

Glebe District Hockey Club



Forty-second

Annual Report & Balance Sheet

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GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to present the 42nd Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

This gentlemen is a report of a year to remember. Last year I stated in this report that the Club was at the cross roads - the ball in each and every members court to be picked up and carried on ~~or~~ to be left and the Club to go down hill. That 'Ball' was certainly picked up in most places. Club Champions again, Premiers 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grades. Semi-Finalists in 5th Grade, Club Champions and Premiers Under 16 and Under 12 in the Juniors. Those results certainly prove that Glebe is a "Champion Club" and a 'Club of Champions'.

The Club Spirit was again to the fore and I would like on behalf of the Management Committee to thank all our members for their help and devotion shown over the year.

The 1974 Season was the most hectic and fullest season that I can remember. Hockey was played almost every Sunday with representative games, Carnivals, Bisley Shield and not forgetting the inaugural State Cup all taking their toll of the Sundays available. The attendance at these games by the Glebe Club members, as also Sydney Hockey Association Annual Ball (almost 120 members present) was far in excess of any other Club. This attendance I feel helped generate our "Club Spirit" to the highest level for many years.

FINANCE ;

The Club this year turned a loss in 1973 of \$672 into a profit of \$2182 in 1974. A grand effort, a result that only came about by a superhuman effort by our Treasurer Keith Kipp. Keith almost single handed, looked after all the Clubs finances and the running and controlling of its assets. Each and every member of the Club owes Keith a vote of thanks for a fantastic effort. I can only say that in the years I have been associated with the Club, Keith Kipp is the best and most efficient Treasurer we have ever had.

Our sincere thanks also to Martin Howe on the handling of the sale of equipment for the Club and Ralph Rochester for his help behind the Bar on Saturdays.

TOXTETH RAFFLES:

This year Graham Gilmour, Denis and Colin Brown, Tony Martin etc. really outdid themselves with the Raffles at the Toxteth Hotel. The raffles raised \$1900 - A grand effort, an achievement that the Club now relies on each year. I only hope we can put this income to good use in the near future - perhaps in our having our own grounds with a new Clubhouse - Thanks fellas - thanks a million.

VALLEY TRIP ;

Easter saw us onces again visiting Valley in Brisbane. As we have come to expect the hospitality was fantastic. A trip that was thoroughly enjoyed by all Club Members who made the trip. On the playing side the visit was also a success as for the first time the Club sponsored some of our juniors, who it was obvious learnt a lot from the experience. We unfortunately lost the 'Easter Cup' to Valley but retained the 'Challenge Cup'. We also won the Northern Suburbs Brisbane Hockey Carnival during our visit.

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STATE CUP ; The N.S.W. Hockey Association this year ran for the first time the State Cup. Glebe entered in this competition as we always enter into any competition with the intention of winning. After much travelling to Cowra, Bathurst, Lithgow, Windsor and games in Sydney we were unfortunate to play the Finals of this competition when our N.S.W. Colts team was in Perth and other players unavailable. We lost this final by the odd goal to Uni of N.S.W.

JUNIORS ; Whilst our juniors had success on the playing fields, everything in the garden is not ROSY. Our Junior Convenors John Cowan and John Diviney with the Coaches did a terrific job but they need more help both Coaching and transportation. We need more juniors urgently and we need them now. Can you help in any way. Gentlemen if our Club is to continue we need Juniors now. While on the subject of Juniors a special thanks to Janice and Mrs. Martin for running the canteen every Saturday - well done ladies.

FEDERAL PARK ; Once more we looked after Federal Park and our thanks extended to Ken Wark, Glen Puckeridge, Tony Martin and Bob Scanlon especially for the time they put into making Federal Park a Hockey Ground. We hope to obtain a Lease on this ground shortly and with Councils help top dressing, levelling etc. hope to make it into a first class ground - but we will need your help.

CONCLUSION :

On behalf of every member of the Club I would like to thank the following people not already mentioned.

1. The Glebe Police Citizens Boys Club for their continued support.
2. President, Pat Nilan and the members of the Management Committee for their time and help - a very good team.
3. All our supporters at the Toxteth Hotel - thanks fellas.
4. To Doug Brewer for looking after the Pool Table.
5. To my Wife, Carole who without her help and support this report would not be possible and I would not be able to be your Secretary.

To anyone that I have missed - I apologise for my oversight.

F.P. LETTS.
Hon. Secretary.

PRESIDENTS REPORT :

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The Season of '74 must surely be recognised as the best playing performance in the history of the Club. Retaining the Club Championship by a clear 47 points, three in a row now. The performances of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades in winning the Grand Finals and not forgetting the 5th grades unfortunate circumstances in halting their progress.

The performances of the winning team throughout the season indicates their worth as premiers, with 1st, 3rd and 4th grades taking out the Minor Premiership whilst 2nd Grade tabling 34 points in the competition to finish second behind St. George. Statistically these teams had the best scoring, and defensive records in the S.H.A. competition.

With Barry Howe running out the eventual winner of the "WALES" Top Scorer and with Ian Mutton gaining a close second position to J. COWAN (Uni. N.S.W.) for the Brian Booth Medal, are certainly worthy of a mention.

With the introduction of the 'STATE CUP' this year, the Hockey calendar became somewhat of a fulltime playing weekend, with a string of carnival wins to our credit along with the 'Bisley Shield', our visit to the Valley Club and not forgetting our Premiers V's N.S.W. Eleven win, players and supporters of the Club welcomed the change of pace.

Congratulations to all club members and supporters for their fine efforts and club spirit displaced throughout the season. Not forgetting the job the selectors undertook and came through with flying colours.

On the Junior playing side we did not fare as well as in recent years, although we did win the Under 16 and Under 12's. Wet weather played a prominent part in the Season, resulting in a minimum amount of games played. Some very serious thought must also be given into the structure of the junior competition, it seems apparent the Zone system is not a satisfactory set up.

Our Junior ranks are running thin only in respect that next season an influx of juniors will move up into senior ranks and it is a possibility that we may not be able to field 4 teams. We must all now make a genuine effort in the promotion and development of junior hockey within the club.

Although we only had three social functions it was evident from the response and profit made that we could have and should have devoted more time into organising socials. The Grand Final 'POST MORTEM' day at the Glebe Club house was a great day, thanks to Ken Wark in promoting the idea.

Our financial side really made a leap forward this season considering our deficit last season. One can only give full credit to our devoted Treasurer Keith Kipp for a superb effort. Keith spent many hours, Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoons collecting and supervising the money affairs. The Club is in a healthy position and some definite ideas should be pursued in respect to the formation of a CLUB in the district for Hockey, and or Social. We have merely glanced at this proposal in past years and thought no more of it. We have the members and following to achieve it.

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Once again the Toxteth raffles were organised, once again, by the same old faces, Gilly, Tony Martin, Col and Denis Brown etc. they need help and lots of it on Friday nights, lots more members do take for granted the job these members do for the Club we all benefit from it.

I feel the Management Committee worked as a unit throughout the year and I thank them for the support they afforded me as President of the Club. To the Secretary Fred Letts for his excellent job during the year, a full 12 months.

P.J. NILAN
President.

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

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The 1974 Season is one we the Members can be very proud of - our Record which reads CLUB CHAMPIONS, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade Premiers, Bisbley Shield and Challenge Cup Winners and numerous Carnivals. No doubt the highlight of the year was Grand Final Day what can one put into words to describe this tremendous effort by the Glebe Club - Magnificent, Superb, Brilliant - This was our Scene - WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS -

I doubt whether this record will be equalled by any other Club. This year the Club was fortunate to gain many new members and to you I would like to offer a very warm welcome and congratulations - You for being a part of the Greatest Happening Ever in The Glebe Club - without this could not have been achieved this year.

Also Ian Cooke must be congratulated on his selection in the Australian Team - a very well deserved effort on Ian's part as the work he put into his game and training this year it was a just reward. Ian Cooke, Phil Downey, Keith Pritchard, Greg Corben, Graham Bell, Les Wark, Geoff Patterson, Robert Diviney, Tony Cowan, Garry Lewis and Roger McDonald - all Gained selection in N.S.W. Teams this year - well done fellows - more dedication could see you wear the Green and Gold of Australia in years to come.

The Juniors once again had a good year with two Premierships Under 16 and Under 12 and also the Junior Club Championship. On Saturday mornings one main point that needs urgent attention is the lack of support from the Senior members of the Club. This is one problem that must be sorted out and solved for the coming season. Good support to the Juniors by Senior Members will make our Future secure in the years ahead. Possibly a Hockey School early next season could be organised with current representative players leading the instructors would help gain interest to Senior Members and also swell our Junior ranks.

Training this year was not well attended - only about a quarter of the Club made the effort on Wednesday nights. Steve Nance and Bob Wark tried hard to get things going and at the start of the year it looked very promising - but unfortunately the weather intervened for three consecutive weeks and we never picked up from there. To beat this years record or equal it we must make a greater effort next year.

This disqualification of our A Grade Team was a bitter disappointment to Col Smith and his Team. To make the Final was a great effort by the Team only to see a Seasons hard struggle go down the drain - what can one say as it was completely overlooked by the persons concerned - I guarantee this will never happen again in the Club - Who knows we could have made it FIVE.

The 1974 Season saw the introduction of the State Club Championship - A squad of 20 Members was selected early in the Season to contest this event. Much time and effort was required in the early rounds - as many hundreds of miles was travelled and many dollars spent. We stormed into the Final after easy wins in the Early rounds and Semi Final Scoring 49 goals to 6 against. In the Final we found ourselves at a disadvantage due to State Commitments - Six players were replaced from the original squad. Our opponents - Uni. N.S.W. in the Final proved somewhat of a surprise with their determination in the first half and led 2-0 at the break. Glebe tried to bridge the Gap - but good defence by Uni held us back until the last 10 minutes when we pulled back the margin by one. We kept up the pressure for the Final ten minutes but Uni proved to solid - to win by the odd goal.

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The Annual Glebe - Valley matches were played in Brisbane this year where Valley played top hockey to defeat us for the Easter Cup 4-1. The Challenge Cup was retained by Glebe by the narrow margin of one nil. We also played in the north Brisbane Carnival where we found ourselves in the position of having to win our last game 12-0 to make the final. This we achieved and had two goals to spare and went on to meet Valley in the Final which we won 3-1. The week-end once again was a tremendous one. Valleys hospitality was Great.

The Glebe Club also travelled to Wagga on the October Long Week-End where we played Melbourne High Old Boys Won 1-0, Wagga Colts Won 5-2 and Wagga Seniors lost 1-3. Unfortunately the grounds were very heavy and this spoilt the Hockey standard to a degree. Overall it was a good weekend and we were well looked after by our Hosts. To our Publican - John Brown who donated a player or Goal of the Day award - Thank you for your kind gesture. This added more interest within the Club and we look forward to your continued interest in the Club.

To all Members, wives, families and supporters - I must congratulate you on the effort on Grand Final Day - the spirit which you put into all Teams was something that gave us an advantage over the opposing teams - the support was tremendous from the sidelines. In Closing I would like to thank Martin Howe for his support as Club Vice Captain and to all those members who did something for the Club as far as work was concerned - to those who didn't contribute anything besides playing - for your sake the the Clubs - Do something next year.

R. 'CHARLIE' BROWN.
Club Captain.

1st GRADE REPORT

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The highlight of the '74 Season was Grand Final day, when we regained the "The Markham Cup" after a long and overdue period. Our presence was felt not only on that day, defeating St. George 3-2 but throughout the entire season.

Winning the Minor Premiership by a clear 6 points and having the best goal average in the competition 92-14.

The Semi-Final loss to St. George (1-5) only our second in the competition, certainly made the team realise the premiership was not all ours. During the following week some healthy discussions both on playing and selections seemed to re-vitalise the team and we ran out easy winners against Liverpool in the Final 3-0.

The rest is history, we hit the front and never to be overtaken.

I feel the team played with a lot of determination and games against St. George 3-3 and 2-0, North Sydney 7-0 Sutherland 7-0 Gordon 9-0 emphasised the will to win. Players performances also played a big part namely Greg Corben, Ian Cooke Ian Mutton and Phil Downey were all consistent throughout the season, even when Col Brown saw the ball he pulled off some great saves.

The departure of Barry Gorringer towards the later part of the season, was a blow and I'm certain our unbeaten record would have continued if he had not been transferred in employment. Great Season Barry.

The responsibility of being a 1st grade player was not undermined in anyway and my compliments to all team members who participated in 1st Grade games. Rob Wark shouldered this (his) responsibility to the full in the Final and Grand Final in particular and if he carries on with the job at hand, he will surely remain a match winning player.

All that awaits for us now is season '75, we must carry on where we left off this season. Even a MORE POSITIVE approach to the game is needed. Once again we are on top and its hard to stay there.

The interest created by the 1st grade this year was certainly only in response to the support afforded the team by ALL club members and supporters, on behalf of the team a big thank you.

On behalf of the team I would like to congratulate Ian Cooke on his selection in the Australian Team for the World Cup in Kuala Lumpa in February, 1975. See you all next Season - PAT NILAN - TEAM CAPTAIN.