

THE RED RAG

A Champion Club, A Club of Champions



President's Report

Here we are with season 2015 upon us and in fact, already up and running for our juniors and senior men, with the rest of the club due to commence their competitions after Easter.

I am sure you have all recharged your batteries and can't wait to get back out there in the maroon and white.

The year commences with the new SEHA (Sydney East Hockey Association) now firmly established and currently responsible for the running of the old "Central" junior competition along with the old "Eastern Districts" women's competition and "Eastern Suburbs" school's competition.

In addition, SEHA is responsible for all Junior, Senior and Masters (women only Masters) rep teams for 2015.

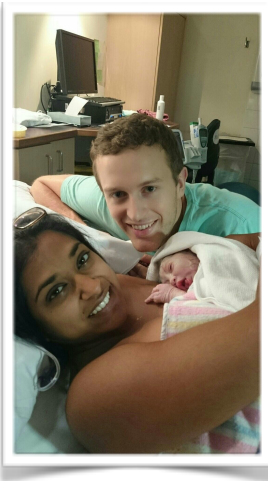
Over the summer months, juniors (boys and girls), senior women's and masters women's teams were selected. We are just waiting on the U18 boys and senior men's teams to be selected. Nomination forms have been sent out for the senior mens teams in the last week.

It is vital that all of our eligible Glebe men make themselves available for selection, along with all other member clubs eligible players, especially in the first two years, to cement our spot in the top grade at the State Championships.

This will allow the junior players coming through the ranks to see



Baby News



Congratulations to Jonny and Bina Miller on the birth of their first child Maia. Both Mother and Daughter are doing extremely well and both parents are excited beyond words. Congratulations to David and Lexi



Koch on the Birth of Daughter Harriet Alice Koch who arrived into the world at 11:15pm Sunday 4th January 2015. 6lb 1oz or 2.75 Kilograms. Everyone is doing extremely well and both parents are excited about the next chapter in their lives.

that we have a senior team to aspire to be selected in and drive the already successful start we have had with all junior rep teams being filled.

This is a time where our senior men really need to be unselfish and become the foundation members, so to speak, of our new SEHA rep teams, so that we establish now, a strong representative base for many years to come. If we do not compete, then we leave our juniors with nothing but 2nd or 3rd division status – not a great legacy from the senior players of today. Our senior mens rep team will come from clubs, Briars, Glebe, Easts, St George/Randwick, UNSW and Bankstown.

The reason I have harped on a little about the men is because the rep women are already organized and selected, due to the existing ED representative structures, which basically see ED rep team's become SEHA rep teams with a few additional clubs in the mix. The men need to catch up as you can see, as the men previously had just two Sydney wide teams selected from players who were competing in the Sydney wide Sydney Hockey Association competition (SHA).

We will now have at a minimum across the Greater Sydney area for men, up to 6 representative sides covering (Sydney North West Association, Sydney North Association, Sydney South Association, SEHA, Macarthur and Nepean Associations). The women's rep teams in theory have been rationalized and should see less teams moving forward.

In the bush, rep teams are being consolidated in many instances, with several adjoining areas now coming together to form a new Association team. This should some teams being stronger on balance.

As to club competitions, for the top levels of women's and men's hockey, the old Sydney Women's Hockey League (SWHL) and Sydney Hockey Association (SHA) still exist and will operate

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Congratulations to Mary Wark and Sean Wotton on the birth of their second child a girl Vivienne Anne Wotton. Born 10th February 2015 at 9:11pm, 52cm, 3.8kg's. Vivienne joins old brother Henry. Both Mother and Daughter are doing extremely well and from the GDHC we wish the Wotton family all the best.

purely as competition managers and have no direct involvement, in theory, in the ongoing development of hockey throughout the various new Greater Sydney Associations. Their role will be to run great competitions.

In regard to SEHA, we have several people directly associated with the new association.

There is myself as Director Competitions, Aaron Nilan's wife Briony Nilan as President, Sue Brady as a working sub-committee member, along with George Manou as Men's Convenor, who is primarily responsible for all of our SEHA Men's Rep teams in 2015.

In my next Red Rag report or in a separate advice, I will ensure you are provided with more detailed information on the new Association structures and our new Association in particular.

CLUB-HOUSE

Despite the chaos of last year, I am pleased to advise that Andrew Goodrick after 3,000 odd man-hours has completed renovations - I think!!!!

The club-house is looking great and we trust that it will now be a place for all in the club to enjoy.

SPONSORSHIP

We have already been blessed this year with several sponsorships being renewed and we have seen the addition of a couple of new sponsors.

Our major sponsor for 2015 is the Merton Hotel at Rozelle and you would have noted via various communication means, that we will be holding a major event there in the next two weeks under the guise of "New Player Night." I ask that as many of you as possible attend on the night and make it a great opening event for the season and really show the Merton Hotel that their support of our club is well founded. We have Adrian McKeown to thank for the Merton coming on board. Well-done Adrian!

In addition, we must also thank Monica Bordignon for her work in securing two new sponsors for the club, being Telstra Broadway and Goodyear Rozelle. Monica has done this on her own and

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without any prompting from the club. What a great club member!

To Adrian and Monica, the club really appreciates what you have done, but keep it up. Don't rest on your laurels!

I believe Mark Paterson will provide in this addition of the Red Rag, a full list of our sponsors for 2015. Let's hope the list can grow for our next Red Rag edition. All members, if you know of someone who could be prepared to support the club – don't hold back – let us know. The club will assist at every opportunity.

That's it for my first report of the year!

I look forward to catching up with you soon and if you wish to contact me on any issue, you can reach me as follows:



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Men's Report

Welcome all to the 2015 season. The Glebe District Hockey Club will again field six senior men's team in the 2015 Sydney Hockey Association Competition. After a fairly good season in 2014 in which the top four grades tasted finals action the club is looking to extend that record and hopefully have more teams reaching the penultimate game at the end of the season.

Could I ask that all players ensure they are properly registered

Did you Know

Glebe's name is derived from the fact that the land on which it was developed was a glebe, originally owned by the Anglican Church.

'The Glebe' was a land grant of 400 acres (1.6 km²) given by Governor Arthur Phillip to Reverend Richard Johnson, Chaplain of the First Fleet, in 1790.

Did you Know

That the Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC) shares its inception with the Sydney Harbour Bridge which also opened in 1932.

This year the GDHC and the Sydney Harbour Bridge will both turn 85 years old. Not bad for this grand old club of ours.

Birthdays in March

Josh La Spina March 22nd

Ivan Gorridge March 29th

with HNSW. You can access it via this link: <https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/23/org>

Training is well underway for senior men's team at Cintra 7:30pm - 9:30pm Tuesday nights. First (Premier League) and Second grade (Sydney Cup) have been training for the better part of two months as their competition started two weeks before Easter. Thus far First grade has won one and loss one and second grade has won one and drew one.

I must stress to all players across all grades that you must let either the Club Captain - Ian Paterson or Lower Grades Club Captain - Adrian McKeown know well in advance if you are unavailable to play at any stage during the course of the season. It was a constant headache last year for both Club Captains often scrambling at the last minute to find reserves and asking other players to double up.

I would recall on all players to make a renewed commitment to the club both on and off the field. Trying to fill holes week in week out not only puts pressure on selectors but also on players who end up playing two games a week and generally leads to us fielding weaker sides.

I have already had numerous emails from players asking that they not be leaned on each week to make up the numbers. This is only possible if every one does their part.

At the start of every season the club calls on players to provide dates when they may be away. There are very few players send in any dates but all of a sudden as the first few games approach there seems to be a cascade of absences all of sudden. If we can plan ahead it is manageable but week to week it is a nightmare.

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.

In 2015 the Glebe District Hockey Club celebrates it's 85th year in continual operation. There is much to be proud of looking back at the GDHC rich history and we are thankful that a lot of people have handed us a Club with proud traditions. But looking forward it is the current crop members which must carry the Club and ideals forward into the future. Community organisations such as the Glebe District Hockey Club are examples where people from all walks of life and all colours and creeds meet, mix and enjoy a cheerful, positive atmosphere whilst keeping fit.

In an era where people have a variety of options available on how to best spend their leisure time, and where participation in sport is shrinking, community-sporting organisations have managed to maintain their popularity. They provide a framework for people to contribute to the common good without feeling awkward or overly altruistic. For any sporting organisation to flourish and prosper, there have always been

dedicated, generous, capable, industrious people who attend to the organisational affairs, financial matters, coaching and public relations.

I ask that in the Club's 85th year you nominate to be one of those dedicated, generous people who ask what not their club can do for them but what I can do for my Club.

Women's Report

For the season of 2015 the Glebe Women's have been working hard at training, fitness a trails. As a result of a great recruitment drive by the women's and being able to retain our juniors we have been able to enter another team. We are now pleased to say we are fielding SIX teams once again, with three teams in SWHL competition and three in the SEHA Women's competition.

We've secured a great list of coaches, including Matt Wark, Charlie Brown, Josh La Spina, Andrew Goodrick (Googa) and Martin Bishop (Bish),

The season proper does not start until the 12th of April 2015 so training is of vital importance leading up to the first competition matches.

The Glebe ladies also travelled to Newcastle for the Hunter Cup, where they were up against some stiff competition but still performed very well. The Glebe women's also entered a team in the Ryde 9's Competition (Which was rebranded as a normal 11 aside round robin carnival) where they were put through their paces and put up a good fight.

The annual Ladies opening boat day was a great success, with a beautiful day on the harbour and no doubt a few sore heads on the Sunday.

We are still looking for coaches, if anyone is able to lend a hand of a Tuesday night 6:30pm – 8:30pm or on a Sunday it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mel at newtonmelissa@hotmail.com

Good Luck to all the grades for the first week. Go Glebe

Thanks

Mel Newton

Glebe District Hockey Club Women's Convenor



Junior Report

Glebe Juniors at City v Country 2015

PRETTY IN PINK IN NEWCASTLE

Hockey New South Wales has recently become more actively involved in general junior hockey development.

In particular, during the end of 2014/beginning of 2015, in 8 regions throughout New South Wales, regional coaching coordinators on behalf of HNSW have conducted weekly development sessions for U13 and U15 Boys and Girls. Participation was open to all, regardless of experience or skill. Each region was allocated different coloured top. For our Sydney Metro region, the top was a wonderful bright pink (or was it magenta, cerise, salmon, blush?). After about 8 or 9 weeks at Moorebank or Pennant Hills, the sessions culminated with a massive 3 day event in Newcastle between 13 and 15 February 2015. There were about 600 kids in the various U13 and U15 teams and in the more traditional U18 City v Country teams in both and boys and girls teams. There were a total of 51 teams involved over 3 days.

In total, there were 17 Glebe juniors, together with families and supporters, at Newcastle. While the U18's played on full fields, the U13 and U15 kids played between 6 and 7 games of 25 minutes on half sized pitches, with plenty of interchanges. There was some interesting experimental rule changes being used. It was a particularly happy and friendly event. The Glebe kids playing for the various U13 and U15 teams did very well. There was lots of existing friendships developed and new friendships made in their Sydney teams and the broader hockey community generally. The U18 City Boys lost both games against the Country Boys, but the City Girls won both their games. The event also served as the U15 State trials for both boys and girls. On a happy note, Glebe junior star Angus Baird was selected into the 2015 U15 NSW State team and Tim Pritchard was selected into the U15 NSW Blues team for the Australian National Championships over 9 days in Adelaide in April.



L-R: Mim Pritchard, Emma Grant, Litiana Field (absent), Sam



Back Row (L-R): Prudie Dallen, Emma Alexander-Prideaux, Olivia Cain, Layla Riley, Talia Morrow

Front Row (L-R): Tim Pritchard, Calam Baird, Jonah Riley, Rodrigo Pedraza Luna, Hugh Dallen, Angus Baird

One sad matter of note was that there was an off the ball injury to one of our other Glebe junior stars, Litiana Field, when she had an awkward fall in her U18 City v Country game. All our love and very best wishes are with Litiana and her family for a speedy recovery.

It is wonderful for our sport that HNSW, with better funding, structure and dedicated and highly skilled regional coaching coordinators, has become more actively involved at a grass roots level. HNSW is now calling for registrations for U9 and U11 development sessions. All Glebe juniors are strongly encouraged to participate, if interested. Please see the HNSW website.

Glebe Juniors Make NSW State Teams

Congratulations Aisling Klimoski & Miriam Pritchard on your selection to the NSW U/18's team! A fabulous achievement and another ringing endorsement of the Glebe Hockey Club's junior development pathway.

The girls will be playing in the National U/18 Champions in Adelaide from 8th - 16th April 2015.

Well Done to Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC) young guns Angus Baird & Tim Pritchard who were selected to represent NSW at the U/15 Nationals in Hobart from 11th - 19th April 2015.

Angus was selected in the U/15 NSW Team & Tim was selected in the NSW U/15 Blues Team. From everyone at the GDHC Well done and we wish you all the best for the upcoming tournament.

EARLY REDBACK CLEAN SWEEP FOR SEASON 2015

For many decades, the Glebe Club has used names of native animals to affectionately describe various junior teams, for example, Strikers, Hornets, Vipers and Stingrays.

The name "Redbacks" has always been used for A Division teams in each age group. To be in a Redback team is something for our junior players to work towards and be proud of achieving. There are currently four Redback teams, being the U17A, U15A, U13A and U11A teams. These teams play against the very best teams other Sydney hockey clubs have to offer.

On 27 and 28 March 2015, all 4 Redback teams achieved something noteworthy by each winning their 1st or 2nd competition round. The U11A Redbacks, coached by Kate Alexander, beat Moorebank 6 to 0. The U13A Redbacks, coached by Aaron Nilan, beat Sutherland 3 to 1. The U15A Redbacks, coached by Paul Riley, beat Manly/Gordon North Sydney 3 to 2. The U17A Redbacks, coached



U11 - A Redbacks 2015

by Dean Morrow, beat Manly/Gordon North Sydney 5 to 4. There was good success for some of the Striker, Hornet and Viper teams too.

It is very early in the 2015 season, but this is a happy sign for all the Glebe junior teams and the Club generally. Glebe prides itself on its junior teams and their development. In all of the Glebe junior teams, the kids, coaches and families have put a lot of work into pre-season preparation and training under our wonderful new Junior Co-ordinator, Clare Prideaux which is paying off. That preparation and training is producing good results in all junior teams.

Our Minkey group has also started with Vernon Howe providing a relaxed and fun development environment for kids who are 8 and under. There are a number of new families and a great opportunity in term 2 for interested U9's to play in a more formal competition.



U/17 - A Redbacks 2015

Go all the Redbacks, Strikers, Hornets, Vipers and our great little Minkeys in 2015! The Club is proud of you all!!!

Social News

Big news for Glebe District Hockey Club acquiring two new sponsors for the 2015 season. The Merton Hotel & Bistro on Victoria Rd, Rozelle will be our new 'home away from home' and major sponsors for the season. Thank you to Adrian McKeown for organising this with the lovely husband and wife team of Aidan & Gill, proprietors of the Merton Hotel.

It is now up to the club to support our new sponsors, a lovely cozy little family friendly hotel in a great venue near to the clubhouse by attending all major functions and coming back after games on occasions. The first of these events is the Season Opening function on Saturday 11 April from 6pm. The invitation to this event is extended to all junior families and children. In the event 6pm is a bit late for the kiddies, please go on up to the hotel after your child's game for lunch in the outdoor bistro and your child/children will receive a \$10 meal deal which includes a soft drink.

Women's teams who attend on a Sunday afternoon after their game get a free bottle of bubbly on entry. There will also be gift vouchers for MVP's in Men's & Women's grades.

Please support the club that supports you!

Monica Bordignon, the Women's Social Convenor (welcome aboard!) has also secured for the club a sponsorship with a local Telstra store in Drummoyne. Every club playing member will be receiving a free drink bottle from Telstra in the near future. Thank you to Monica also for organising the recent yoghurt promotion on 10 & 11 March for senior and junior players.

In coming weeks, the club hopes to secure renewed sponsorships from long-time sponsors Galluzo's fruit and vegetables (Glebe Pt Rd) and Pilcher Real Estate (Annandale).

The first Bunnings fundraising BBQ for the season was held on Sunday 8 March at the Alexandria Store and manned by the Senior club. It was very successful. Thanks to all those involved, especially Mark Noller who continues to help coordinate these events despite no longer being on the Management Committee.

There is another booking for a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 21 June at Ashfield, so please keep this date open and volunteer beforehand so it makes organising a little bit easier for the social convenors.

Adam Campano

Glebe District Hockey Club Social Convenor

Renovation Sale!!!

To celebrate Googa's great job on completing the clubhouse renovations, we are clearing out old stock sitting in the storeroom. We'll keep on updating the list below as we find more stuff. We will try and have these items at Cintra on Tuesdays and Jubilee on Wednesdays. Be Quick!! For more info, contact Kerry Hunt on 0418427990 or Mark Noller on 0414718191.



- 1.) Junior Playing Shirts (various sizes from 6 -14, S, M) - current style, save on postage, \$35 each,
- 2.) Long Sleeve Tees (various sizes 12 - Large Mens) - \$25 each
- 3.) Glebe 75th Anniversary Wine Glasses (celebrate their 10 yr anniversary!) - \$5 per box of six

Around the Grounds

MEDIA RELEASE

3 MARCH 2015

OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST TO LEAD THE NEXT GENERATION In partnership with Hockey Australia, the NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Brent Livermore OAM to Head Coach of the NSWIS Men's Hockey Program.

A former NSWIS scholarship holder, Livermore was chosen to lead the next generation of men's hockey talent in NSW following a lengthy recruitment process, and he is now looking forward to the challenge that awaits him. "I have long held aspirations to coach hockey at the high performance level. To be involved in the NSW Institute of Sport, one of Australia's most elite high performance programs, and to support Hockey NSW and Hockey Australia in the development of athletes is something that I am very keen to be part of," Livermore said.

Livermore is one of Australia's most acclaimed men's hockey players, having captained the victorious Kookaburras team at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games as well as playing in three Commonwealth Games and three Champions Trophy winning sides. He achieved 318 caps for the senior national side during his time as a player, including 67 as captain, and since retiring has taken on a variety of coaching roles including Head Coach at the Pacific Hockey Institute and High Performance Coach Director at the Gold Coast Hockey Academy, as well as leading various under-age Queensland state teams.

Livermore is confident his experience at the top level will be a key ingredient to the ongoing success of the NSWIS program. "As an athlete I was someone who would always look for that competitive edge with different types of training, so that will be valuable in coaching, and I'm also looking forward to driving the culture and values within the group," Livermore explained. "I'd also like to think the drive, precision and leadership I had as a player has transferred across into my coaching as well, as there is an art in coaching that needs to be balanced in individual specific development and technique, combined with team strategies and structures. This will be something I pride myself on."

Hobart to host inaugural Aussie Cup in major coup for local hockey

ADAM CLIFFORD MERCURY MARCH 06, 2015 12:00AM

IN a major coup for the state, Hobart will host the inaugural Aussie Cup that will see the nation's best hockey players competing with their club sides.

The men's and women's hockey competition, sponsored by Wrest Point Casino, will pit the nation's elite club teams against one another to determine the best in the country.

Teams will also compete for a share in \$15,000 in prize money and for the first time ever in the sport – a national ranking position when the tournament runs from October 21-24.



Organisers Brent Williams and Justin Veitch are proud Tasmanians and are excited to see the best club hockey players in the country pit their skills against the world's best.

"We looked at the mainland but we really wanted to host this event in Tasmania and give the athletes the total travel and social experience," Williams said.

"Hobart has the best hockey facilities in the southern hemisphere and the Tassie Tigers are the reigning national champions, so it's only fair that the mainlanders come down here and try to knock off Tassie best club teams on their home soil."

Key to launching the event in Tasmania was securing a corporate naming rights sponsor and having the support of the Hockey Tasmania Board.

"Wrest Point Casino share our vision for making this tournament a big success and Hockey Tasmania have also thrown their support behind this event."

The Aussie Cup will be open to all elite club teams in Australia and New Zealand, with teams placed in pool groups before progressing to finals and classification matches.

"How great would it be to see Eddie Ockenden competing for North-West Graduates in a home Aussie Cup Grand Final against the Victorian or Western Australian club champions?" Williams said.

Wrest Point Sales and Marketing Manager Kathryn McCann believes the Aussie Cup will be a huge success.

“This event has the right ingredients – travel, friendship and fitness – that will make it a success.

“We’re really thrilled to be working with the team behind Aussie Cup and we’re confident that this event will only grow in years to come.”

Hockey Tasmania chief executive officer Andrew Winch also sees the benefit for local players who would otherwise not be able to compete against the country’s best without participating in the Australian Hockey League.

“Only 18 athletes can compete for an AHL side at one time, so this tournament is inclusive of other talented players and will offer plenty of challenges for players.”

Winch said there would be plenty of intriguing battles when teams from opposing state competitions face off against each other. “Perth is widely regarded as the best club competition in Australia but Hockey Victoria have committed to sending their Premier League men’s and women’s champions to ensure they have the best chance of success,” he said.

“Outside of internationals and the Australian Hockey League, this will be the best hockey played in Australia this year and Hockey Tasmania is a proud partner and host of this event.”

Kookaburras star Jamie Dwyer's hockey comeback faces baby dilemma

Australian Associated Press Thursday 26 March 2015 12.25 AEDT

Kookaburras great Jamie Dwyer endured days of uncertainty before deciding to shelve retirement plans and vie for a record-equalling fourth Olympic hockey campaign at Rio.

But that pales in comparison to the dilemma Dwyer is now facing as he prepares to launch his international comeback.

The 36-year-old says he may have to rethink leaving with the first Kookaburras squad he has made since last June as he awaits the birth of his third child.



Jamie Dwyer is challenged by Matthew Daly of Great Britain during the Men's Hockey bronze medal match at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Photograph: Lars Baron/Getty Images

Dwyer looked set to overtake Jay Stacy (321 games) and become the most capped Kookaburra after being included in the 18-man squad for the upcoming six-nation Sultan Azlan Shah Cup tournament in Malaysia. He is also committed to pushing for a Rio berth and joining the Kookaburras' elite four Olympics club after reaching a career crossroads last October.

But the five-time World Player of the Year admits right now family may have to come first.

"The baby was due last week," Dwyer told AAP. "I am hoping the child arrives soon otherwise I think my wife will be asking why I am leaving.

"If it comes in the next few days, I will be right to go away. "If it doesn't, I will have to reassess the situation. "Hopefully it doesn't come to that."

Dwyer is due to fly out next Thursday in his first Kookaburras squad since starring in their 2014 World Cup winning campaign.

The future looked grim for Dwyer when he was controversially overlooked for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games and missed the Champions Trophy last December due to a four month foot injury.

However, days of soul searching in October and an encouraging chat with new Kookaburras coach Graham Reid in December convinced him to bid for a fourth Olympics.

"It wasn't a hard road to get back into the squad once I decided that I was not going to retire," Dwyer said.

"I thought about it for a number of days in October, then I later had a chat with the coach and said 'I want to go for it'."

Asked if Rio was the goal, Dwyer said: "Yes, otherwise I would have stopped playing - after that I will call it quits.

"I think I have a good chance to get there if I stay fit - I will give it everything I got."

Dwyer is chuffed to have the outright games record in sight but looks forward to simply donning the green and gold again.

"For me it is not about breaking the record, it's about team success," Dwyer said.

"Just getting to wear the green and gold again after such a long time will be special.

"I think my record will be broken one day by Eddie Ockenden (231 games by age 27).

"But to hold it for a while will be a great honour."