organised the distribution, this year was the most successful by far. Teams were responsible for certain areas and more responsibility was placed on the teams, thus creating better results.
- 3) Golf Weekend - Those who missed out on this weekend, missed out on the social of the year. A big thank you to the organisers, and with the instant success this year it must be a priority to make this an annual event.

In summing up, I was extremely proud of the way Glebe players performed on and off the field this season. We can build on our results of this year as long as we realise that we need more commitment and enthusiasm towards Club activities.

To every team Captain, Coach, Manager and Supporter, thank you. Your efforts never go unnoticed, and for the Club to succeed we need more people like you.

Lastly, a big thanks to every member of the Management Committee. Always a subject of some criticism but always trying to manage the Club and to do the best for every Club Member.

Let's go all the way to the top in 1987.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours in Hockey,
COLIN ROCHESTER