

President's Address

The competition is now underway for all our teams across our men, women and junior sections of the club.

I have seen mixed results to-date and I think it is important to note the words of one of our club greats who said to me a little while ago:

“Are we a social club or are we a hockey club”.

These words have really hit home to me over the past few weeks.

Our club is without doubt one of the best clubs in Sydney and Australia, but we must remember that this was built first and foremost, on our achievements/successes on the hockey field.

We look back at our history and we are proud of the numerous premierships/club championships and representative players that this club has attained. I believe in recent years, that the focus on this has been lost to a degree and that whilst we are still a great club, we need to regain that ruthless Glebe approach on the field. To wear that maroon shirt meant you grew two feet taller, 5 yards faster and you were mentally tougher than any other team in the competition. Losing was never an acceptable option.

Yes, we have seen our competitions change from club-based to team-based and with that, we have seen our grades split apart and demoted. But so have the other clubs seen this change and unfortunately, some are handling this better than us.

It is incumbent on all current players to take up the challenge this year and make every effort to honor the deeds of the past and get this club back to where it should be on the playing paddock.

It is a time where we don't look for excuses, but look for solutions and meet challenges head on.

Get to training, get yourself fitter and be honest and open about your weekly performances and ask yourself, what are you going to do to make a difference next week to help your team be the best it can be.

“A Champion Club – A Club of Champions”

Let's make this Glebe “truism” true, not only off the field, but more importantly “on the field”.

All the best

Danny O'Brien

President of the Glebe District Hockey Club

The month of May has looked kindly upon the Glebe Hockey Club with 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades all undefeated (at the time of writing).

1st grade have had a great month with wins against arch rivals Sutherland (the defending Premiers) and Sydney Uni as well as a fascinating draw against Burwood Briars. 1st grade are running 3rd on the table and remain undefeated. It is a very exciting time watching this talented group of players giving 100% and playing an exciting brand of end-to-end hockey, led by State reps Mark Paterson and Matt Wark, soon to be boosted by the long awaited return of re-round goal scorer, Michael Wark. We have the opportunity this season to give the competition a very strong nudge.

2nd grade had a minor setback with an unexpected loss against Sutherland but made up for it with an impressive, yet fortuitous (Al Brown's flukey own goal turned the game in our favour) win against competition front runners, Briars, inflicting their first loss of the season, and are now placed 2nd on the table.

3rd grade have returned to form after 2 opening losses with 4 wins in a row against opposition of mixed ability and are now placed 4th on the table. Last week's 4-2 win against Macquarie University was our most satisfying performance of the season, not to mention that two ex-Glebe juniors were playing for the other team. New player Hugh Campbell announced himself to the club by scoring a hatrick on debut against Manly in an exciting 8-6 win, while fellow Victorian Cameron Bardell also enjoyed his first run on appearance in 3rd grade against Gordon.



4th grade have had fantastic results, extending their winning streak to 5 to take them to the top of the table. Team captains Jason McDonald and Chris Farrugia have truly led by example and have been backed by some promising performances from club juniors Max Tintner and Ed Noller, marshalled by the brilliant hockey brain of Club President Danny O'Brien. Premiership contenders for sure – however, a top of the table clash with Ryde looms this coming weekend.

5th grade continue to go about their business as per last season with 4 wins in a row to rectify their slow start to the season, in spite of serious injuries to a number of key players. The back 5 in this side, even with the dual loss of Owen and Snuggles this season to 4th grade, has not been affected and they continue to resolutely defend their own goal earning them the bragging rights of best defence in their competition in which they are currently placed in the top 4 (not sure where exactly, as the SHA website keeps stonewalling me when I try to check the points table).

6th grade are battling hard, as always and have had a couple of blow outs, however generally they are competing very well and enjoying their hockey. Their cause is not helped by key playmaker John McDonald, as well as Premiership winner Scott Glading and Peter Kelly being out injured.

Looking at the spread of results it looks like we are genuine premiership contenders this season in 5 out of 6 grades which is a great position to be in. However, traditionally the men seem to get sorted out from the boys so to speak at this time of season, as the weather becomes colder and enthusiasm to get to training waivers. It must be said though this season's attitude to training has been fantastic so far, bolstered by the enthusiasm of Mark Paterson and Aaron Oman in conducting trainings tailored to the player's needs and by the injection of new blood in the many new players we have acquired from places including Victoria (not sure where this is), Germany, New Zealand and Ireland. Let's keep the ball rolling lads! Certainly winning games on a regular basis should be motivation enough for players to get to training and to push themselves harder, if all else fails when the going gets tough, do it for your team mates and for the club.

Cheers

Adam Campano

Glebe D.H.C Club Captain.

Glebe 1 have been competing hard in the strongest competition in Sydney, ML1. Most recently they had a 2-0 loss to competition leaders Briars, which could have been a lot closer had the girls jumped on a few attacking chances. Their draw with UNSW did see them get a point on the competition ladder though and showed the ladies that to play hard can get the results.

All the girls have been working super hard with coach Matt Wark and are improving as individuals and a team. They have very important games against Western Districts and Baulkham Hills coming up, where they will need to secure points on the table. The girls are most definitely up to the challenge.



Glebe 2 have had a great start to the season and are currently undefeated with seven wins from seven games. Most recently they had a 4-0 win against last year's minor premiers, UNSW. Most of their games have been hard fought though, with the girls only winning by one goal.

The girls are on a quest to move up to ML3 and to do that need to be minor premiers, so each win is especially important. If the team is kept the same, not suffering injuries or having to move any girls up to ML1, they will go very well in the competition.

The Glebe 3A side are currently coming fifth on their table and have drawn quite a few of their games. They need to put those closer games away and secure a win to make their way up the table. This is a very new team though, with four juniors new to the team and several players new to the Club as well. They haven't had a much experience playing with each other, so it is encouraging that they are doing so well.

If the Glebe 3A team continue training hard and taking on coach Alison Cheong's feedback, these draws will be turned into wins in the second half of the season.

The Glebe 3B side, competing in the Eastern Districts third grade competition, are currently second on their ladder. They have had some strong wins and are capable of really giving it to their opponents. The girls are being coached by super-coach Sue Brady, who looks after both 3B's and 4ths. Most of the girls in this team played in ED4 last year and won the comp, so they are used to playing with each other and are hungry for a win. If they remain injury free they should be a force to be reckoned with.

The Glebe 4 side are a very new side, with several players new to the game. They have only recorded the one win, but will look promising as they develop their skills. They have good forwards who work hard to win the ball, they just need more experience playing the game, which is to be expected with such a new team. I encourage all the girls to keep training, keep working on fitness and you will see the results. Also, the more you work together, the easier playing together gets, so work hard ladies!

Louise Tapsell
Glebe D.H.C Womens President

Glebe has two teams playing in the Sydney wide Metro competitions (U15s & U17s), eight teams playing in the Central Area Junior Hockey Association (CAJHA) competitions (U11s, U13s & U15s) and a large U9 Minkey Saturday morning program (with around 30 participating U9 players).

Most of the Glebe teams have completed 5 or more rounds of their respective competitions and, at this stage of the competitions, Glebe has four teams in the Top 4 of their competition ladders. The U11A Redbacks are currently in 2nd spot in their competition (with 4 wins & 1 loss), the U11B Hornets are also currently in 2nd spot in their competition (with 2 wins, 2 draws & 1 loss), the U11B Vipers who are currently in 3rd spot in the Division B competition (with 2 wins, 1 draw & 2 losses) and the U13A Redbacks are currently in 2nd spot (with 3 wins & no losses - goal difference is currently denying them 1st spot). Our other teams are getting stronger each week, playing great hockey and everyone has improved immensely since the start of the season.

Due to the closure of Jubilee and the poor condition of Federal, we have moved all CAJHA home matches to artificial turf pitches within the CAJHA area. This means that parents & players miss out on local matches, but the condition of Federal gave us little choice.

Over 30 of our junior players have been selected in hockey association & school sporting association representative teams and have been performing extremely well in their rep teams at various regional carnivals and rep trail matches leading up to the NSW State Championships & NSW All Schools State Championships for each age group. As noted in a recent article posted on the Glebe website junior page, the strong performances of our young players at rep level is a real credit to the dedication & commitment of the Glebe Junior coaches - thank you coaches!!

Ian Dallen

GDHC Assistant Junior Convenor



Glebe U13A Redbacks currently in 2nd spot on the CAJHA U13 Div A ladder - Go Glebe!!

Every year for the past seven or eight years the GDHC has held an annual band night to showcase musical talent with in the club but has also showcased some bustling inner west bands trying to make their way in the highly competitive musical industry. This year the band night was held back in the GDHC's original clubhouse number 4 railway Arch, Jubilee oval Glebe. The number 4 Railway Arch compared to the number 1 Arch has a considerably higher roof allowing for greater ambience and more standing room for the keen listeners.



Many of the bands featured on the night use the railway arch for their rehearsals and to say thankyou to the GDHC for allowing them to rehearse and fine tune their musical skills they offer up their time and services for the band night. Entry to the event was \$10 and patrons had the choice of icy cold beers, wine and spirits, as some might say there was something for everyone.

Setting up for the band night can be an arduous task and clubroom manager Andrew (Googa) Goodrick along with a band of merry helpers does an excellent job every year. Buying the allotted alcohol for the band night amounts to a pallet which Googa usually gets loaded onto the back of his Toyota land cruiser Ute. However this year whilst coming back with the pallet of alcohol on his trailer he took the Crescent bend near the old timber yard just before passing under the railway bridge a little too enthusiastically and lost an allotment of alcohol as seen in the picture below. As they say the show must go on and baring this little mishap the band night was a huge success.

Around 160 – 170 people turned out in attendance which from previous years was a little down on numbers but I can say without any hesitation that everyone that attended enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Bands, which featured on the night, included The Undercuts who opened the night and have quickly established themselves as the inner west's best cover band. They left the crowd wanting more and hopefully they can return for the annual band night in years to come. The second band to perform goes by the name of Pretend Eye, band members include Lewis McKeown (Former Glebe Junior and younger brother to lower Grades Club Captain Adrian McKeown), James Findlay, Luke Mitchell, & Adam Campano (club stalwart, Club Captain and all round nice guy). Their genre is described as and is not limited to Mind altering psychedelic moon rock spooning. They treated everyone to a mind expanding musical experience. Next band to feature was The Faults. This band features Oliver Holyoake (former Glebe Junior and 3rd Grade Grand final hero). This is a two piece band or duo band, these guys fly in the face of sound limitations that a two band can produce. The crowd got their hips shaking and feet moving to songs from their newly released self titled 4 track album.

Following on from The Faults was Food Court; band members include Cristian Campano (Former Glebe Junior and Senior player) Lead Vocals and guitar, Lewis McKeown on the Bass, backup vocals and Guitar Dan De Santis & Nic Puertolas on Drums. Food Court treated the large crowd to a set full of tasty holiday sing-alongs with equal parts 60's garage and meaty 90's walls of fuzz. Watch out for their newly released singles 'Going Home' & 'Not Enough', which get regular air time on the ABC's – Triple JJJ radio broadcast. The next act was a surprise act and was not known until they took to the stage in a frenzy of cheering and excitement.

The boys from Made in Japan kindly accepted a last minute invitation to play at the prestigious GDHC Band Night and delivered a set, which resonated with the crowd. Made in Japan formed in 2008 when school friends James Cooney and Jono Graham begun writing music together culminating in their self-titled EP (2009) and the addition of the band's other members, Tom Davis and Andrew Knox. They recently released their debut album 'Sights and Sounds' (2012), which was nominated for an Australian Music Prize. The GDHC band night attendees were lucky enough to see Made in Japan perform in their last Australian gig before heading overseas to the Brighton Festival, which is a combined mixed arts festival. Brighton is on the South coast of Great Britain; Made in Japan will be one of the headline acts as they embark on a tour across Europe enlightening listeners to their unique indie rock sound. Last but not least DJ - Cooney kept the crowd dancing well in tonight with a well rounded Dj set featuring everything from the Golden Oldies to the new cutting edge sounds of today.

All in all, everyone that attended had a good night, the crowd enjoyed atmosphere under the unique arch way whilst chowing down on one of Googa's famous sausage sandwiches duly washed down with a poison of your choice.

Thanks to all that helped organize the night and the many, many people behind the scenes. Until next year Behave yourself and stay out of trouble.



Glebe Sponsor's Late Mother Honoured on 5th May, 2013

On Sunday afternoon 5 May 2013 a 30 metre long lane between Campbell Street and Glebe Lane Glebe was officially named Melina Lane in honour of Melina Galluzzo (1929 – 2005). Up until now this lane had been unnamed. Galluzzo Fruit Shop at 186 Glebe Point Rd Glebe is a major sponsor of the Glebe District Hockey Club and has supported the Hockey Club for over 30 years.

The shop is now operated by her sons, Damien and Joe Galluzzo, grandsons of the original proprietor of the shop which opened in 1934. Melina was a kindly lady who all of her married life lived above the shop with her husband the late Frank Galluzzo.

She was a stalwart of the Saint James Catholic Church Forest Lodge and supported many people and many organisations in the Glebe community. The Shop to this day, still provides flowers for the Saint James' Church. She was a people person who liked nothing better than to be serving in the grocer shop and meeting customers. The customers loved her as she was a generous, genuine, kind, community minded person. She treated all people with dignity, respect and courtesy. Every person she met was treated the same, whether that person was a prince or a pauper. Class, race, religion, or the colour of a person's skin did not matter to Melina; she treated each person as a son or daughter of God.



Melina was born Melina Arena in southern Italy in 1929 and came to Australia with her parents John and Josephina when she was 3 or 4 years of age. Her father had a Barbers Shop in Glebe Point Road.

Melina married Frank Galluzzo in 1949 at Saint Anthony's Church in Agincourt Road North Ryde, with the reception being held at the Paddington Town Hall. Melina and Frank had seven children, Kathy, Sam, John, Michael, Tony, Joe and Damien. Several of the Galluzzo boys played hockey for the GDHC in the juniors, and Michael played 219 senior games for Glebe between 1978 and 1991 and Damien played 190 senior games for Glebe between 1989 and 2005. Damien's work commitments prevented him from continuing his promising hockey career.

How come a Lane was named in honour of Melina?

There are several unnamed Lanes in Glebe and the City of Sydney Council decided in recent times that these Lanes should be given names. Presumably Google earth finds it hard to cope with an unnamed Lane. The City of Sydney Council asked the Glebe community for suggestions as to what to call these Lanes. Melina's name was put forward by a group called the Glebe Action Community for a small 30 metre long; narrow Lane that runs between Campbell St and Glebe Lane, Glebe. This suggestion was accepted by the Council and the Lane was officially named Melina Lane on 5 May 2013.

Deputy Lord Mayor Robyn Kemmis, a customer of the Galluzzo's Fruit Shop represented the Council and ran proceedings and introduced the three other official speakers, all customers of the shop, the Governor General of NSW Professor Marie Bashir, the Parish Priest of Saint James Church Forest Lodge Father Colin Fowler and Melina's oldest child and only daughter Kathy Gallo. All speakers commented on Melina's selflessness, energy and her ability to only see the good in people.

There was a crowd of over 200 people to witness the official act of naming of the Lane when one of Melina's aprons, which had been draped over the new sign, was ceremoniously removed by her family. Following the official opening the large crowd adjourned to Mano's, a coffee shop situated behind the chemist shop on the corner of St John's Rd and Glebe Point Road and discussed memories of Melina and the effect she had in shaping the Glebe community spirit. It was an upbeat occasion, held under a cloudless blue sky and lovely sunshine, which no doubt Melina had organised from above in her heavenly abode.

There was a diverse cross section of the Glebe community at ceremony, with many of her customers present, people from her beloved St James' Church, people from both local and State Governments, and people from the many charities and organisations she helped and encouraged during her long association with Glebe. The State MP for Port Jackson Mr Jamie Parker was also in attendance.

Prominent in the crowd were some Glebe Hockey Club members in Club colours, acknowledging the tremendous support the Galluzzo family has given and still continues to give the Club. Club Members present were Club Secretary Mark Paterson, Club Vice-President Peter Busch, Clubhouse Manager Andrew Goodrick, in his Club blazer, Gabrielle Wark, Cheryl and Jim Oman, Maureen and Geoff Paterson, Anne and Harry Wark, Lorraine Cheong and Chris Newton. Ex-player Victor Ferrari (357 club games between 1975 and 1993) and his partner were also in attendance. Melina was a good woman, rightly saluted by having this Lane in Glebe named after her.

By Harry Wark Jnr.



The Mystery of the Club Spirit at Glebe District Hockey

The envy of the Hockey world

A journalistic piece sent to the Club by ex-player 88 year old Jack C Taylor on the 19th of April 2013, which we share with you.

The Glebe D.H.C. must have the highest standard of Club spirit in the hockey world. This spirit is held by all facets of the Club, including all men's and women's grades and junior teams.

Non playing supporters, such as all mums and dads, family members etc. all seem to have Club spirit, in a Club which started in 1931, and carries through to the present day, 2013.

Considering the change of players and supporters over this 80 year time frame, for there still to be such interest, enthusiasm and Club spirit is truly amazing.

I have been with Glebe since 1940, and have NEVER seen a word written nor heard a word spoken about maintaining Club spirit. So I ask myself why I have still got it.

I have now developed a theory which I will call "The great depression of the 1930s and its effect on the G.D.H.C". In the early 1930s several players from the St. James' Sport's Club hockey team, (a few years later to be renamed The Glebe District Hockey Club), were out of work due to the Great Depression.

The Saint James' Sports' Club was formed in 1929 by mainly ex-pupils of the Saint James' Catholic School in Woolley Street Forest Lodge (Glebe). It was not long before people of all denominations and all social backgrounds from around the area joined the Club.

After looking for work and being unsuccessful, a collection of unemployed St James' Sports' Club Members got into the habit of meeting at the Bandstand in Jubilee Park, Glebe.

The Bandstand, which was demolished about 40 years ago, was sited in Jubilee Park 50 metres closer to the waters of Rozelle Bay from where the Hilder Booter Kindergarten is now located.

One reason for this regular meeting in the Bandstand at Jubilee was to see how their mates had got-on looking for work, and to pass on any success they may have had. The main reason though for the meeting was to check out if their mates were okay for money and to give each other encouragement and support.

St James' Sports' Club hockey players Tommy Pearce, Jack Quinlan, J. W. Taylor (also a Jack Taylor, but not related to me)) and his brother Tom Digger Taylor were prominent among the players in the group that met at the Bandstand and it wasn't long before they started taking their hockey sticks with them to the Bandstand gatherings. After a brief discussion of their attempts to seek work their attention turned to hockey practise. They started to improve their skills and work out moves and discuss tactics etc.

I pause here to recall a highlight in my career with the Mighty Maroons. The legendary "10 second goal" was scored in a game I was fortunate to play in and exemplifies the creed espoused by the boys of the Great Depression "never stop trying until the bell no matter what the odds"

All square in the game with 2 minutes to go.

The opposition had just scored to make it all square.

From the restart, centre bully won by Glebe, ball back to centre half, both the centre forward and right wing had taken off at pace up field in attack. The centre half hit the ball through a gap to the winger, who was level with centre forward. The winger instinctively hit the ball to top of oppositions circle and the centre forward 'taking a first-time hit smashed the ball into the net.

10 seconds before the final whistle!

The depression boy's creed "never stop trying until the bell no matter what the odds" was alive and well with my Glebe team that day and I feel sure the creed is alive and well with the present day Glebe teams.

Now where was I? O yes, I was very lucky to have played with such players. Tommy Pearce a future Australian representative. Jack Quinlan, the most knowledgeable, firm player I have played with. Do anything silly or risky during the game and John would just give you his famous cold stare.



No words needed. You just knew never do that again. Tom Digger Taylor was one of the best fullbacks ever to pull on a boot, very fast, an accurate hitter of the ball with a beautiful high flick. Digger was our corner hitter/flicker, with his high flick into the right top corner a specialty of his.

I was a fullback and Digger and I were Glebe's fullback paring for a number of years. Digger was one of the first fullbacks to run up into the forwards and either score a goal himself or set up a goal scoring opportunity for a teammate. He always made me feel that he had confidence in my ability. On one occasion after he came back from a sortie into the forwards I said to him, "you left me as the only back when you took off".

His reply, "I would not do it if I thought you could not handle it."

I will now come to the reason for writing the foregoing.

During their development babies learn by observing and copying their parents who become their Mentors, they don't conscientiously work at it they just look and listen.

I believe the secret behind the great Glebe Club spirit is we have been lucky enough to have always had, over the years GREAT PLAYERS POSSESSING ALL THE ATTRIBUTES FOR US TO OBSERVE AND COPY.

Starting with John Quinlan, Digger Taylor in 1931, carried forward in the 1940 by Bill Ryan and peers, then K & H Wark and peers in the 50s, Pat Nilan and peers in the 60s and 70s, Kenneth Wark and peers in the 80s and 90s, and Shane Nilan, Aaron Nilan and Mark Paterson in the current millennium.



This list is approximate and each period has had many excellent mentors, too many to mention, So I called them peers, you will no doubt pick them out in your time zone.

This is surely the secret of the G.D.H.C.'s great following and CLUB SPIRIT.

Can I suggest that the next time you visit the Clubhouse, take a few minutes to view the pictures around the walls. They're not pictures of players holding funny sticks, they are our mentors.

Take a second to look at their faces aren't they saying we are hockey players, Glebe hockey players. Look at their eyes can you see the pride and club spirit?

Give them a little smile and a quiet 'thank you'. Then the famous G.D.H.C. club spirit will never die.

I put pen to paper because at 88 years young I still have the club spirit.

Regards J.C.Taylor

Editorial Note: Minor sub-editing alterations were performed by Harry Wark. Italics have been used to indicate passages written by him.

Jack played 401 games for Glebe between 1940 and 1962, and played for the NSW Senior team at the Australian Championships in 1955. Like some of our Club Members today Jack was a talented musician and played in bands for many years. Jack's brother Billy played 150 games for Glebe between 1941 and 1950.

As a young man Jack won two of the Club's perpetual trophies, he was the inaugural winner of the W A Oldfield Cup in 1941. The W A Oldfield Cup was presented to the Club by the late Bert Oldfield, a former Australian cricket wicket keeper. The trophy was awarded to the Colt (under 21 years) who has been adjudged the "Most improved and best behaved junior during the season"

In 1943 he was the third winner of the W J Taylor Cup. The W J Taylor Cup was first awarded in 1941 and was donated by W J Taylor who succeeded Rev Brother Macartan Keegan as the Patron of the Club. The award was for the Club's "Most Improved Player"

Jack now lives in retirement on the Queensland Gold Coast and follows the Club's affairs both via the Club's Web Site and from electronic correspondence from the Club's Secretary. He keeps active by regularly playing golf.

Jack Taylor is the player on the right hand end of the back row. The team is the great Glebe first grade team of the late 1940s, early '50s, and the photo was taken behind the old grandstand at the Harold Park Trotting Track Glebe. The Glebe first grade team, of which Jack was a vital cog, won the Sydney Hockey Association First Grade Premiership every year from 1947 to 1953 (inclusive), a total of seven years on the trot. This record of the same Club winning seven consecutive First Grade premierships has not been equalled either before or since.

The Blazer Pocket shown is from Jack's Glebe Blazer and lists his first grade premiership wins in 1943, 1945, and from 1947-53.

Thank you Jack for taking the time to share your thought with the Club membership, it is much appreciated. Contributions such as those from Jack Taylor are always welcome and actively encouraged.

Past and present players and supporters are invited to share with Club players past and present and Club supporters past and present, their thoughts, ideas, suggestions, hopes, aspirations and comments.

Sentiments and thoughts on Jack Taylor's article are most welcome and can be sent through to the club secretary Mark Paterson at markgpaterson@icloud.com

Alternatively if any of the old brigade who receive the Red Rag would like to contact Jack then please contact the Club Secretary Mark Paterson.