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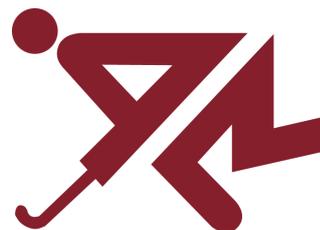
GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

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Mens News

On Saturday 12 August 2012 George Manou played his 600th game for Glebe.

George was born in Parkes NSW in 1960 to Loui and Maria Manou, who immigrated to Australia during the 1950s from the Greek Island of Lesbos with his older siblings, Desi and Gary. The family moved to the big smoke in 1965 where George's childhood was spent living with his parents in their grocer's shop at the bottom of Trafalgar Street Annandale, close to where Trafalgar Street runs into the Crescent. It was only a hop, skip and a jump, less than a kilometre from George's parent's shop to Jubilee Oval.

In the early to mid 1960's George's older brother, Gary, was associated with the successful running fraternity that operated out of Jubilee

Oval during the summer months. John Atterton, Nancy Atterton (nee Foggerty), John Cowan, and Graeme Gilmour were leading lights in this athletic group. Hockey players shared Jubilee Oval with the athletic squad. Gary had played junior and senior hockey in Parkes and was encouraged to have a run with the Glebe Hockey Club, which he did. Gary became a goalkeeper and played 436 games for Glebe from 1966 to 2004. Eight seasons were spent as custodian of the first grade goal. His career was cut short by recurring hamstring injuries. In the '60s and '70s Gary was a driving force as a coach with the Glebe junior teams.



Gary encouraged George to play hockey and in 1970 he finally pulled on the maroon and white of Glebe. Mid year, the family returned to Greece for 4 months and George did not complete the season. 1975 saw George restart his hockey career as a field player for the U16 A grade No 2 Team. To quote the 1975 club report, "The surprise of the year was the Goal Keeper George Manou - he hadn't played in goals before. But he took up Goal Keeping because he said he wasn't good enough in the field of play" Kevin (Yogi Bear) Weeks. He has been in goals for Glebe ever since.

After graduating from juniors, he made his way up the playing ranks and spent 10 years as the Glebe first grade goalkeeper from 1982 to 1991. Sadly, George never won a first grade premiership with the Club but has won many lower grade premierships including two 6th grade premierships in the last 2 years. During his days in First Grade, George was twice ranked in the top 10 players in contention for the Brian Booth Medal.

I was fortunate to have played with George when he was a young man on the up. We played together in the Glebe second grade team of 1981 coached by current Club Patron Bill Stubbs, which won the Sydney Hockey Association Second Grade Premiership.



Mens News cont.

There is nothing selfish about George. He is the consummate team player, low maintenance, even-tempered and easy to get along with, accepting victory with humility and defeat with good grace.

He is more of a stay at home goalkeeper more than an attacking one. He has, and has always had, good judgement in knowing when to come and attack the ball carrying forward and when to stay at home in the goal. Modern outdoor keepers by and large tend to come out too early, which stems from playing indoor hockey in the summer months. The top two goal keepers at Glebe in 2012 would do well to ask George's opinion about how well they read the game, as in his hey-day George was one of the best. George has good reflexes (even now at 52 years) and reads a game well. Although not as mobile or agile as some keepers, George rarely concedes an easy goal. Opposition forwards have to earn their goals. In a career spanning 37 years I have seen George only concede one or two give-me goals, which is an impressive record.

George and his wife Maija have three children, Teren (133 Club Games), Aleks (170 Club Games) and Kris (110 Junior Club Games), all of whom have played for Glebe. Aleks is the current first grade centre-half and Kris is a fullback in the Club's under 15 team coached by George. George has coached Glebe junior teams, outdoor and indoor, for many years.

George is an Industrial Arts (Woodwork) teacher at Westfield Sport's High School in Western Sydney and has taught there for many years. He is actively involved with the hockey program at the school and has been involved with schoolboys' hockey at the state level with CHS. Maija is a Visual Arts teacher.

An easygoing man, George has made an outstanding contribution to the life and times of the Glebe Hockey Club both on and off the field. All of us associated with the Glebe District Hockey Club, players and supporters alike, would like to congratulate you George on your attainment of the 600 Club Game Milestone.

Harry Wark



2012 Men's Finals Information

SPL & SC - (The top 6 ranked teams)

Qualifying Finals (Week 1) - Sat 1st September

1 v 6 - 2 v 5 - 3 v 4

The 3 winning teams and the highest ranked losing team will progress to the two Preliminary Finals. NB: The lowest ranked two losing teams will be eliminated, noting the minor premiers cannot be relegated in week 1.

Preliminary Finals (Week 2) - Sat 8th September

Highest Ranked Winner v Highest Ranked Loser

2nd Highest Ranked Winner v 3rd Highest Ranked Winner

Grand Final (Week 3) - Sat 15th September

The two winners

SL1 - 4 (The top 5 ranked teams)

Qualifying Finals (Week 1) - Sat 1st September

2 v 5 - 3 v 4. NB: Minor Premiers (Week 1 not required to play)

Preliminary Finals (Week 2) - Sat 8th September

Team 1 v Highest Ranked Losing Team

Highest Ranked Winner v 2nd Highest Ranked Winner

Grand Final (Week 3) - 15th September

The two winners

SL5 - 8 (The top 5 ranked teams)

Qualifying Finals (Week 1) - Sat 25th August

2 v 5 - 3 v 4 NB: Minor Premiers (Week 1 not required to play)

Preliminary Finals (Week 2) - Sat 1st September

Team 1 v Highest Ranked Losing Team

Highest Ranked Winner v 2nd Highest Ranked Winner

Grand Final (Week 3) - 8th September

The two winners

By Harry Wark



Women's News

Is a European holiday as sweet as victory?

Last month's issue I spoke about the need to conceive in the off-season. I know what you are thinking; another Louise rant is on its way. This may be correct, but it's about time someone stood up to that damn European summer luring our hockey players!

Recently, Monica Bordignon, Kate Gleeson and Josie Barron packed their bags and are currently sailing the Croatian seas. Now, I am not saying this exploration of the Mediterranean should be outlawed, but I'd like to make a strong case for European travel in October. Here are some reasons:

1. It's not peak season. Things are cheaper and there are less annoying American tourists around.
2. If you leave straight after the finals you can catch Oktoberfest and build your arm muscles by carrying around Steins.
3. Autumn Foliage. Do I need to say more?
4. It's chestnut season!
5. Last but not least, you are looking great from a full hockey season and can impress the locals with a "hot bod" as NW puts it.

Sure, a sweet pastry consumed in the Parisian summer is delectable, but is there anything sweeter than a Maroon and White victory? You might reach great heights by climbing the Eiffel Tower but have you ever felt higher after beating a great Glebe rival? I doubt it. Why miss games for travel when you can play all season and then experience Europe at its best?

Let's have our pastry and eat it too. Win the grand final and go off to Europe in October to celebrate. Until next time.

Louise



Junior News

With one round remaining, the undefeated U11A Redbacks will be Minor Premiers with 55 goals for and only 4 against. Our U13A Redbacks should finish in second with only two losses during the season. In the U11B Division, the Glebe Vipers team will finish 4th to make the Finals. We hope that the U11A and U13A teams will make the Grand Final on Sunday 9 September.

The juniors club at the moment has many talented juniors coming through in these teams. Due to a shortage of Under 15 players, we have had to use U13A players in our U15A Metro team. Eight x 13A players have now had exposure to the high standard Sydney-wide U15 competition, gaining good experience, which will assist in the years to come.

Following a successful 2012 representative season, Mim Pritchard from the U13A Redbacks was named in the State U13 Girls Blues team; this is the second State team that will go into a development camp in September and play a QLD team. After making the NSW Under 15 Boys State Squad, Mack Noller was unsuccessful in making the State and Blues teams. Repals for 2013 SJHA teams started this weekend.

We had three Under 9 teams at the Glebe-Briars day and all the kids and parents enjoyed themselves. Moorebank was to have hosted an Under 9 carnival on 22 July however this was cancelled. Sutherland is hosting an Under 9 carnival on Sunday 19th of August and Glebe will enter three teams. Minkey continues to be well attended with up to; and including last weekend more than 50 children attending down at Jubilee on a sunny Saturday.

By Mark Noller



Pictured above is a make-up game between U11B Hornets v U11B Strikers under lights at Jubilee oval on August 8 this was a catch up game due to an earlier game being washed out at Jubilee in May. The Hornets won 1-0

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Club News

Olympic Hockey on the big screen

Olympic Hockey featured on the big screen down at the Clubhouse on Wednesday August the 1st; with the Australian Men's Hockey team (The Kookaburras!) taking on the 5th ranked Spanish team in their second Pool



A round match in the Olympic Tournament. In its previous game Australia accounted for South Africa relatively easily defeating the African nation 6 - 0, however their second game against Spain was deemed to be a real test.

The game was streamed live through Ian Paterson's iPad; the quality was good with the match being shown in its entirety with no commercial breaks. The crowd was 40 - 50 people strong with most of the Glebe 1st grade side there along with the junior parents who were all enjoying the Hockey spectacle. The juniors came and went, as they were just as interested in the hockey as they were in grabbing a sausage sandwich & a soft drink

from the bar. For the record, The Kookaburras won 5 - 0 in what was a clinical performance; they had the golden touch on the night scoring some very entertaining goals. The Australians defence was never really troubled as Spain troubled to gain any momentum or ascendancy. In general it was a good spectacle for Hockey.

The crowd was boisterous during the play, which made for a pleasurable atmosphere to watch the game and converse with fellow lovers of the game.

Return to the Number 4 Arch

On Sunday the 5th of August the GDHC moved back in to its original Clubhouse at Railway arch number 4 after spending the better part of 4 years down at viaduct/archway number 1.

The Railway Viaduct was built after the First World War, which ended in 1918. The railway link between White Bay and Darling Harbour was opened in 1922. The Number 4 Arch, the Arch currently occupied by the Hockey Club, was used by the Saint James' Rugby League club from 1941. It's unclear how the numbering system was arrived at. There are seven arches in this section of the viaduct. The 'Number 4 Arch' as specified on the Lease documents at the time refers to the arch, which is third in the row, counting from the Johnston's Canal.

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Club News

Olympic Hockey on the big screen

The Saint James' Rugby League club & its teams played their last season in 1949. A new junior Rugby League Club, called "Bing and Swing" was formed. The "Bing and Swing" played in all white with a blue and gold vee. They used the Number 4 Arch at Jubilee until the Club disbanded in 1960.

The Hockey Club was delighted at the prospect of acquiring the lease of Number 4 Arch. Jack Doherty who at the time was a chauffeur with the City Council skilfully handled negotiations between the Hockey Club and the City of Sydney Council. This acquisition of a clubroom was a boon for the social life of the Club and provided a venue for players and supporters to come. On Saturday afternoons during the 1960s, '70s and '80s, it was not uncommon for there to be over 200 people at the club room under the Viaduct after the first grade game at Jubilee. From the time Federal Park became their home ground in 1986, fourth graders were able to stroll across the canal, grab a beer and watch the first grade fixture.

In 2008 City of Sydney Engineers decided that the front and rear enclosing walls of all the Arches at Jubilee were unstable and needed replacing. This necessitated moving the existing tenants out of their traditional Arches and replacing the enclosing walls with appropriate materials. In 2008 the Hockey Club was moved to Number 1 Arch Jubilee Oval, the most distant from the Canal. The City of Sydney Council was most helpful in refurbishing Number 1 for the Club. It brought water and electricity to the Arch and helped with the fit-out.

The walls of the Hockey Club's traditional Arch have now been replaced and the City of Sydney Council requested that the Hockey Club move back into this Arch. On Sunday 5 August 2012 the contents of Arch 1 were transferred back to Arch 4. Number 4 Arch still does not have water on tap and the counter and fixtures have not yet been fitted.

Number 4 Arch at Jubilee Oval Glebe has been the Glebe District Hockey Club's Club Room for 52 years, except for the recent temporary four-year relocation to Number 1 Arch.

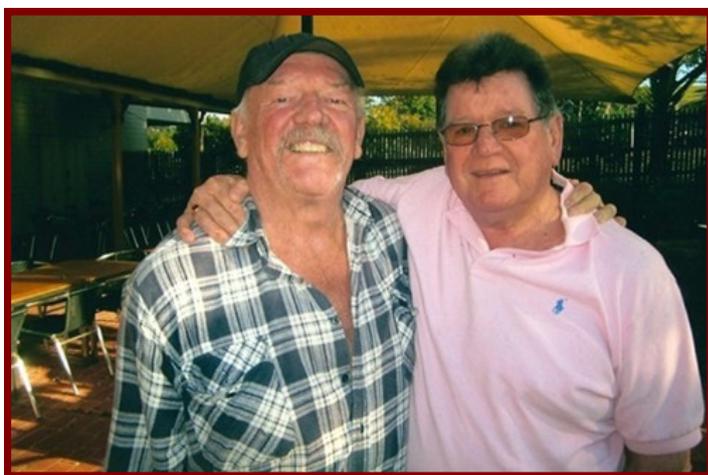
By Harry Wark



Above is a picture of the GDHC clubhouse Arch 4 kindly provided by Andrew Goodrick on a Wednesday night during juniors training.



Where are They Now?



Bob Taylor was in Noosa Holidaying this time last year when he got word that old Club stalwart Colin Brown was living in a small Queensland town by the name of Kin Kin. Now Kin Kin is very small town, which has a pub and about 20 houses, its situated 140 Km from Brisbane and 40km from Noosa. Floods in the area have in recent times devastated the little town.

By all reports Colin was in good health and good spirits and by no means has he lost is spark or zest for life. They reminisced about the good old days over

a cold beer or two in the local Kin Kin Hotel. The hotel is a big grand old wooden pub, which has recently been renovated, and by Bob's account is a lovely place.

Bob did mention that his polio has been giving him some grief of late, or a disease which you get later in life from having Polio. If any member of the GDHC is in the vicinity of Kin Kin in the near future and wish to track Colin down just head to the Kin Kin pub and ask for Colin Brown the staff will know where to find him.

The Travelling Companions

The European summer months has seen a number of GDHC personal head for warmer climates and to also witness the spectacle, which is the London Olympics. Aaron Oman & his wife Megan have been enjoying their time abroad and taking in many European sites whilst also seeing and experiencing the London Olympics. Patrick Wark also headed for greener pastures cycling some of Italy most scenic rides whilst also climbing The Passo Dello Stelvio which is Italy highest pass and also noted as being one of the most scenic. It is in the Alps Retiche & at its highest point reaches a height of 2758 meters above see level.

Aaron & Patrick whilst in Europe meet up with long time GDHC member Michael Wark who has been living and working in London for the better part of 12 months. He is working for a film production company in London where he manages the production of movies and films by handling the finances & budgets. To date he has made and helped produce a number of small films with the end goal of moving in to feature films business. Also in the picture below is Peter Feain who has been a supporter of the club for many years. We wish the boy's safe travels and all the best in their endeavors.

Pictured- Aaron Oman, Patrick Wark, Peter Feain & Michael Wark London 2012. Picture provided by Aaron Oman





Olympic Wrap Up

Format & Contenders

In London Twelve men's and Women's teams will compete for the medals with two pools formed in each the men's and women's competitions. Each pool consisted of six teams with the two highest - placed teams in each pool qualifying for the semi - finals. The winners of the semi finals will play off for Gold and silver, while the two losing semi - finalists meet to decide the bronze.

Both the Australian men and women's hockey teams entered the games real medal contenders with the Men's team (The Kookaburras) winning every major tournament since 2009. The women's team under the guidance of former Kookaburra Adam Commens finds it self in transition with a number of players making their Olympic debut. One would think that much would hinge on his young charges' ability to handle the pressure of an Olympic games.

The Hockeyroos

The Hockeyroos finished equal top of the table after the regular pool games accumulating three wins, one draw and one lose. Unfortunately their inferior goal difference to that of Argentina and New Zealand relegated them to the 5th and 6th play off and out of medal contention.

The Hockeyroos opponent in their 5th and 6th play off game was China who had an up and down tournament registering wins against Great Britain and Korea whilst losing to Holland and Japan. For the record the Hockeyroos defeated China 2 - 0 to finish 5th two places above their world ranking. The Hockeyroos also finished 5th in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Women's Final Standings

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| 1. Netherlands | 7. Germany |
| 2. Argentina | 8. South Korea |
| 3. Great Britain | 9. Japan |
| 4. New Zealand | 10. South Africa |
| 5. Australian | 11. Belgium |
| 6. China | 12. USA |

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Olympic Wrap Up cont.

The Kookaburras

The Kookaburras dominated their pool A classification matches notching up three wins and 2 draws with a positive goal difference of 18. This saw them advance straight through to the semi - finals against the second rank team in the world Germany. The semi - final was a game worthy of a final as the first half was played at a frenetic pace. The Australians would go in to half time leading 2 - 1 but against quality opposition this narrow lead would not suffice. The German team stunned Australian in the second half scoring three unanswered goals in what was a clinical performance from the defending Olympic champions. Germany's defence was water tight giving the Australian's no room to move if any, they clawed, scraped, competed & fought for every bit of possession not allowing the Australians to settle into a comfortable pattern of play. Australia lost the Match 4-2 and would play off in the Bronze medal.

In the Bronze's medal match Australia would play-off against Great Britain who had been hammered by Holland 9 - 1 in their semi final match. The first half was a seesawing affair with neither team gaining the ascendancy. However in the second half the Australians where more clinical and eventual ran out the match out 3 - 1. It was a bitter pill to swallow for the Kookaburras, who entered the tournament gold medal favourites, but a Bronze medal is still an achievement and the GDHC congratulates them on their efforts.

Men's Final Standings

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| 1. Germany | 7. Pakistan |
| 2. Netherlands | 8. South Korea |
| 3. Australia | 9. New Zealand |
| 4. Great Britain | 10. Argentina |
| 5. Belgium | 11. South Africa |
| 6. Spain | 12. India |