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# **GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB**

**RED RAG NEWSLETTER**

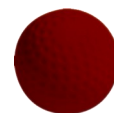
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## Trail Games

The Men's teams organised trials against Sydney University and Briars. The two games against Sydney University were week-night fixtures and the one game against Briars was on a Saturday.

After the first trial a prominent Club Member commented:

"We have 2 weeks to improve our fitness dramatically before the comp starts. We got over-run last night in our 1st trial against Sydney University by a team with 6 less players than us in their squad. Not good enough."

Hopefully as the season nears the lads will catch the scent, drop the beer and skittles life style of summer and put in the hard yards required to be competitive in the Premier Division. One can only hope.

The Women's Club have organised trial games against Briars, UTS and Ryde. On the 11th of March at Cintra, the 17th of March at Olympic and on the 25th March the at Ryde.

FOR YOUR CHANCE AT MAKING THE TOP GRADES ATTENDANCE, PERFORMANCE AND CHEERING ON OTHER GRADES ARE A MUST!!! PLUS OF COURSE TRAINING AND FITNESS!

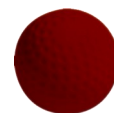
## Facebook

### Glebe District Hockey Club on Facebook

For the 2012 season it would be good if the week-end results for all teams were displayed on the Club's Facebook page by the end of the week-end. It is an aspiration goal. With the popularity of internet enabled (smart) phones, it should be relatively easy for the results to be posted on Facebook shortly after the game has finished. It should be possible for the results of all 21-22 Glebe District Hockey Club teams to be displayed by Sunday night (7 men's, 4-5-6 women's, and 10 junior teams). Club Members are interested in how the various teams fielded by the Club are fairing and the technology is there to enable the easy posting of results, so let's try and make it happen in 2012.

The Club's Facebook Page seems to be increasingly used as a bulletin board, for the exchange of information.

If there is a lot of traffic through our Facebook Site, then the Club might be able to attract advertisers to pay, to display their produce, service or skill on the Site. The Site might become a revenue raiser for the Club. Bloggers Welcome!



## Fitness!

### Pre-Season Fitness Sessions, Pre-Season Turf Sessions well attended

"GET FIT NOT FAT" - Quote by Adam Campano

The 2012 season seems to have started on an energetic note. Both the men's and women's fitness seasons have attracted a group of 12-20 people most sessions and the enthusiasm and commitment levels have been good. Lyndsey Askew has led the women's sessions and Alastair Cullen and Ian Paterson have joined up to lead the men's. The Turf training sessions at Cintra Park Concord started on 6 February 2012 and have been well attended, by upward of 30-40 men and 30-40 women each session (But it can always get better).

The Women's Club has had many enquiries from ladies wanting to have a run with the Club this year. It is always difficult to know how many of these good intentions convert to concrete actions. How many teams does the Women's Club enter into the various Competitions? It is a balancing act. Everyone wants a reasonable run every game, but on the other hand the Club needs to be reasonably sure it can field a team every week in all grades, even when the ski season starts, injuries occur and people go on their European summer holidays.

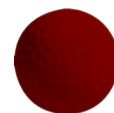
## Out of Town Players

### Out of Town, Overseas Players increasing in numbers

The cost of travel is now relatively speaking at an all time low. This means flying to Australia for a working holiday is not overly expensive. In addition the economy in Europe is depressed and the unemployment rate in Europe is high. These two factors have meant that the Club is attracting more and more overseas-born players (English, Irish etc). These overseas born players add to the rich tapestry that is the GDHC. They bring with them ideas and aspirations, which rub off on us and vice versa. Welcome to all the new players this season. It is good to have you on board.

## Reporters for the Red Rag

A Newsletter is only as good as its content. The Red Rag is always looking for fresh faces to write an article, report on a social function, or discuss an issue pertaining to hockey, be it the social issue, an emotional issue, a rule interpretation etc. Budding writers out in reader land please come forward and help us pump out copy that our fellow Club Members like to read. You will get your reward in Heaven above, as unfortunately, there is no reward offered on this mortal coil, except the reward of knowing that you have helped fellow human beings enjoy their day.



## Albury Carnival 2012

The number of teams competing at the Albury Easter Carnival has been declining for the last ten years. I have been expecting the Carnival to become extinct for the last couple of years, but somehow, against the odds, it survives.

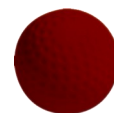
Glebe is entering teams in the Mens competition at the 2012 Albury Easter Carnival. The Men have made the trip for many years and won the carnival in 2011. The Women have gone intermittently over the years and sadly won't be attending this year due to small numbers. Hopefully a team can be revived in 2013 if the carnival is still going. One thing that can be said about the Albury Carnival Week-End, it is always a weekend to remember. The week-end may not be too healthy, but from all accounts the secret is to only remember the good bits and focus on the positives (all of what you can remember).

## GDHC Management Committee 2012

At the 2011 Annual General Meeting all Office Bearers were re-elected for the 2012 season except for Ian Paterson who elected to stand down, after several years of yeoman service in the position. Thank you Ian you did an exceptionally good job. The Social Secretary position was not filled at the AGM, but has been subsequently filled by Anthony Charge. Anthony is a keen socialite and no party, event, function or BBQ escapes his attention. The Social Secretary's job is in good hands.

Helen Howe has stepped down as Women's Convenor after many years and has been replaced by Louise Tapsell. Thankyou Helen your outstanding contribution has been greatly appreciated.

The Club is fortunate in having a stable Management Structure which functions with a minimum of fuss and a maximum of efficiency. Thank you to all you Committee Members who give up your time and use their energies to administer the Club on our behalf. Your efforts are much appreciated by us all. Bob Taylor is in his 15th year as Club President and is the longest serving President in the Club's 82 year history.



## Glebe Juniors Report - Feb 2012

Courtesy of Mark Noller

We have nominated ten teams which are the same as last year (one less Under 11 team but one more Under 15 team). Teams with coaches are as follows:

U11A - Terrie Iglesias  
U11B Strikers - Lester Currie  
U11B Hornets - ??????  
U11B Vipers - Kate Alexander

U13A Redbacks - Dean Morrow  
U13B Strikers - ?????????  
U13B Hornets - Cam Elliott

U15A Redbacks - George Manou  
U15B Strikers - Matt Wark

U17A - Philip and Alex Sheard

The U15A and U17 teams will be playing in the SJHA Sydney wide Metro competitions and the majority of the games are expected to be one after the other at the same venue. This will start 30 March with the Central Area competition to start the weekend prior.

We still need a coach for an U11B team and also Cam Elliott will need some assistance. We will also need some help from the seniors with umpiring during the season.

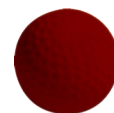
The two junior clinics at Cintra over the last few weeks went well with 20-25 children attending each session. Thanks to the seniors that helped out.

Minkey will start 24 March with Vernon, Alison and Dom again running Saturday mornings. Central Area is working on some form of Under 9 competition and we will have 1-2 teams.

### Writer's Comment

Providing a coach, an umpire, and a manager for 10 junior teams is always a stretch. It is never easy. The Junior Convenor Mark Noller is keen to hear from you if you can offer your services to help coach or umpire a Glebe Junior team in 2012. See e-mail below. Even if you cannot attend every training session and every game, your services might still come in handy. You might be able to be coupled with another person who could take up the running when you are unavailable, because of work, study, or travel commitments. There are excellent people out there who would help out from time to time to cover you for any absences you foresee.

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## Junior News cont.

Volunteerism and contributing to the common good are attributes we all should aspire to. Unfortunately we live in a world where "what's in it for me" seems to be the modus operandi of far too many people. If we want the world to be a better place we should strive to put in more than we take out.

If you are young and have knowledge of hockey, but are unsure if you can handle the challenges of controlling a group of young children, rest assured a manager will be provided of mature years that could help you with the "crowd control aspects of the job". Please help if you can. Mark is still short two junior coaches - 1 x U11B team and 1 x U13B team. He can be contacted on Mark.Noller@ampcapital.com.

## Starting Times for Men's Fixtures 2012

On some Saturdays the starting times of the men's games are to be pushed back by 30 minutes from previous years. The new starting times will be 1pm, 2.30pm, 4pm, 5.30pm, 7pm, and 8.30pm.

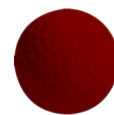
If the last scheduled game of the day is slated for 8.30pm, allowing for over-runs and late finishes in prior games the match is unlikely to hit off much before 8.45pm. If the game hits off at 8.45pm, it will not finish, all going well until 10pm. Allowing for a team talk and warm down it is unlikely the players will be departing the ground much before 10.20pm. If the game is played at Moorebank or Pennant Hills the drive home will take at least 30 minutes. This means arriving home, at best around 10.50pm. Then players have to have shower, have dinner and let the adrenaline subside. Whatever way you look at it, a late night is assured. Unsocial playing times are a reason why many players decide to stop playing hockey, and can you blame them?

This push back of starting times is so that an extra junior game can be accommodated on the synthetic turf field on a Saturday morning.

To my mind this push back of start times is to the detriment of men's hockey and will inevitably lead to more players deciding to cease playing the game. Why did the Sydney Hockey Association allow this development? It seems they have not represented the best interest of senior men hockey players.

To my mind if there are too many junior games to be accommodated on synthetic fields, then some junior games will have to be played on grass. To argue that all junior players simply must play their hockey on synthetic fields is to miss the point of why junior sport is important for children. Junior sport is about exercise, socialisation and enjoyment. Playing on grass will not diminish a child's enjoyment of playing hockey. The Sydney Hockey Association should have rejected the request from the Junior Hockey Administrators.

Our own Mark Paterson, a Member of the current Australian Team started his hockey on grass at Jubilee Oval Glebe. Starting on grass is no impediment to going on to play for Australia. In my view some junior hockey administrators need to wise up and see junior sport for what it is. One thing it is not is to turn every junior player into an Australian representative. Any comments on the times push back will be published.



## Toxteth Sponsorship

### Toxteth Hotel withdraws its sponsorship of the Glebe District Hockey Club

After decades, the Toxteth Hotel Glebe Point Road Glebe has decided to withdraw its sponsorship of the Hockey Club. In 2011 the Hotel was sold by the Murphy Family, who were strong supporters of the Hockey Club, to the Riverdale Hotel group. It would seem, unless there has been a very recent change of mind, the Riverdale Group is not interested in spending money on supporting community groups such as the Hockey Club.

Galluzzo's Fruit Shop Glebe, Baker's Delight Glebe, Aussie Home Loans (George Ribarovsky), and Just Hockey help the Club financially and should be supported if at all possible. If you supported the Toxteth Hotel because of its patronage of the Hockey Club, then now feel free to do what you like with your custom. The Ancient Briton (AB) hotel on the corner of Pymont Bridge Road and Glebe Point Road Glebe are sponsoring the Sydney University Hockey Club for the 2012 season. It should be possible for the GDHC to drum-up a bit of support from a local pub. If someone knows of a pub that might support the Hockey Club financially then bring this to the attention of Louise Tapsell, the Women's Convenor.

If the GDHC fail to secure sponsorship from a local pub for 2012, then the Club House might be the favourite watering hole.

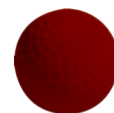
When the Toxteth Hotel was sold there were 8-9 historical hockey photos on the wall and these photos are still there today. These photos were produced by the Murphy Family at no cost to the Club. The Club provided the original photos from which the photos hanging on the Toxteth Hotel wall were produced. It grates that the Toxteth Hotel, although now not a sponsor, still hangs the photos on the wall, which I might say it is entitled to do, as these were purchased as part of the sale agreement. My preference would be for the Pub to take the photos off the wall and give them to the Hockey Club, to hang on the Club House wall. The historical hockey photos could be replaced by other aesthetically pleasing photos.

## Why Do People Give Up Playing Hockey?

Hockey is an expensive game to play. In 2012 the fees are closer to \$600 than they are to \$500. For a young person on a modest wage to pay rent, run a car and live, forking out \$550 on a Hockey Club Subscription is a big call. After the fees there is the shirt, skirt (shorts), socks, mouth guard, stick, shin pads to buy. It probably costs over \$1000 to play a season of hockey, which equates to over \$40 per week. For young people on a modest wage this is a lot of money.

The second reason people give up the sport is that some games are played at very unsocial hours. Some of the Women's fixtures in the past couple of years have started at 9.30 pm on a Sunday night. If you are a young nurse who starts work at 7 am each morning then getting to sleep after midnight on Sunday night is a complete turn-off. In the London hockey competition no games are scheduled after 5.30pm. This means the players are free to work on a Saturday night, or go out to parties, or shows. Their social life is not decimated and it is the way it should be. The late finish to some of the round games in Sydney leads many players to leave the game.

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## Why Do People Give Up Playing Hockey? Cont.

Hockey administrators should be trying to reduce the number of games that have a late starting time. NSW Senior Men's Team training regime is excessive and unnecessary.

The NSW Men's Senior Squad to compete in the Australian Championships in October 2012 will be picked after the NSW State Championships in June 2012. After the squad is announced it will train at Homebush twice a week until the Australian Championships in October. By my reckoning this means the team will train at least 25 times before the Australian Championships begin.

This is an excessive number of training sessions and the number should be reduced to 4 or 5, just prior to the Australian Championships. The purpose of these 4-5 training sessions would be to work out the penalty corner combinations and perhaps some strategic planning. The purpose of the NSW training sessions is not to improve the skill levels of the players. This is a responsibility of the individual player and his club coach, not the NSW coaching staff. How the player fits into the NSW team structure and team combinations is the responsibility of the NSW coaching staff.

Are players from out of Sydney required to come to these twice weekly training sessions? If they are then the time commitment of these players would be substantial, which would be a deterrent to players with work and family commitments.

For players based in Sydney the twice weekly training commitments to the NSW Squad means that they have trouble attending their club training session, as NSW training seems to trump club training sessions. The clubs are the losers and it need not, indeed should not be that way. Clubs are the life blood of hockey and they are to be nurtured, helped, assisted and encouraged, not treated as somewhere to go when players have no representative training.

Clubs do not seem to be given the respect and consideration that is their due by the higher hockey associations. They are treated as milch cows, to be milked when and where necessary to boost representative ranks.

In my view it is time to think again. Club teams and club competitions are the life-blood of the sport and they should be where the focus is.

All comments on this contentious matter will be published. Let readers of the Red Rag know how you feel, write a letter to the Editor.





## The Lease is Running Out at Ryde Turf

The Ryde Hockey Club's lease of the Ryde Turf stops in January 2013. After this time the State Government plans to sell the site. This means that as it stands at the moment the Ryde Club will be without a home synthetic turf ground. The Ryde Club are busy lobbying the State Government to consider its position, and for the Government to either extend the lease on the current turf or build it another synthetic turf at a different site.

With the present bias towards playing all hockey on synthetic turf, there are insufficient synthetic turf fields in Sydney at the moment. The loss of this very well used turf will be to the detriment of hockey, and not just to the Ryde Club. If you can help the Ryde Club's cause to secure a synthetic turf hockey field, I am sure it will be most grateful.

### UNSW Field at Daceyville available for the 2012 season.

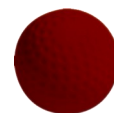
The Little Bay synthetic turf field was sold by UNSW a couple of years back and is being developed as flats. A new synthetic turf field at Daceyville, much closer to the UNSW Campus has been constructed. Having this turf available in 2012 will be most helpful in scheduling fixtures at reasonable times. The UNSW men's hockey club has been in the doldrums in recent years. Lets hope this new field, close to the Campus will fire up the Club and make it more competitive in the coming years.

### New Synthetic Turf Fields planned at Moorebank and Narellan

Moorebank is to build a third synthetic turf field at its complex in Moorebank. This is a positive development for the Moorebank Club and a positive development for Sydney Hockey. It will be a water based turf. In addition to the field there will associated change rooms and viewing areas. In the future it is planned that Moorebank's sand turf will be converted to water. Down the track, Moorebank will have a complex of three water based fields and associated viewing areas. It will be a big complex by any stretch of the imagination.

Hopefully the money generated by running such a big complex will not mean that Moorebank buys up all the promising young hockey players in NSW and beyond, and dominates the Sydney Competition. Clubs such as Glebe without their own money generating turfs are at a marked disadvantage to the Club's with synthetic turf fields that splash cash around to attract big name players and bolster their playing ranks.

At Narellan a third synthetic turf is to be built making it two water and one sand. In addition there is to be built a large stadium for indoor hockey. This is a great leap forward for hockey in the area. This proposal has been in the wings for years, with ex-Glebe player Kevin Sweeney being heavily involved in the promotion of the hockey complex.



## Penalty Corner Practice

I have been following the English Premier League Competition over the off season. This competition comprises the best 10 teams in England. Ex-Glebe first grade centre-forward Michael Wark plays for Hampstead-Westminster in this competition and the team is running sixth. Looking up the results every week I notice that over half the goals scored in the English Premier League are scored from penalty corners. In international games that are played these days it seems that over 50% of the goals are scored from penalty corners.

If our Glebe teams are to prosper in 2012 we need to focus on well-executed penalty corners. In all grades, we must foster drag flickers with a bullet-like shot and we must perfect effective corner variations. The time to start looking for likely drag flickers is now, in February, not around semi-final time in August.

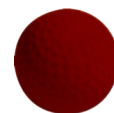
I personally believe that the penalty corner rule needs to be changed to make it harder to score from a penalty corner, and encourage teams to score field goals. My suggestion is that off a penalty corner the ball must travel beyond the 22 metre line before it can be played back into the circle. The drag flick is then not an option and effective passing becomes the means by which goals are scored from penalty corners.

You frequently see forwards get into the attacking circle and make no attempt to score or deliver a pass to a team-mate. They just deliberately play the ball onto a defenders foot to get the penalty corner. A minor foot offence out on the fringe of the circle in a packed environment becomes a real goal scoring proposition when a penalty corner is awarded. From the field position where the ball hit the defenders foot, a goal scoring situation was most unlikely. This tactic of deliberately playing the ball onto a defenders foot needs to be stopped. All comments on this proposed rule change are welcome.

## History



The First Ever Club Team—the Saint James' Forest Lodge Hockey Team of 1931



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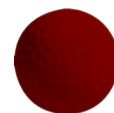
This year, 2012, the Club celebrates its 82nd birthday. The Founder of the Club the Reverend Brother McCarten Keegan is shown second from the left in the front row. The Club's first Australian Representative Tom Pearce is shown on the far right hand side of the second row. The Club's first Life Member Jack Quinlan is shown second from the left in the second row. The team's vice-captain Billy Bourke represented New South Wales in Rugby League.

The team played in a yellow shirt with a blue vee, which were the colours of the Saint James Sport's Club. The Saint James' Sporting Club, founded in 1929, fielded cricket, rugby league, tennis and hockey teams, and organised dances, picnics, sing-longs and boat cruises. According to the by-laws of the Metropolitan Hockey Association, which then organised hockey in Sydney, in order for a club to field a team in the first grade hockey competition of the day, the club had to represent a district of Sydney.

After winning the second grade competition of 1932, the players in the Saint James' Sports hockey team were keen to test themselves in the higher competition the following year. In order to enable this to occur, the team had to represent a district of Sydney. In December 1932 at a Special General Meeting in the Saint James Hall and with the full backing of the Saint James Sports' Club Administration the Glebe District Hockey Club came into existence. The Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC) had its first season in 1933. Most of the players in the GDHC teams of 1933 had played the previous season in the Saint James Sports' Club Hockey Teams.

All Sporting Clubs which had represented Glebe, from the mid 1850s onwards, cricket, rugby league, rugby union, rowing, athletics and cycling had worn shirts/jerseys, which were maroon in colour. It was decided at the Special General Meeting of December 1932 that the

Hockey Club would wear a maroon and white strip, in keeping with the colours worn by other teams which had represented the District. The 1933 shirt worn by the Club was maroon with a white vee. Over the years the white vee has come and gone, come and gone and various combinations of maroon and white have been worn.



## Women's Hockey at Glebe

In 1934 and 1935 the Saint James' Sports Club fielded a women's hockey team. There is no record of the team's results. Most of the players in the team were the sisters, girlfriends, or wives of player's in the men's hockey teams.



A photo of the 1934 Saint James Women's Team taken in May 1934 at Jubilee Oval Glebe: Back row left to right, Margaret Bourke, Joan Massong, Molly Ryan, Elma Massong, Gwen Cummins, Madge Barnes. Middle row left to right, Florence Ostegarde, Thelma Worley, Edna Conlon, front Doris Jackson. The Saint James Women's Team played for two years 1934 and 1935. Among its ranks were sisters, girl-friends and wives of men who played for the Glebe District hockey Club. This photo was given to the Club by Thelma Brown (nee Worley), the sister of Jack Worley who was President of the Men's Club for 12 years from 1946 to 1957. Note the playing attire and long hooked sticks.

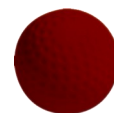
Glebe did not field women's teams until again until 1978, 35 years ago.

In 1978 Glebe fielded two teams in the Eastern Districts Women's Competition. Initially the women's Club was a separate entity to the Men's Club. Many Members of the Women's Club were family or friends of men playing for the Glebe District Hockey Club and there was a close liaison between the two Clubs. In 1990 the Women's and the Men's Clubs combined and are now one Club, the Glebe District Hockey Club. This is a photo of the 1978 second grade team taken at Primrose Park North Sydney.



Left to right, Caroline McMahon, Jocelyn Jenkins, Anne Wark, Chrissie Ridgley, Maya Gibson, Lisa Barrett, Bev Birmingham, Robyn Letham, Jan Hammond, Jackie McNichol.

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## Women's Hockey at Glebe cont.

The Club fielded its first junior team, an Under 16 team, in 1948. Several players from the early years of the Glebe juniors can still be seen on the sidelines at the current first grade games. Many players from our junior ranks have gone on to represent NSW and several have represented Australia. Although success at the upper echelons of the sport is nice, it is much more important that junior hockey is stimulating, provides exercise and physical activity, and encourages young people to socialise and meet each other in a supportive, non threatening environment. Junior hockey is much more than the acquisition of technical skills and on field success. Interactions with team mates, opposition players, umpires, and supporters from both teams, and learning to win gracefully and lose with dignity provide valuable life lessons which are hard to come by, but are important to learn if a full, rewarding and contented life is to be lead.

Comments/Letters to the Editor by readers, on the place of junior sport in the education of children are encouraged.

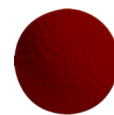
## Sydney Hockey Association Management Committee

2012 has seen big changes to the Sydney Hockey Association Management Committee. Only two members of the 2011 Committee remain. It seems the new Committee have major changes in mind for the structure of the Sydney Hockey Competition in 2013. Not all of the proposed changes are in the best interests of the average chap who likes a run every week with his mates.

Four of the seven-man Committee have played Masters (Veterans) Hockey for Sydney and/or NSW and three of the Committee are University Representatives. It seems to me that the Management Committee is not representative of the 1200, or thereabouts, male hockey players who play the game every week during the winter season. There are no representatives on the Committee from Briars, Moorebank, Glebe, Ryde, South-West Strikers and Bankstown, clubs that field close to 50% of the players that take the field of a Saturday.

The proposal to have a stand alone Men's Premier Division Competition in 2013 is, in my view misguided. The proposal to stop players from playing first grade and second grade on the one day is unduly restrictive. It seems reasonable, and it is what has been done till now, that a second grader who has played his game is asked to hang around just in case a first grade player gets injured. Most players like to play a full game each week, or as close to a full game as is possible. Having to have a first grade team of 14 players each week, means that some of these 14 players are not going to get the field time that they would like. It also means that a Club's second grade team is going to be weaker than it might otherwise be.

There is no need to change the way the competition is currently run. It works well, it is not broken, and so there is no need to fix it. I have a suspicion that the silent majority are being railroaded into a competition structure that they do not support. All comments welcome.



## Linda Fay Tait

1950 - 10 January 2012 RIP

A player in the Glebe women's ranks for 21 seasons, Linda Tait, has died after a relatively short illness. She was diagnosed with a melanoma in August 2011. She is survived by her mother and her son Sam who was a constant supporter on the sideline from the time of his

birth. The Glebe District Hockey Club extends its condolences to them both as well as her partner Rod and her extended family and many friends.

Linda, a school teacher, most recently at MLC, had her name first appear in club records in 1983 when she took the field for the club's 2nd grade side. That team made the semi-finals in the North Shore Women's competition. Over the years the teams she played in had some good results. She played for First Grade in the 1992 season when the team took out the Premiership in the Eastern Districts Third Grade Competition. A photo of that team is shown below taken after the Grand-Final win at David Phillips field Daceyville.

Linda's contribution to the team effort was well recognised. 1993 saw her take out the Player's Player Award in her second grade team. In 1995 and again in 1996 she took out the Player's Player Award in the Club's Fourth Grade side. In 1998 she was once more voted Players Player for the season. The annual report of that year noted that Linda was:

...always outstanding and so helpful to the players around her. Linda's speed in the forward line gave us the edge we so often needed.

And from the 2000 report:

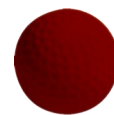
Linda Tait was, as always, outstanding on the right wing. She's just like a vintage red isn't she? Gets better with age.

In 2001 she was again voted as Players Player.

She was a significant contributor to the administrative running of the Club and was Club Secretary for the Women in 1991. Other office bearers that season were Carole Wark and Anne Rochester. She served on the Committee of the Women's side of the Club for many years and was, from time to time, on the Women's Social Committee.

One of her fellow players during most of those seasons, Carole said that Linda was recognised for her incredible fitness, her tenacity on the field, her wonderful commitment both to the Club and her hockey friends and her many kindnesses. She was a gregarious and warm personality with an easy laugh. By the end of her last season with Glebe in 2003 she had played an impressive 376 games for Glebe. After leaving Glebe she continued playing hockey in the UTS Veteran's sides alongside some of the friends she's played with in the maroon shirt including Elaine McNichol and Phillipa Williams. As recently as July 2011 she was still scoring goals and attracting votes from fellow players at UTS, for the team's Best and Fairest award.

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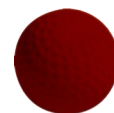
Her contributions here on earth were substantial and there is little doubt that as you read this Obituary Linda is enjoying her well deserved Eternal Reward in Heaven.

Vale Linda.



The Glebe Women's 1992 Third Grade Team that played in the Eastern Districts Competition, after its 2-1 grand-final win against YWCA, at David Phillips Field Daceyville. Back row left to right, Peter Busch (coach), Linda Tait, Elaine Trodden, Christine McNichol, Melanie Reid, Nicole Horley, Adel Lucas, Anne Rochester, Lisa McPhail. Front row left to right, Helen Howe, Carole Wark, Jane Goldsmith, Leanne Hodges, Vanessa Hardman.





## Jack Worley

Jack Worley, late of Orchard Rd Beecroft died in early March 2012. He was the Club's fourth Life-Member. He served both the Glebe Club in various positions and his country.

Assistant Secretary 1937-1939

Secretary 1940-1941

War Service 1941-1946 (Jack served in North Queensland and New Guinea)

President 1946-1957 (12 years)

Jack as a boy and young man lived at 114 Saint John's Road Glebe, down the hill from the old Glebe Post Office. Also living in this vicinity, 100 metres from Jack were Vernon Turner the driving force in the early years of the Club's juniors and Ray Thorpe a Club Secretary for 9 years.

Jack's father, also called Jack had come to Glebe from Dora Creek seeking work. Jack (Senior), a teetotaler, became an inspector on the Sydney trams. His mother (nee Conlon) was born and bred in Glebe in an old established Glebe Family who had a carrying business. No trucks in those days, just the old faithful horse and cart.

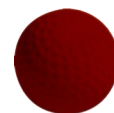
Jack jnr went to Glebe Public School from 1921 to 1928 and was dux of the school in his last year. From Glebe Public Jack went to North Newtown Boys High School and then on to Fort Street Boys High School, at Taverner's Hill. Jack would have liked to have gone to University after leaving school, but finances were a consideration so he launched himself into the world of work.

He had a couple of clerical jobs when he first went into the work force, then joined the Shell Oil Company in the City in February 1935 where he did clerical work in various accounting departments until he joined the Army in 1941. He served until 1946 in North Queensland and New Guinea. After discharge from the Army he rejoined Shell in the City, but was subsequently transferred to the Shell Refinery at Granville in a personnel management function. Jack retired from Shell in 1973 after 39 years with the company at the age of 57. He then joined a medical supply company called H I Clements in North Ryde where he stayed for a further 10 years in work associated with computers.

In his youth Jack was a keen member of the Saint James' Forest Lodge Social Club's Debating Society. This organisation fielded a hockey team in the Metropolitan Hockey Association Third Grade Competition in 1936. This team was separate to the teams fielded by the Glebe District Hockey Club. Jack's sister Thelma Worley (married name Brown) played in the first women's team fielded by Glebe in 1934 and 1935. This women's team was known as the Saint James Sports' Club Women's Hockey Team and only lasted two seasons before folding -up. A photo of this Women's team can be seen earlier on, in this March 2012 Newsletter.

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## Jack Worley

For the 1937 season, players from the 1936 Saint James' Forest Lodge Social Club's Debating Society joined the Glebe District Hockey Club and Jack was elected to the Glebe District Hockey Club Management Committee as Assistant Secretary, to represent the interests of the players who had joined from the Debating Society's Team. Jack was Assistant secretary from 1937-1939 (three years), before being elected Secretary from 1940-1941. In both these positions, Jack worked closely with Club President Charlie Humphries. Charlie, a Police Sergeant at Newtown Police Station and an Anglo-Indian served as President from 1938-1945 (eight years), the third longest serving Club President after the current President Bob Taylor and Jack Worley.

As an administrator Jack was superb, one of the Club's finest. A knee injury prevented him from achieving great feats on the field as a player. This injury restricted him to playing 116 games for the Club. Jack was also a keen umpire. He obtained his international badge qualification and umpired several test matches. He retired from umpiring in 1958. In 1966 he took up golf, which he enjoyed and continued to play until he reached his late 80s.

Jack was an active contributor/administrator/umpire with the Metropolitan Hockey Association, the Sydney Hockey Association and the New South Wales Hockey Association. In 1961 he was awarded Life-Membership of the NSW Hockey Association.

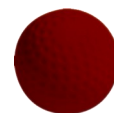
In 1953 Jack married Wyn Strachan. When Wyn was a child her family came up from the South Coast and settled near the Bunnerong Power Station at Botany, a facility which was demolished in the 1980's. The purpose of the family's move to the Botany area was to enable her father to find work. Wyn went to school at Fort Street Girls High School, which was then situated at the Rocks and played hockey for YWCA. Wyn was the cousin of an Assistant Priest at Saint James Church Forest Lodge, Father Tom Kerr and it was through Father Kerr that Jack and Wyn met.

Shortly after they got married, Jack and Wyn moved to a small house opposite the Railway Station at Westmead where they lived for 13 years. Westmead was close to Jack's work at the Shell Oil Refinery. In 1966 Jack and his wife moved to 65 Orchard Road Beecroft where they spent the remaining years of their lives. Jack and Wyn had no children of their own, which was a source of disappointment to them, but they were closely involved in caring for and interacting with their nephews and nieces. Wyn predeceased Jack.

A Management Committee Member of the 1940's and 50's Dave Robertson remembers Jack was a kindly man, who was considerate and measured in this approach to others and lead the Club through its golden years of those decades.

The Club was fortunate to have had Jack's involvement in Club affairs for over 20 years, 12 of which were as President. He was a giant, on the shoulders of whom those that followed have stood. He gave unselfishly to Club affairs and for that the Club owes Jack a great debt of gratitude.

He was a generous doer here on earth and I have every expectation that he is now enjoying his eternal reward in Heaven, thank you Jack.



## Jack Worley

In the photo shown below of the 1947 Glebe First Grade Team Jack is in his umpire's attire on the right hand end of the back row.



This photo was taken of the 1947 first grade team taken behind the old paddock grandstand in the grounds of the Harold Park Trotting Club. The Glebe first grade team won the Sydney first grade competition for seven years on the trot from 1947 to 1953 inclusive. This record of winning 7 consecutive Sydney first grade premierships has never been equalled.

Back row: left to right Jack Taylor, Vince Halls, Kelvin Dickey, Vernon Turner, Tom "Digger" Taylor, and Umpire Jack Worley

Front Row: Ken Wark, Jack Sutherland, Bill "Jazzer" Ryan, Bill Lord, Frank Murray, Les Waight, Harry Wark.