

President's Report

Welcome to all members as we approach the start of the 2014 season.

I trust you had a great festive/holiday season and my best wishes to you and your families for success and happiness in the year ahead. The club is entering its 84th year and I am sure this will be another big year in the club's history.

In my first report for the year, I will let you know about our planned refurbishment of the clubhouse, details of our latest Life Member, news on potential sponsorships and finally, cover off some general admin news. Here we go!

CLUBHOUSE

Despite the chaos of last year, I am pleased to advise that we will finally have the clubhouse looking spick- and-span in 2014.

We are currently refurbishing the club (yes we will have water connected) and our intention is to make the clubhouse a place we can really be proud of with new furniture, freshly painted walls and new flooring as key elements. As well, we hope to have our big screen tv up and running soon to provide some great entertainment, with all of this to be completed prior to the start of the season. That's right isn't it Googa?

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

I must make special mention of Vernon Howe, who deservedly and unanimously was awarded Life Membership at last year's AGM. Congratulations Vernon! You have been duly recognised for your outstanding contribution to the club over a period of 45 + years. Please note though, as Pat Nilan has always stated:

"This is just the start of your contribution!"

I know another 45 years seems a bit harsh but hey, standards must be maintained!

SPONSORSHIP

We are working hard here with a couple of potential sponsorships currently on offer. We should be in a position to hopefully give you some great news in our next edition. As you know, this is such a vital cog in the club's finances and particularly in support of our junior program. If you are in a position to contribute, please contact me to discuss any opportunities. It may be via a business you know, a business you own or a business you work for. It may be for as little as \$200 or as high as \$???. We are keen to pursue any opportunities. Please don't hold back here.

ADMIN

Your new committee has been very active over the past 6 weeks, in the knowledge that we are being bombarded with numerous (proposed) changes from both our State and Association bodies. We will keep you abreast of any changes or any actions required on your part, as soon as we are in a position to do so. As part of this process, can I ask that you make sure the club has your correct contact details. If they have changed, then let the appropriate people know ASAP!

That's it!

I look forward to catching up with you over the coming months - if you wish to contact me you can reach me as follows:

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Welcome to season 2014.

Before I jump in to what is happening this season I would like to first of all thank our previous club captain, Adam Campano, for his hard work over the previous years. Adam has been a great club captain throughout his time in the position and I thank him very much for his efforts over the years. Of course Adam continues to serve the club in his capacity as social officer, a position I am sure he will excel in.

The season is underway now and the club is now in full-swing with turf training at Cintra recommencing at the beginning of February and fitness training at Jubilee on Wednesday nights.

Aaron Oman is again the first grade coach and he will be hoping to take the boys one step further this season and make the grand-final.

Mick Bougoukas has stepped down from his 2nd grade position after taking the boys to a premiership in 2012 and going oh so close in 2013. Thank you for contribution Mick.

This season our Vice-President, Peter Busch, has stepped into the breach to coach the second grade side and I am sure he will do a magnificent job.

Our third, fourth and fifth grade sides have all been promoted up one grade this season the former because they claimed the minor-premierships in their respective grades in 2013 and latter because other clubs have decided to pull teams out. So this season third grade will be playing in SL 2, fourth grade SL 3 and fifth grade SL 4.

Throughout February the club will be training hard before trial matches begin in March.

Ryde this season have decided to host a Nines tournament which promises to provide something different for both players and supporters. The other clubs participating include Ryde, UNSW, Gordon-North Sydney, UTS, Sydney Uni, NWS.

There is also prizemoney up for grabs with the winner of the men's and women's tournaments to receive a \$1000 each so there will be plenty to play for.

Times are as follows:

Saturday, March 1: Glebe Men play at 9am, 10.10am and 12.05pm

The women are play at 12.40pm, 2.25pm and 3.45pm

Sunday, March 2: Glebe Women play their last round match at 10.10am before the finals start. All things going to plan both teams should be in their respective finals with the women's final played at 2.30pm and the men's final at 5pm.

I hope over the two days we a good Glebe crowd can be in attendance to watch some exciting hockey.

Trial matches:

- Tuesday, March 18 at Cintra: Trial matches for 1st and 2nd grade squads against Sydney Uni.

- Saturday, March 22: First and second grade squads at the UNSW carnival while third and fourth grade will play Macquarie Uni.

- Saturday, March 29: All club trial v Briars at Cintra

Season start Saturday, April 5

A reminder to get your fees in early so that you can take advantage of the early bird special the club offers. All new players must have paid their full fees upfront before the first match while all other players must have paid a \$200 deposit by the first match.



On a final note I would like to implore all club members give much thought to the reasons why they play hockey and why they are involved in the Glebe Hockey Club. This club, like many others, has always survived because of the hard work done by the few for the many. This can't go on forever. Whether you play hockey because you want to play for your country or for the sheer enjoyment of the sport and to enjoy yourself with mates we must all remember that running a hockey club requires all members to give something back. If we had more club members involved in the running of the club then there will be a lot less onus on a core group of people to do all the heavy lifting. It may be something as simple as offering to man the bbq at juniors on a Wednesday at training or on a Saturday night at the clubhouse. I can tell you this year that every team will have to have at least one graded umpire in their ranks and when we have home matches Sydney Hockey will very likely be asking us to provide ground marshals as well. In light of this we can't expect the same people who do everything else at the club to take on these added responsibilities. So to borrow a well known quote, "Ask not what your club can do for you, ask what you can do for your club."

Ian Paterson

GDHC Men's Club Captain





Season 2014 has started strong for Glebe Women.

Since early January, the Glebe Women have been working hard at Jubilee Oval and the sands of Dee Why beach to improve fitness levels, set new goals for the season and catch up with teammates. We've had some wonderful and varied sessions, and it's been a great preparation for Season 2014.

Our Development Day was held UNSW Fields in Daceyville on 15th February. Over 50 new and returning players braved the rain to showcase their skills and learn a few new tips from the coaching staff.

The main team trial days are still to come this March. Girls interested in playing for Glebe 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to play in the Ryde Super 9's competition over the weekend of 1st & 2nd March. Trials for our Glebe 2, 3, 4 and 5 teams are scheduled for 30 March against Ryde.

We've had overwhelming interest to play for Glebe in 2014, so it's an exciting time for all involved. With all the trials, fitness sessions and training well underway, our players will be ready and raring to go at the start of the season on 6/7 April 2014!

By Shannan Craig

GDHC Women's Publicity and Website Coordinator.

Glebe junior registration for the 2014 season commenced this February 2014, with the bulk of players opting to register online. We also ran two registration days at the clubhouse and a promotional ad in the What's On section of the Inner City Weekender ahead of the final registration day.

Based on current numbers, the club will have the following junior teams in 2014:

- An U11A team playing in the CAJHA U13 Div A Central Area Competition
Coach: Brad Goodridge & Sarah Whitehead
- Two U11B teams playing in the CAJHA U11 Div B Central Area Competition
Coach: U11B Hornets - Margot Rawsthorne & U11B Strikers - Lester Currie
- An U13A team playing in the CAJHA U13 Div A Central Area Competition
Coach: Kate Alexander & Dean Morrow
- Two U13B teams playing in the CAJHA U13 Div B Central Area Competition
Coach: U13B Hornets - TBA & U13B Vipers - TBA
- An U15A team playing in the SJHA U17 Div A Sydney Metro Competition
Coach: Ian Paterson & Al Brown
- An U15B team playing in the CAJHA U15 Div B Central Area Competition
Coach: Dominic Tintner
- A combined U17A team (with Briars) playing in the SJHA U17 Div A Sydney Metro Competition
Coach: George Manou (Glebe) & Mark Flack (Briars)



Trials for our Div A teams took place on 11 & 18 Feb at Cintra and the Div A teams should be announced shortly (watch the club website / juniors page for further information).

A special thank you to our 2014 coaches & Div A selectors: George, Dominic, Ian, Al, Kate, Dean, Brad, Sarah, Margot, Lester, Clare, Geoff, Aaron & Briony. Your willingness to assist in the development of our junior players is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

In addition to regular weekly team training, we will be running Optional Fortnightly Skills Development Clinics in 2014 open to all U11, U13, U15 & U17 players from both Div A & B teams every second Thursday at Cintra 5:30pm to 6:30pm, starting Thursday, 6 March (this is the hour before the Glebe Men's 1st & 2nd grade training). Clare Prideaux has very kindly agreed to oversee and run the clinics each fortnight and, given the clinics are just before the Glebe Men's 1st & 2nd grade training, we are planning to have a couple of members from the Glebe Men's 1st & 2nd grade teams assisting Clare each fortnight. The goal of the clinics is to greater develop the skills & depth of our juniors. Attendance at the fortnightly clinic is optional for the junior players, but it gives all of them the opportunity to further enhance & develop their hockey skills.

Finally, on the representative hockey front, 6 of our U15s players (Sam Alexander-Prideaux, Angus Baird, Grace Dallen, Litiana Field, Kloe Mannering & Mim Pritchard) were selected into the 2014 NSW U15 Boys & Girls State Squads and 2 of these players (Litiana Field & Mim Pritchard) were selected into the final NSW U15 Girls team to play at the 2014 U15 Australian National Championships. This is an outstanding achievement by each of these young Glebe juniors and the club is very proud of all of them. The Inner West Courier ran a story in February on the club's success in developing our juniors shortly after our 6 U15 players were selected into the 2014 NSW U15 Boys & Girls State Squads.

Ian Dallen

GDHC Juniors Convenor

The Glebe District Hockey Club (1931-2014)

In 2014, the Glebe District Hockey Club (The Club) is celebrating eighty-four years of continuous involvement with the Glebe Community, and is one of the largest and best known sporting clubs still bearing the Glebe name.

The Club was founded in 1931 by Brother Macartan Keegan, an Irish Patrician Brother, who at the time was a teacher at the Patrician Brother's School, Saint James Forest Lodge in Woolley St, Glebe. The secondary boy's school closed in 1968.

Brother Keegan was born at Bowling Green Lane, Galway on 3 January 1885. He became a Patrician Brother and was sent to India to teach at Saint Gregory's College Musoorie, which is situated in the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand, 290K north of New Delhi. Musoorie is in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountain Range. It was here that he learnt to play hockey and became so good at the sport that he played in the All Indian Team. In 1929 aged 33 years he was transferred to Holy Cross College Ryde in Sydney, Australia where he taught for two years before being transferred to Saint James School Forest Lodge.

In 1931 Macartan was player coach, and in 1932 he was coach of the Saint James Sports' Club Hockey Team. In 1931 the team played in the Metropolitan Hockey Association B Grade Competition, which it won. For the 1932 season the team was promoted to the Reserve Grade Competition, which it won. The next logical step was to enter the A Grade Competition, but at that time it was a rule of the Metropolitan Hockey Association that any Club playing in A Grade must represent a district.

To this end, the Glebe District Hockey Club was founded on December 20, 1932 at a meeting held in the Saint James' Hall on the corner of Pyrmont Bridge Road and Rosebank Street Glebe, with the St. James Sports' Club Hockey team providing the vast majority of the Membership. Since 1931, well over 10,000 players have competed with Glebe teams.

In 2014 the Club is fielding five Women's and six Men's senior teams, seven mixed gender junior teams and if history repeats itself will have around 50 registered Minkey players. Minkey is played every Saturday morning during the season at Jubilee Oval, Glebe and is for players eight years and under.

There are close to 100 financial Social (non-playing) Members of the Club. In total the Club has over 400 active Members (playing and social). Junior players are not charged to play hockey for Glebe and this has been the case since the inception of the Club, although the parents of junior Members are encouraged to take out Social Membership. A Social Membership of the Club costs around \$100.

The Club Membership is now just over 50% female. Team-based sporting opportunities for females in the inner city are limited and the Hockey Club provides a healthy outlet and social activity for girls and women of the area.

It is important that a sporting Club maintain a true and accurate record of its endeavours, past and present. In 1994, "Under the Arches: A History of the Glebe District Hockey Club to 1993" was published by the Club. This 212 page book chronicles the life and times of the Club and its Membership. In 2004 the Club established a Web Site to enable it to communicate with its Membership and with the wider community. Articles for publication on the Club's Web Site are most welcome.

For people interested in learning more about the Club past and present, Under the Arches and the Club's Web Site, www.glebehockey.org.au will provide a mine of information. Every Annual Report published by the Club since 1937 is available on the Club's Web Site, as is an electronic version of the Club's history. Minute books stretching back to the first Minute book of 1932 can also be viewed on the Site.

This Web Site initiative was funded by a Local Community Grant from the City of Sydney Council.

For 30 years, the Club has been trying, without success, to site a synthetic field in the Club's heartland. Efforts are still continuing in this regard, but the prospects of success, unfortunately, are low.

With a large increase in children living in the inner city predicted for the future, it is to be hoped that the City of Sydney Council provides adequately for active sporting pursuits such as hockey. Unfortunately, active outdoor sporting facilities have not been developed at the same rate as passive open space over the last decade or two.

Below is a list of the Club's on-field achievements:

Club Championships

1948-1953, 1956, 1958, 1961-1962, 1964-1968, 1972-1978, 1980, 1982, 1989-1990, 1995-1997, 2006.

Men's Premierships

First Grade (Previously 'A' Grade)

1940-1943, 1945, 1947-1953, 1955-1956, 1958, 1962-1965, 1974, 1976-1977, 1980, 1982, 1995, 1997, 2005-2006 and 2008.

Second Grade (Previously Reserve Grade)

1932, 1934-1935, 1940-1941, 1947-1951, 1953, 1960, 1964-1968, 1972-1974, 1976, 1981, 1986, 2003 and 2012.

Third Grade (Previously 'B' Grade)

1931, 1933, 1946, 1948-1949, 1957-1958, 1962, 1966-1968, 1972, 1974-1976, 1978, 1982, 1985, 1990, 1996-1997, 2005, and 2011.

As well as the above, the Club has been successful in 4th Grade, Minor B, under 10, 12, 14, 15 & 17 age premierships; Glebe Women have been successful in 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade Premierships since 1984 and won the 2nd Grade Premiership in 2000-2001.

Representative Honours

The Club has produced five senior Australian Representatives from within its own junior ranks. An additional four Australian players, who played their junior hockey elsewhere, have played for the Glebe Club.

Over 50 Glebe players have represented in senior NSW teams and the vast majority of these players were Glebe junior players who learnt to play the game at the Club.

Many hundreds of Club players have represented NSW in under age teams: under 21, under 18, under 17, under 16, under 15 and under 13.

By Harry Wark

GDHC Historian and Life Member.

