



# THE RED RAG

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## Secretary Report

Greetings Glebe DHC members,

It is my aim this year to also contribute a report for each issue of the Red Rag which, has been published since May 10th 1958 with the first headline reading: ***Official Publication of the Glebe District Hockey Club - Introducing a Newsletter to the Glebe DHC.***

It is a privilege to be involved in the publication of this newsletter which, just like our annual reports provides an invaluable record of the life and times of this great club of ours. There have been a number of initiatives, plans and proposals which have been discussed and talked about at a managerial level which rank and file Glebe DHC members may not be aware of. I will seek to outline some of these down below.

1.) Recently the Glebe DHC Management Committee submitted a proposal for the Strong Community Grants which, is a programme that seeks to provide dollar for dollar funding to community groups in Sydney for projects and equipment that improve participation and contribute to the vibrancy of their community. Some of these projects and equipment include:

- Kitchen upgrades and equipment purchases such as computers, TV's and furniture and fittings.
- Sporting facility upgrades including new scoreboards, seating, new turf, fit-out out of changes rooms, new canteen, new lights, upgrade water



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systems, gymnasiums, skate parks.

The Glebe DHC thought it would be in the best interests of the Glebe DHC to apply for funding for the following project and equipment:

- The acquisition of new goals, as the current goals are cumbersome and past there used by date. We hope that by obtaining a new set of goals the junior teams will be able to utilise them more during training plus make setting the fields up of a Saturday morning a less arduous task. The new goals are aluminium, lightweight with heavy-duty wheels making it easy for transportation.

- The GDHC would also like to fit-out and upgrade its kitchen facilities including new cupboards, sink, bench top and fittings to accommodate, players, parents and supporters during Wednesday night training sessions and also during Saturday morning competition games with the service of food items.

2.) The Glebe DHC Management Committee is in the process of finalising, distributing and publishing a code of conduct for officials, players, spectators and umpires of the Glebe DHC. We hope this will provide a clear set of rules, expectations and guidelines we expect all Club members to uphold at all times regardless of their capacity or involvement as a member within the club.

3.) The Glebe DHC Management Committee along with the Glebe DHC Junior working committee is in the process of working through the logistics of implementing a document stating the Glebe DHC policies around the use of Images of Children.

In Australia, generally speaking, there is no law restricting photography of people (including children) in public spaces as long as the images are not:

- Indecent (such as 'up skirt' or 'downblouse' photographs taken covertly in change rooms or toilets)
- Being used for voyeurism or made for the purpose of observing and visually recording a person's genital or anal region,
- Protected by a court order (eg. child custody or witness protection),
- Defamatory
- Being for commercial purposes (person's likeness is used to

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endorse or entice people to buy a product).

The Glebe DHC in my view has always been very responsible in how it uses images of its players whether they be Junior or Senior. But in this modern era with camera technology being so readily available it is a policy the Glebe DHC management committee should have in place looking towards the future.

If any Club members have any thoughts, questions and or queries about any of the information above or any of the information pertained in the Red Rag Newsletter please do not hesitate to contact the Red Rag.

Mark Paterson

Glebe DHC Secretary

## Men's News

The Glebe District Hockey Club Senior Men's competition has kicked off with one round only being played to date for the top 4 teams. This is due to the Easter Break and also the ANZAC day long weekend falling in close proximity to each other. The first round of match results can be seen down below. All teams had hard fought games against Sydney University and I look forward to seeing the teams improving from week to week.

### **Saturday 16th April 2016 round 1 Men's Results:**

PL1: Glebe 1st Grade - Glebe 4 vs. Sydney Uni 0

PL2: Glebe 2nd Grade - Glebe 3 vs. Sydney Uni 5

PL3: Glebe 3rd Grade - Glebe 1 vs. Sydney Uni 2

PL4: Glebe 4th Grade - Glebe 0 vs. Sydney Uni 1

SL2: Glebe 5th Grade - Glebe 2 vs. Sydney Uni 4

The season moves in to the normal modus operandi this weekend with matches against St. George Randwick and Manly. Men's selections are posted on the Glebe DHC website: under Mens → Mens Teams routinely of a Wednesday night for any player and or Club member to view. Also contained on the page is the draw for the entire season for Premier League (PL) Teams 1 - 4 so any Club members wishing to attend games can do so. We would love to see you on the sidelines supporting the Dirty Reds in the 2016

The first social event of the year was held on Saturday 16th of April 2016 at the Merton Hotel Rozelle. This was a great night as it provided a good opportunity for players from all grades to mix socially and get to know the new players who have joined the club. At the height of the function 60 players (both men, women) and supporters were in attendance. The atmosphere was warm and inviting which enabled players to discuss the days play.

Off the field players need to do more to keep the club the running. Joining the Glebe Hockey Club is not just about turning up to one training session and playing your match on the weekend. The reason this club has been so successful over the years is because everyone has chipped in with coaching juniors, umpiring junior matches and helping out where needed. This season we are struggling to get umpires and coaches for the juniors and the burden is falling on the same people year in year out.

Could I ask that people put their hand up to do one or two hours work a week to help the club. Please email me if you can help.

Lastly **Fitness, fitness, fitness**. It is the cornerstone of every successful side. I encourage all players to continue to work on their fitness and if you need a hand or some advice never be afraid to ask you captain, coach for some ideas on how to improve. There is plenty of hockey experience as well professional help in the club.

Mark Paterson

Glebe DHC Secretary

# Women's News

It has been a mix start to the season with Glebe fielding five teams this year. After 3 rounds the girls are sitting well on the tables and hopefully will rock up the ladder in the coming weeks.

## Glebe Women's 1st Grade

Round 1, ML1, 1st match post promotion.

Although Glebe finished higher on the ladder in 2015 (1st) than Briars (4th), Briars were unbackable favourites, as the bottom of their ladder (ML1) started at the top of Glebe's (ML2).

Peter- it's been a while since I've coached ladies, not sure about this one - Busch got us all on the same page with a lesson on Glebe playing structure so clear it should be made available on the website for future download. Luckily women also line up with 11 on each side, score points by getting the ball over the goal line and Pete is anti the glass ceiling and down with pre-match pedicures so he was like a duck to lemon scented water.



It was a game of two halves. First and second. Each 35mins long as mandated by the International Hockey Federation. At the end of the first half Glebe were a very respectable one nil down. Full credit for a reasonable half-time margin to the team for going in ready to work hard, hold structure, learn lots and take opposition goals on the chin (figuratively), Howie for overwhelmingly winning her match-up, Hannah for over achieving on steps per meter and Ash for showing that while they say 'Goalposts are a goalie's best friend', they're crap friends who leave you to do all the hard work.

A half-time gee-up from Jules - the Human Microphone - Reijnen was more passionate and supportive than a favourite child could reasonably expect from their parents. Briars were clearly feeling the heat (literally rather than figuratively this time, it was threatening 30oC) as they wandered back onto the field without a Dustin (Dutch Justin Beiber) to back them.

In the second half Leish and Ange showed amazing restraint, holstering the guns and being judicious in firing the torpedos that are historically their M.O., the young guns including Lucky showed they're more than fresh legs, holding their own against those trying to make up for lost agility with hips and shoulders, the team kept talking to and running for each other, and then Ana showed us what our first goal in ML1 looked like (tap in near the right post, off and short corner, lots of excited people cheering). This joyous occasion would of course have happened a lot earlier had either of the two umpires listened to the third umpire, who never got referred to, Becky Howe.

Cess and the rest of the forward umbrella kept working away at limiting options out of the back, Emma demonstrated a level of goal hungry that would worry any nutritionist, the backs shut down or survived attacks and the optimists dared to dream we might walk away with a point. The modern

scary, now having something to lose, but we just held on to nab a sneaky three points.

Furtherest on ground Matt - I'll Just Send Instructions Via Facebook - Wark.

Player's player points to:

- Lynsey - They May Be Stronger on Paper but I'm Stronger in the Gym - Askew
- There's no I in Team but There's Three in Litiana Field - Litiana Field
- Jessica - I Don't Need a Stick to Breakdown Play, Ice Please - Higgs



We're taking the season one game at a time, which is easy in week one when the fixture only extends to round 2. Away games count double, so if we can sneak one over the line round 2 in Penrith it's got to count for six.

### **Glebe Women's 2nd Grade**

Ladies second grade had a good pre-season, and welcome some new players into their squad – especially two youngsters, Layla Riley and Izzy Shannon (and Jasmine Howe has filled in between the posts a couple of times). New to the Club are Georgie Hunt, Emily Bowe and Rachel Lambe. We are hoping to improve on two consecutive fifth places in the ML3 comp.

Things were looking good for us in the first round against Briars, but unfortunately they stole a draw with a last minute penalty corner. Highlight of the game was Phoebe Kershaw's individual effort, with a run from halfway (she was playing left-half!) – her first goal since her Glebe Juniors days! (not that long ago, obviously!). Needs to do a bit of work on her goal celebrations though! The other goal came from Rachel Fillery, her first for second grade.

We played well against UTS in Round 2, but they scored the only goal from a penalty stroke. We were missing several players for the Anzac weekend clash with GNS, and finished second-best. So plenty of work to do to climb up the table, but the players have been working very hard at training, and that effort will start to pay off very soon!

### **Glebe Women's 3rd Grade**

This email below was sent to the 3rd Grade by Glebe's very own resident dutch coach Jules Reijnen, who has been making the girls work hard at training and with his encouraging quotes the girls are certainly enjoying it. Glebe 3rd grade have had a great start to the season with an 11-0 thumping of GNS., with ex first grade goal keeper Josie Barron scoring a hat trick.

Good morning Troops,

First of all, well done everyone. It was a good training yesterday.

Sunday we play at The Olympic Park at 1800. We meet at 1715 and warm up starts at 1730.

I told you this yesterday but I am going to tell you guys again: even though we may not be the strongest, even though we will not be the fastest, we will work the hardest. And that's how you win hockey games. That's why I believe we have a very good shot at winning this game. I really do.

Although the odds are not in our favour, and maybe nobody else believes that we can do it. Real champions believe in themselves even when no else does.

So keep your head up and believe in yourself and each other and then we'll show Western Districts what we are really made out of!!!

Let's rock and roll.

### **Glebe Women's 4th Grade**

Each week Glebe 4th Grade turns up ready to fight and each week they do not disappoint if its not people getting green cards its girls putting their bodies/foreheads on the line (Sian Morgan, with photos below). The first three rounds of the SWHL competition have seen this team play some very good hockey for a new team in a new competition.

Glebe 4th Grade played a phenomenal game against Moorebank and was extremely unlucky not to get a win, in their first game together with a new coach it is a promising sign. Glebe has gone into the second match against the old battlers Wenty and had a 1-1 draw with some very impressive team work from our forwards Emily Gordon, Emma Neal and Isabel Iglesias who were unlucky not to get goals. A big defensive effort from Nina kept us in the game and of course our fit, young and experienced goal keeper Bala is always keeping us in line at the back. Glebe went into the 3rd game of the season with high hopes and within the first 20 minutes of the game Lara Pendle scored and absolute cracker of a goal which took us to 1-0, Glebe were all over the defense and pushing for another goal unfortunately a break away from Ryde resulted in a goal bringing the scores back to 1-1. For the rest of the game the Glebe forwards, Halves and Fullbacks were working extremely hard. Some good work from Sian Morgan, Michelle Hancock, Prue Brady, Zoe Pritchett, Kate Lade and Renugah Jagadisan in defense were able to put apply some good pressure on the opposition but unfortunately they were able to get a defection goal. Whether it was in the circle or not the umpires awarded a goal on the stroke of the full time buzzer.

Glebes 4th Grade coach Phil Sheard has been impressed with the team progress playing strong and competitive hockey in ML6 and hopefully secure a win in the weeks ahead.

Big thanks to our resident Photographer Ian Gordon for the photos.



## **Glebe Women's 5th Grade**

Glebe 5th Grade has had a mix start to the season with some wins and losses with Googa on their side they will be pointed in the right direction. Currently coming 5th in the competition on goal differences they will be in the top four in a matter of weeks.

## **Juniors News**

Well done to Glebe young Tim Pritchard who recently represented the NSW Boys U/15 State Team in the National Titles held in Wollongong NSW. From all reports Tim had a fantastic tournament with his NSW State team finishing runners up in the final after being beaten in the final by a strong Queensland outfit. Also down in Wollongong in an official capacity was current Glebe U/17 Team Dean Morrow who was Team Manger of the U/15 Blues NSW State Team which finished 5th beating the Queensland 2 State Team 2 - 1 in the final placings.

The Glebe District Hockey Club would like to congratulate both Tim and Dean on their success during the national tournament.

The Glebe District Hockey Club Minkey program continues to be a huge success with 35 - 40 young players attending each week under the watchful tutelage of Life Member Vernon Howe. Vernon is often assisted by Glebe Junior players who are keen and eager to help the next generation of players learn the ropes and acquire the requisite skills.



# Glebe DHC - History Report

## Vale Dan “The Painter” Winters.

### Loyal Glebe Supporter 1973 to 1984 who died in his 70's

Dan never played hockey for the Glebe District Hockey Club, but he saw a lot of hockey played by Glebe teams and was an avid supporter of the Club from 1973 to 1984. Dan moved to Queensland decades ago and lived at Yeppoon. He died on 6 April 2016.

Dan was a friend of the late Bill Greaves who was the father of the Greaves lads, Jason and

Craig, both of whom player junior and senior hockey for Glebe in the 70s and 80s. Dan came along to the hockey for a look in 1973 and kept coming back for the next 12 years. Dan was a painter by trade and he was affectionately known by the knock-about Glebe crowd as Dan the Painter. Few people knew that his surname was Winters.

Dan was a member of the Toxteth Hotel push who in the 1960s, 70s and 80s conducted many of the administrative functions of the Glebe District Hockey Club from the Public Bar of the Toxteth Hotel. Dan was a likeable chap who helped the Club where and when he could, selling and buying raffle tickets at the Pub, which in those days was owned by Darcy Henry and then the Murphy Family. The Publicans allowed the Hockey Club to conduct raffles at the Pub, which raised considerable sums of money for the Club that helped defray the Club's running costs.

The Toxteth Hotel Set of that era was a close knit group who got on well and Club affairs and the running of the Club was a constant topic of conversation.

Dan helped paint the Clubhouse at Number Four Railway Arch Jubilee Oval on a few occasions. He added very much to the colour and movement of the life and times of the Glebe District Hockey Club in the years of his involvement.

First grade games were transferred from Jubilee Oval Glebe to Federal Park Annandale, just across Johnston's Creek Canal in the early 1970s because of the poor state of the playing surface at Jubilee Oval. The first grade played at Federal Park until around 1984 when the games were transferred to the new synthetic surface playing field at the State Sports Centre Homebush.

#### WINTERS, DANIEL CHARLES

WINTERS, Daniel Charles Passed away on the 6th of April, 2016 Late of Yeppoon & Sydney Father, Brother, Uncle & Friend to many. A private family cremation was held in Rockhamptonon Thursday 21st of April, 2016 at 2pm. 4922 5422www.fitzroyfunerals.com.au

#### Funerals

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**Fitzroy Funerals**



For Glebe home games at Federal Park 12-15 spectators would frequently assemble on the Railway Viaduct beside of the field to watch the game. The Viaduct offered a perfect vantage point from which to watch the game, and to cheer the Glebe boys on. Dan was a regular in the Viaduct crowd in that era. Train traffic had mostly stopped on the Viaduct by the late 1970s, and the risks of being hit by a powerful diesel train were low. The odd train did trundle by on its way to the Darling Harbour shunting yards, usually at low speed as the driver was interested in watching the game as much as the spectators. When trains came past the spectators breathed in, stood up and let the train slide past their derriere. Fortunately no injuries were ever recorded.

The picture below was taken at Federal Park Annandale in the late 1970s during a first grade game between Glebe and North Sydney. On the viaduct watching the game can be seen some of the regular Viaduct spectators Dan "The Painter" Winters (note his name is misspelt in the caption), Life Member Colin "The Voice" Brown, Kevin "Yogi Bear" Weeks, Jim "Jungle Jim" Warwick, Peter "Rowdy" Rowswell, and Doug Brewer. Other season ticket holders on the Viaduct, who were not in the picture (they might have gone over to the Clubhouse to purchase refreshments) were Life Member Graeme "Have A Chat" Gilmour, Ralf "One For The Road" Rochester, Neville "The Accountant" Adcock and Don "The Old Salt" Wilson.

The elevated spectators and their pithy, cryptic comments added to the ambience of the Saturday afternoon and playing hockey at Federal Park Annandale in front of their faithful band of spectators often brought out the best in the Glebe team.

Senior grade hockey has not been played at Federal park for close to 20 years. Juniors played at Federal Park until the mid-2000s. The very occasional school fixture is played on Federal Park now, but by and large there is no hockey played on the ground. Its main users in 2016 are dog walkers. It is an off-leash area for dogs, which make sure the surface of the field cannot be used for sports such as hockey and soccer where the ball needs to roll over the grass in a predictable fashion.

It is a shame that there is no hockey currently played on Federal Park as on a sunny, Saturday Federal Park it was a terrific place to play and watch hockey with the Viaduct on the sideline, Rozelle Bay in the background and Johnston's Creek Canal running behind the field from Camperdown in the south to Rozelle Bay to the North. At its best, Federal Park was one of the premier grass hockey fields in Sydney.



Federal Park Annandale in the late 70's, at a Glebe vs North Sydney first grade match: the Glebe players are from left to right Robert Wark (7), Geoff Paterson (kneeling), Roger McDonald, Les Wark. Note the Railway Viaduct season ticket holders in their elevated vantage point: Dan "the Painter" Withers, Colin "The Voice" Brown, Kevin "Yogi Bear" Weeks, "Jungle Jim" Warwick, Peter "Rowdy" Rowswell, Doug Brewer, absent Graeme "Have A Chat" Gilmour, Ralph "One For The Road" Rochester, Neville "The Accountant" Adcock, Don "The Old Salt" Wilson.

Alas, very few games of hockey in Sydney, either senior or junior, are now played on grass. The vast majority of hockey games are played on synthetic turf fields and unfortunately Glebe does not have a synthetic turf field in its heartland. All Glebe home games are currently played out of area.

Just recently there was a hope that a synthetic turf hockey field could/would be sited on the Rozelle Bay Shunting Yards Site, but with the M4 Extension and the propose traffic interchange at White Bay, has now made this synthetic turf proposal unlikely.

The Glebe District Hockey Club extends its heartfelt condolences to Dan's family. May his Soul Rest in Peace.

By Harry Wark

Glebe DHC Life Member and Historian

## Around the Grounds

1) **A fluid formation:** "Australia were very set in their ways in the way they played. So we made it more fluid. We changed the names of all the positions to have more definition – no longer were you a left or right-sided player. All the players had to become all-rounders. One of the big shifts in the game is that all the players are now good tacklers."



2) **More flexibility:** "Twelve players scored goals out of the 16-strong Hockeyroos' squad during the 2000 Olympics. There was more flexibility in the way we played and less static positioning. We only played with two forwards, but still scored goals."

3) **Rolling success:** "In the men's game, interchanging (rolling substitutions) still wasn't happening after the Sydney Olympics. I found that extraordinary. No one really embraced the inter change like we did in the beginning."

4) **Playing as a group:** "We did away with the captaincy role and had a leadership group. That was part of developing a culture for sharing and responsibility. In the end, the players make all the important decisions and judgements in the game if not the coaches. It was about developing people who were assertive, self-starting and fixing problems."

5) **On the mark with offside rule:** "The 'no offside rule' change in 1998 was another opportunity for us, as teams were slow to adjust that tactically. It changed the corners, attack and defence. It changed the way strikers operated, it allowed you to stretch the team more, so we started to play deeper on the baseline. It was significant and we started to play the overheads more, especially in the men's game."

## *Where the game stands today*

### **Charlesworth on penalty corners ...**

The punishment doesn't fit the crown. You could have a powerplay instead of a short corner and design it in all sorts of ways to take away the danger and make it just as interesting. The rules should make the game safer - to parents watching, they should be thinking 'do I really want my kids facing that?', I'm not sure it sells the game too well - simpler and reward skill. But generally the rules are pretty good, except the penalty corner in my view. The game flows, it is very skilful and quick and a good spectacle.

### **On four quarters ...**

If you are going to go to four quarters, it should be 20 minutes per quarter, not the current 15. Why would you take time off the game? It rewards the less skilful with time as you don't have the attrition of playing 35 minutes without a stop. Teams lose momentum and in some ways it dumbs the game down.

### **On shortened format ...**

Hockey nines - that is where the game should be going. The FIH has got it completely wrong with the game changed to Hockey Fives. Hockey should be played on the same-sized pitches. They are all over the world. Less players on the pitch and more space to operate and more reward for skill.

## **FIH reveals new structure of international hockey events from 2019 onwards!!!**

April 18, 2016 Model designed to support growth across all levels of the sport

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has announced that a new portfolio of events will be launched in 2019 which will completely change the landscape of international hockey.

Designed to provide a regular calendar of must-see events played in packed stadia across the world throughout the year, a new annual global home and away league involving the world's leading hockey nations will complement the Hockey World Cup and Olympic Games tournaments.

This system will see international teams play against opponents once at home and once away each year in this league. Following several months of competition, the top ranked teams will then qualify



for a stand-alone grand finale tournament which will determine the winners of the competition. This will form part of a three tier system, identical for both the men's and women's game.

Teams participating in this new home and away league will be chosen based on a clearly defined set of qualification criteria designed to maintain the quality of the league and high standard events. These have been developed around the three main objectives of the new event portfolio - to generate a massive change in TV and media coverage for hockey; create big, bold, packed and loud events and make a step change to increase future revenues.

For those nations not in the home and away league, the next tier of competition will remain similar to the current Hockey World League Round 1 and 2 events, played over two year cycles. This format will still give teams the chance to go all the way to the World Cup or Olympics. Even the smallest hockey-playing nations have the opportunity to write their own chapter in hockey's history books as they progress throughout the rounds of competition into these flagship events.

While Hockey World Cup qualification will remain similar to the current system, Olympic qualification will change, pending approval of the International Olympic Committee's Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games qualification criteria.

The introduction of this new portfolio of events means that there will no longer be Hockey World League Semi-Finals and Finals, while the last Hockey Champions Trophies will take place in 2018.

The proposals were approved by the FIH Executive Board in Lausanne, Switzerland earlier this month. The decision was made after more than 18 months of consultation, research and development between a number of stakeholders, overseen by a specially formed working group for this project.

This included correspondence with more than 700 individuals, including: athletes; National Associations; Continental Federations; the International Olympic Committee; Association of Summer Olympic International Federations; major broadcasters; individuals at Continental Federation congresses; officials and umpires; FIH Committee and Panel members and FIH staff.

In addition to this, internationally renowned integrated audit, tax, consulting and financial advisor Deloitte provided extensive support in developing the financial modelling for the new portfolio of events.

It is predicted that the increased commercial potential of implementing the new structure will generate considerably more value for the sport, which will filter down into all levels, including new and developing hockey nations, from elite to grassroots level.

Speaking about this, FIH CEO Kelly Fairweather said: "This is a historic decision for the sport of hockey – a game changer! More than a year's worth of work and over 700 people have helped develop this new portfolio of events. Moving from a tournament based format to a home and away league will considerably increase the value of our sport."

He continued: "Fans will be exposed to more international hockey throughout the year, with many more home matches for them to enjoy. With more fans packing out the stands, we expect these events to be bigger, bolder packed and loud, creating electric atmospheres for our athletes to perform in. This, along with tweaks to the tiers below, will have a significant impact on the sport across all levels, safeguarding its future for many years to come."

FIH President, Leandro Negre added: “When we launched our strategy 18 months ago we knew that drastic measures were required to revolutionise the sport. This is an exciting opportunity for hockey. A lot of hard work has already been undertaken, but this is only the start. We need the hockey family to embrace this change now to ensure we reach our 10-year aim of making hockey a global game that inspires the next generation. This will certainly be a monumental step for the sport as we take it to the next level.”

This is the latest major advancement made by the sport in relation to the Hockey Revolution.

## The Rise of the Hockey Stick Companies!!!!

As most players at the Glebe DHC will probably be aware, the number of hockey stick companies has grown significantly over the past 2/3 years, with a number of new companies launching every couple of months. Obviously this is fantastic for the consumers as it gives them a bigger selection of brands that they can use and choose from then ever before, and, in a way, promotes the sport to the masses. However, it seems that only a handful of these companies are providing something new and exciting, and the rest are simply using moulds from other, more established factories simply as a cash-cow to generate some money and exposure.



No one is attempting to put a downer on anyone owning a company or producing sticks, I think it is absolutely fantastic. But when companies are effectively same, what would make you as a player/consumer choose one companies sticks over the other? Is it more down to preference of how sticks look or more based on how they feel/handle? Do you prefer to buy products from the companies that seem to have a large community and lifestyle aspect e.g. Beikou, Osaka, Gryphon? Or do you simply focus on the product?

The Red Rag would be interested to hear any thoughts from the Glebe DHC playing base on this topic. What do you look for in a stick????

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