

### President's Address

Welcome to all members as we approach the start of the 2013 season.

We have an exciting year ahead, with the big off-season news being:

(Life Membership)

- George Manou gaining life membership after 40 years of great service. Congratulations George!

(Men)

- Appointment of Aaron Oman as 1st grade coach (current NSW AHL coach)
- Return of life member John Nilan as 1st Grade Manager
- Reappointment of Michael Bougoukas as 2nd Grade Coach (defending premiers)
- Return of several players into the fold (including Australian Rep Mark Paterson)
- Return of the top 4 final series (after a one year absence)
- Indoor – our men's team making the GF against Moorebank
- Indoor – Dom Tintner, Dylan Howe and Aleks Manou representing Sydney with Aleks (selected in the NSW U21 side)

(Women)

- Elevation of our 1st grade team back into the elite SWHL competition
- Appointment of AHL Player Matthew Wark as 1st grade coach
- Growth in player numbers to hopefully 5 teams for 2013
- Appointment of Martin Bishop as 2nd grade coach (defending premiers)
- Appointment of Alison Cheong as 3rd grade coach (winning 2nd grade coach in 2012)
- Elevation of our Premiership winning 4th Grade to ED3

(Club House)

- We have moved back into our original arch (club-house) at Jubilee Oval
- Refurbishment to be undertaken to make it a place we can all be proud of.
- Andrew Goodrick will be overseeing this and any help here will be much appreciated by Andrew.

(Juniors)

- Indoor – fielded 7 teams across 4 age divisions (6 in finals, 4 in GFinals, and 2 Premiers)
- 10 teams for 2013 (same as last year – but with more players)
- 6 players to represent the club in upcoming City v Country (Tamworth)
- Introduction of a shortened U9 competition

As you can see, there has been some great results across all areas of the club over the so called "off season".

What's Ahead of Us?

Continued over....

Our Men's 3rd and 4th grade teams were demoted to SL3 and SL4 and our No. 1 goal will be to get both teams back up to SL1 and SL2 as quickly as possible. I know that our Men's Club Captains Adam Campano and Adrian McKeown are working hard to make this happen.

For the women, the fantastic achievement of our 1st grade side being promoted back to the top grade, presents its own challenges. Firstly, they will need to hit the ground running, ensuring they entrench themselves in this grade with a solid 1st year performance. I'm sure with Matthew at the helm this will be achieved.

Secondly, in the mid to long-term they will need to grow and develop to become a real powerhouse that will see them stay in the top grade for many years to come. This will be achieved by the influx of talented players from outside the club, who will wish to be a part of our great club and from our own junior ranks (which are producing more and more junior girls).

In closing, I look forward to seeing you all soon, noting that our 1st & 2nd grade men commence on Sat 16th March with 3 games prior to Easter. With the women and lower grade men not commencing until after Easter, I ask that you come out and support our rejuvenated 1st grade and our 2nd grade defending premiers. It will be a great opportunity to watch some great hockey and get ourselves fired up for the season ahead.

Danny O'Brien  
President



**GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INC.**

# *New Players Night*

Saturday, 23rd March  
Exchange Hotel, Balmain  
7.00PM  
Partners/Friends all welcome!

This is the night to celebrate the start of the season and welcome all the new guys and girls to the Club! Be there!

## New Sponsor! Pilcher Residential

The talented real estate people at Pilcher Residential (Booth St Annandale) have come on board as a sponsor for the 2013 Season. Their support will help Glebe to continue to subsidise junior fees and invest in junior development.

You may already know the building on the corner of Booth and Trafalgar, but if you don't, check them out next time you are in Annandale. Their plasma screens show their list of properties and the guys at Pilcher are always willing to chat about properties for sale in the area.

Pilcher are a local business investing in us, a local sporting club, so let's show our support for them in return!

Check out their website at <http://www.pilcher-residential.com>

Like them on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/PilcherResidential](http://www.facebook.com/PilcherResidential)



On Saturday the 23rd of February the Glebe first grade squad travelled up the F3 Highway for a trial match against South Newcastle Hockey Club. The Glebe team consisted of a mixture of 1st and 2nd grade players who were keen to play against one of Newcastle's top hockey sides. The game was played in four 20 minute quarters allowing for both teams to rotate players on and off and to also get the most out of the weekend.



The game was played in less than ideal conditions due to the massive low pressure system moving down the NSW coast at the time. There was squalling wind and rain sweeping across the ground at various points during the match.

South Newcastle Hockey Club has contested the 16 Grand-Finals in the Newcastle Hockey league mainly against arch rival North Newcastle Hockey Club. Once upon a time Glebe player John Fernance (35 games for the GDHC) who has been a stalwart of the South Newcastle Hockey Club is still playing and running around at a competitive level.

For the record Glebe ran out easy victors on the day and benefited from having more of a pre-season the Newcastle team. However the weekend provided the Glebe team with some stiff realisation that there is still plenty of improvement ahead.

## Synthetic Turf Committee Update

On the 14th of February Mark Noller and Mark Paterson met with perspective parties from the City of Sydney Council (COS) and Sydney Secondary College (SSC) Blackwattle Bay Campus. In Attendance from the COS was Monica Barone the COS CEO and various planning architects and from the SSC was Judy Kelly the overall Principal of the SSC, Sharron Roberts the Principal of the Blackwattle Bay Campus and Peter George a PD/H/PE teacher at the Blackwattle Bay Campus. The Sydney Secondary College system has campuses at Balmain, Leichhardt and Blackwattle Bay. It is a multi-campus public education facility in the City of Sydney's inner west. The Balmain and Leichhardt campuses focus on the 7-10 schooling years and the Blackwattle Bay campus focus on the senior years from 11-12.



Since October 2012 the GDHC has been communicating with the SSC Blackwattle Bay Campus (The old Glebe High School) about the possibility of sighting a Synthetic surface on their oval. The oval, which currently resides on the school's property doesn't have the luxury of a groundsman and has subsequently become redundant. A Synthetic Surface would provide the school with a sure-footed playing pitch completely free of bumps, hollows and imperfections and one that remains unaffected by rain or dry conditions. A Synthetic Surface would allow the school to play any number of sports such as Soccer, Touch Football, Oz Tag, Gridiron, Lacrosse, netball and even basketball.

The meeting was conducted at the City of Sydney head offices located on the corner of Kent and Druiett Streets Town Hall, Sydney. The meeting was amicable and relative positive. The Hockey Club at the moment is in the process of drafting up a Plan of Management for the Synthetic Surface detailing what times we envisage using the surface and on what days.

There is a lot of water to pass under the bridge yet; but the steps that have been taken thus far are positive. The current turf committee is doing all it can and performing to the best of its ability to ensure that acquiring a Synthetic Surface is a very viable prospect for the club.

For those of you not following the women's story, we have some exciting news for the 2013 Season:

1. After winning the Minor Premiership our Glebe 1 side have been promoted to the ML1 competition. Playing the best of the best.
2. We've welcomed some amazing new girls and had enough brilliant ladies to enter a new team, meaning Glebe will field five ladies teams this season!
3. We've secured a great list of coaches, including Matt Wark, Martin Bishop (Bish), Alison Cheong and Sue Brady.

Our season doesn't start till 6/7 April, so we have a few more weeks of trials ahead of us.

The girls came up against stiff competition against Shanghai a few weeks ago, which showed us we need to work on fitness and general basics.



The 1st grade ladies also travelled to Newcastle for the Hunter Cup, where they only lost one game to the winners of the Cup, well done girls.

Glebe 2's and 3's headed to Ryde to take on a heap of their players in several 20-minute-half type games. Even though Glebe came up against more players (their teams swapped after two 20 minutes halves and we kept going, basically meaning our two teams faced their four), we came out with one win, one loss and two draws. Not a bad result and showed us a few things we need to work on.

This weekend all grades take on UTS in another trial out at Homebush.

Thanks to a few annoying injuries, we are still looking for girls to join our ML1 side. If you know of anyone wanting to play top level hockey, please get in contact with Louise at [dingtap@hotmail.com](mailto:dingtap@hotmail.com)

Thanks,

Louise Tapsell  
Women's Convenor

Bob Taylor has stood down from the position of President of the Glebe District Hockey club after serving in the position for 15 straight years from 1998 to 2012. The previous longest serving President was that of Jack Worley who held the position for 12 straight years from 1946 to 1957.

Robert James Taylor was born on the 17th of April 1945 at the Royal Brisbane women's Hospital to James Taylor and Marjorie Taylor (nee Clarke). Bob was the eldest of four children. In 1977 Bob earned a rather sought after promotion with Mulfords plastic's and was promoted to General Manager and in charge of sales within Australia and New Zealand. Mulfords plastics produce's & exports plastics through the Asia Pacific Region. Bob's promotion required him to relocate to Sydney, which Bob looks back on as an exciting time in his life and with a young family and fresh start so speak. Upon first moving to Sydney Bob lived at 36 Marlborough St Drummoyne, with the Mulfords office being located at 597 Darling Street Rozelle.

Upon moving to Sydney and starting his new job in the Darling Street office, Bob one day walked down to Harry and Ken Wark's butcher shop at 107 Mansfield Street Rozelle, introduced himself and explained his story and from that moment on he has been with the Glebe Hockey Club ever since.

Bob Taylor played 324 games for the club exclusively in the lower grades winning multiple premierships along the way. Bob has steered the club through thick and thin and his devotion to all things Glebe hockey is unwavering. In 1996 Bob Taylor was elected a Life Member of the Glebe District Hockey Club making him the 20th person to be elected a life member in the Club's 83-year history. In 2011 Bob was also elected a life member of the Sydney Hockey Association recognising his services to the Sydney Hockey community.

You can truly say that Bob's impact on the club over 35 years has been tremendous and the Hockey Club is a better place for having had Bob Taylor as one of it's members. Bob made a difference and sought to inspire those around him to do the same. Bob notes that while his official tenure as Club President is now over he will still be around to cheer the mighty Maroon and White on as they take the field.

From all of us here at Glebe; we thank you for you contribution.



Hi all,

For those who are interested, here are the results of the inaugural Glebe Men's Iron Man competition after one full month of training.

After beginning with a list of 82 potential candidates, the field has already been whittled down to 27 given that attendance at at least one Wednesday night is compulsory for consideration (I just made that rule up, sounds good at the time).

Double points were given for all Wednesday night trainings as well as for the boys who went away to Newcastle (Ross got 1 point as he represented but didn't play) and for those who turned up to the inter-club training in the first week of February.

A couple of other guys have remained on the list despite their absence from fitness training, who are just returning to the fold now after a late start to the pre-season. Their positions will be reassessed at the end of March depending on whether they meet the criteria.

For the record, there are 19 players who have scored double figure totals to date, and 7 of those who have scored more than 20 points.

The indefatigable ranger, **Dom 'The Dynasty' Tintner** (note how the type is in red), is leading the pack after the first month and will be looking to protect his hard fought yellow jersey from a very tightly packed chasing group consisting of Mark 'Hollywood' Paterson (2 points behind), Pat 'MCPC 141' Wark, Anthony 'Cha Chi' Charge and Victor 'Chowder' Dunand (4 points behind) and Al 'Milky Bar Kid' Cullen and Luke 'Milky' Rogers (what's with the Milk theme?) only 5 points behind.



The best placed player from 3rd grade or lower is me (hooray!) on 19 points in 8th place, which is not bad considering I don't get to go to Monday night training or to 1st grade trials. It would be great to see some other lower graders (Big Heath from 6th grade was flying the flag there for a while!) get to fitness training just in an attempt to improve their general fitness in company of a great bunch of guys. If I can do it at age 36, then so can most of you!

Cheers,

Adam Campano  
GDHC Men's Club Captain

Each year, HockeyNSW organises the NSW Country v City challenge. This year, it was the Country's turn to host the challenge and they did so at the wonderful facilities at Tamworth.

As usual, the challenge involved boys and girls teams in each of the U13, U15 and U17 age groups with a game on both Saturday and Sunday for each of the 12 teams, together with some training and development sessions for all the 192 or so kids on both days.

In the girls, the City team is selected from Associations such as Sydney Juniors (Glebe's usual representative Association), North Shore, Campbelltown, Macarthur, Sutherland, Nepean and Parramatta. Things are a little easier with the boys, with the City team made up from players selected from Sydney Juniors, Macarthur and Penrith Associations. The Country teams are selected from all the other 15 or so Associations across New South Wales.



**L-R: Vernon Howe, Dylan Howe (U17 Boys), Angus Baird (U13 Boys), Jackson Howe (U13 Boys), Aisling Klimoski (U17 Girls), Mim Pritchard (U15 Girls), Alanna Howe (U13 Girls), Jasmine Howe**

This year, Glebe was fortunate enough to have Angus Baird and Jackson Howe selected into the U13 City boys team, Alanna Howe selected into the U13 City girls team, Mim Pritchard selected into the U15 girls city team, Dylan Howe selected into the U17 boys City team and Aisling Klimoski selected into the U17 girls City team.

As is all too frequently the case at the challenge, the Country teams had the better of the event. In the games in which the Glebe juniors were involved:

1) the U13 City Boys lost both games; 2) the U13 City Girls won both games; 3) the U15 City Girls won one game and lost one game; 4) the U17 City Girls lost both games; and 5) the U17 City Boys lost one game and drew one game. It goes without saying that one of the highlights was the participation of three Howe's at the event. They are one of the "big" Glebe families and part of what the Glebe club is all about. Vernon Howe, the dedicated Minkey Maestro and dad of Dylan and Jackson and uncle of Alanna, was present to enjoy the occasion, with many other Howes in support.

Enthusiastic and involved Glebe-ites, Gavin Howe, Milcho Klimovski, Geoff Baird and Laura Pritchard, were also present to cheer on their children and wave the flag for the Glebe club.

It was a happy and successful weekend. The kids all had a good and challenging time at what is properly regarded as a level somewhere between State and National championships. Unlike the U11 carnival in Tamworth in September last year, there was no earthquake to distract everyone from the hockey!

(Thanks to David Pritchard for the story)

## Junior Skills Clinics

The club hosted its annual pre-season junior development clinics on Fri 15 Feb and Friday 22 Feb at Cintra Hockey Field Concord. Around 25 children ranging from beginners to rep players attended each evening.

We were fortunate to have three of our former internationals coach the kids - Kookaburra Mark Paterson, triple Olympian Pat Nilan (there with his grandson Riley from our U11A Redbacks team) and former Hockeyroo Claire Prideaux - as well as former NSW representatives Geoff Paterson and Danny O'Brien lending assistance.



Seven of the Mens First Grade team also helped on the first night. Not many clubs can boast that standard of coaching at a pre-season junior event!!



It will be remembered as a dark day in sport when the Australian Crime Commission released details of a 12-month investigation into the integrity of elite sport. The commission released details of widespread use of performance enhancing drugs in elite sports, links to organised crime syndicates and match fixing within various Australian sporting codes. The Australian public has long held the notion that sport within Australia has always been squeaky-clean but that notion has now since been rocked to its core.

Hockey has not been implicated in any of the investigations although the vigorous testing of Athletes at times can be too much. The investigation was more aimed at the professional sports, which play in our society. Sports, which are predominately about power, speed, strength and aggression; performance enhancing drugs provide a massive advantage to the individual and or team. Hockey can be best classified as a semi-professional sport where performance-enhancing drugs would only improve your physically capacity to compete within a game and would have no effect as to improve your decision-making ability or improve the execution of fine motor skills which hockey requires.



As sport in this country continues to become for corporate and there is more pressure placed on clubs to satisfy sponsors and fan's is sport not losing its innocence in the process? To often we see examples of this such as in Soccer as the club with the most money often wins as they are able to afford the best players, Formula One Racing, the team who is able to spend big on the latest high tech low weight gadgets more often then not finds themselves on the winners podium. The question which should be central to all people who participate in sport is what do we want sport to bring to our lives? Now to every individual the answer will be different, some want it for financial security, for glorification, for recreation and health reasons, but since when did the desire win at all costs become more important then fair and equal competition and performing to the best of ones ability. There is no doubt that money, betting, gambling and match fixing has become a major issue in sport these days and long with this maybe just maybe sport has lost whatever innocence it once had.

Unfortunately it seems we have moved away from fair and equal competition to an environment where sport is captive to the media, sponsors, revenue targets and influential parties. Have athletes and in general today's society become afraid of hard work? Are we the generation, which will be labeled money hungry, cheats, soft and self-absorbed? I'm all for elite competition and elite sportsman's competing at the highest level, but am I wrong in thinking that if you want to be the best then you must work that little bit harder then every one else to claim that title. Maybe I am wrong, maybe sport today is a commodity to be sold and shaped by the highest bidder.

What are your thoughts comments welcome.