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Junior Convenor's Report 2002

On behalf of the Junior Committee, it is again with pleasure that I present the Season 2002 Glebe District Hockey Club Junior Annual Report and welcome all to the Junior Presentation Day.

I feel that it is appropriate that we dedicate this Presentation Day to HARRY WARK SNR, who tragically passed away during the Hockey Season. Harry embodied everything good in life, his passion for his beloved Hockey Club, his extended family, all players from Men's, Women's and right down through the Juniors was just a delight to experience. Harry will be sadly missed, but I am sure that his influence, dedication and love for his beloved Maroon and Whites will never be forgotten.

Season 2002 - Seventy Two Years!!!

After such a wonderful Season in 2001, it was always going to be very difficult to equal or even surpass last year's successes. Season 2002 although not as spectacular in terms of the number of Premierships won, was however, a very good year for the Glebe Juniors. The number of Teams fielded actually increased by one. 1 x U/17, 2 x U/15, 3 x U/13 and 3 x U/11. The results overall were most pleasing. Of these 9 Teams, 6 Teams qualified for the Semi-Finals, which in itself was a most creditable performance. Of these 6 teams, 3 eventually contested in the Grand Finals, with the U/15 Tigers winning the Central Area Junior Hockey Association (CAJHA) "A Division" Premiership.

For the benefit of the many new Players and Parents that became part of The "Glebe Hockey Family" in 2002, I will very briefly explain the Competition Structure under which the Glebe Juniors compete. The U/17 Competition is run by Sydney Men's Hockey Association (SHA), whilst the U/15's, U/13's and U/11's all play in the Competitions of the CAJHA. This Association is comprised of 6 Clubs - Glebe, Sutherland, Randwick, Bankstown, Moorebank and St. George. Of these 6 Clubs, Glebe and Sutherland are the two dominant Clubs as again evidenced by the CAJHA 2002 Club Championship Points Table, with Sutherland again winning the "Gladall Shield", followed by Glebe. I must mention however, that Sutherland do have an advantage over the other CAJHA Clubs as they in effect are a combination of two Clubs - Sutherland and Illawong.

2002 Results

U/17 Tigers	Runners Up	A Division
U/15 Tigers	Premiers	A Division
U/15 Wildcats	Fourth	B Division
U/13 Tigers	Fourth	A Division
U/13 Wildcats	Fifth	B Division
U/13 Cougars	Fourth	B Division
U/11 Tigers	Runners Up	A Division
U/11 Wildcats	Fifth	B Division
U/11 Cougars	Eighth	B Division

My third year as Junior Convenor was at times extremely difficult, largely due to my work commitments. As I realised that there was absolutely no way I could do everything by myself, I at least acknowledged that for the benefit of the Club I needed to bring some extra people on board. Consequently I approached Mark and Deb Nollar, parents of Sam (U/13 Tigers) and Will (U/11 Tigers) to ask for their help and assistance. Their response was immediate, as they both agreed to take over the organisation and operation of the Glebe Junior Carnival, Mark also taking on the role of Assistant Junior Convenor and Deb the role of Mickey Convenor. Without their involvement and support I feel that I probably would not have got through the Hockey Season. I sincerely thank them both.

Once Again, Ron Cheong was sensational, taking on the responsibilities of four positions - Junior Committee Member, Club House Manager, Junior Equipment Officer and Secretary of CAJHA. I personally know that this year was extremely difficult for Ron, particularly in regards to a family bereavement, however, on behalf of the Glebe Junior Club - a very big thank you!!! No Club, sporting or otherwise could survive without the volunteer Coaches and Managers who sacrifice a huge amount of their personal and family life to ensure our children are able to participate in a healthy and active sport to the benefit of the whole Community. My personal appreciation to those dedicated people who fulfilled these positions. They were:

Team	Coach/s	Manager/s
U/17 Tigers	Adam Campano	Christine O'Conner
U/15 Tigers	Geoff Paterson	John Cullen and Keith Solar-March
U/15 Wildcats	Tom Holyoake	Dawn Baker
U/13 Tigers	George Manou	Steve McConnell
U/13 Wildcats	Tim Harvey/Rowen Kelly/Harry Wark Jnr.	Rosaline Evans
U/13 Cougars	Ross Tapsell	Ross Tapsell
U/11 Tigers	Phillip Sheard and Mick Bougoukas	Phillip Sheard and Mick Bougoukas
U/11 Wildcats	Melissa Newton	Narelle O'Donnell
U/11 Cougars	Kylie Lawson	Joanne Schlosser

Naturally, no Club can survive without the support and hard work of the parents and guardians of the players. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful contributions of a number of people who unselfishly gave of their time in many areas - Steve Howard, Rex Holyoake, Dawn Baker, Elizabeth Fleming, Pauline Holyoake, Chris Newton, Narelle O'Donnell, Lee Farlow, and as always a special thank you to Harry Wark Jnr. for his untiring efforts in warming up the kids every Wednesday night before the individual Team Coaches took care of their charges. Like his father, Harry Wark Jnr. is a Glebe "Institution", a man possessed of incredible drive and willpower.

After last year's efforts with the Argentinian U/16 Girls Team, the Glebe Juniors were again asked to play against visiting teams from overseas. In July, three games were played at Cintra on a Thursday night, against our two U/15 Teams and the U/17's. Langley Park School from England were the opposition and each game was played in the true spirit of Hockey. The results are immaterial, however, the Langley Park School were told to expect their toughest Hockey on their tour of Australia and New Zealand would be against the Glebe Club and that is exactly what transpired. Special thanks to Jenna Price for once again a fantastic job in organising billets for 45 players, on the Wednesday night prior to the game. Also thanks to the Coaches, Managers and Players of the U/17's and both U/15 Teams, for the excellent spirit they showed. I also understand that the U/17's played a game against a South African Team, which was also eagerly contested.

Glebe Junior Carnival

As previously mentioned in this Report, Mark and Deb Noller were appointed by myself as this year's Carnival Convenors. To say that they did an outstanding job is an understatement. The biggest Team participation ever. I have asked Mark and Deb to report personally on the day and this is contained within this Annual Junior Report. Once again, the only other Club Junior Carnival in Season 2002 was St. George and I am extremely pleased to confirm that Glebe won the two age groups contested – U/11's and U/13's. Both our Tiger Teams were successful on the day and congratulations to all concerned.

Minkey Hockey

As Deb Noller is the Minkey Convenor, her report is contained within these pages. I would like, however, to personally thank Deb for her untiring efforts with the Minkey Squad and a extra special big thank you once again to Vernon Howe for conducting a most impressive and successful Minkey Program in 2002. Vernon and Deb also conducted what was without a doubt the best Minkey Carnival at the Glebe Junior Carnival in May.

Umpire Development

As reported last year the CAJHA had made a number of recommendations with regards to Junior Umpires. For a number of reasons, I would suspect time been the greatest factor, the guidelines outlined in last year's report were not fulfilled. It is extremely difficult to get children to stay behind and umpire the match following their own, largely due to their parents requirements to depart.

The Junior Club did, however, receive a major boost in the Umpiring Area with Nathan Dart, Captain of our U/13 Tigers receiving his SJHA Umpires Badge at the annual Sydney v Country Invitational Challenge. Nathan went on to umpire at this year's U/15 NSWJHA State Championships in Lithgow and subsequently umpired right throughout the CAJHA

Finals series, culminating in the U/13 "A Division" and U/15 "B Division" Grand Finals. I know a number of our Junior children are now expressing a far greater interest in Umpiring, and are very serious about obtaining their SJHA Umpires Badge, hopefully during the 2003 Season. I will speak with the Sydney Junior's Umpires Association and ascertain if they would like to help and Coach interested children.

Synthetic Turf

Every year I ask Harry Wark Jnr., the Chairman of the Glebe District Hockey Club's Synthetic Turf Committee to compile a Report as to exactly where the Club stands in our ongoing quest for a Synthetic Turf Playing Surface. Many of you are aware of the immense amount of time and effort that the members of this Committee put into the quest for the Synthetic Field and as our Court Case against Harold Park is in the final stages, I am sure all will find Harry's Report compulsive reading.

Fund Raising & Sponsorship

Season 2002 was somewhat of a disappointment for the Club with regards to Sponsorship, as the Balmain Leagues Club notified the Club that it could not fulfill its final year of our three Sponsorship in full. My understanding at this point is that we will receive a tenth of what our Sponsorship agreement set down and this is extremely disappointing. The Junior's long standing sponsor, The TOXTETH HOTEL, in Glebe continued to support the Club and my sincere thanks to the Murphy Family for their ongoing support of Glebe Junior Hockey.

Over the past few seasons, the company that I work for, The JourneyMasters Pty Ltd, a Corporate Boutique Travel Management Company operating out of Paddington, in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs has provided "State of Origin" Tickets to be raffled at our Annual Junior Carnival, and on a number of occasions return airfares to the Gold Coast with Accommodation for Presentation and Trivia Nights. Due to my involvement, I have until now been rather uneasy about promoting the Company that I work for but they are now a major sponsor of the Glebe District Hockey Club and have this year also sponsored two of our Junior Indoor Teams competing in the Sydney Junior Indoor Hockey Competition, by providing special Glebe Indoor Hockey Singlets.

With our other Sponsors, Richard Ware Real Estate and Galuzzo & Sons, The Club has once again been able to continue with its most long and proud tradition of never, ever, having charged our Junior Players a Registration Fee to play Hockey since the inception of the Club in 1930. This situation may change as we strive for our Synthetic Turf, but I do not think that there would be one parent who would complain if the Executive Committee decided that we might have to consider charging a Registration Fee for the first time in our Seventy-Three Years for a child to play Junior Hockey with Glebe.

I keep saying it, but once again the successes of the traditional Season Opener at The Toxteth Hotel, the Junior Carnival and Trivia Night all contributed to the income of The Club. Special mention as always to Maureen Paterson and Michael Carey for their annual effort in the organization of the Rotary Raffle, which provides a substantial Income base for The Club. Maureen took over from Lee Farlow this year as our Social Officer and in her own unique style was as you would expect from Maureen an instant success.

A big thank you to all Club Members who attended the Matthew Wark Special Fund Raising night to raise money to help Matthew tour South Africa with the Australian All Schools U/16 Team. Robert and Robyn Wark, Matthew's parents are eternally grateful to all those Club Members and Supporters who attended on that night.

In Conclusion

Although Premerships were hard to come by in Season 2002, I sincerely believe it was still a most rewarding, successful and happy year for the Glebe Junior Hockey Club. Our presence in the CAJHA Finals Series was strong, the Mickey Squad continued with the groundwork of our future grade players, The St. George Carnival was a Glebe "Whitewash", whilst our own Junior Carnival is probably (I am a little bit biased), the best Club Carnival in New South Wales. Again, our Junior's excelled themselves in their representation for Central Area, Sydney, NSW and Australia. Congratulations to Mark Paterson who was selected in the Australian U/18 Team that toured New Zealand this year. As always a full and comprehensive list of all Glebe Junior Representative Players is contained within this report.

The Glebe District Hockey Club Executive Management Committee is represented by all three Groups within the Club – Mens, Womens and Juniors and each group's representatives do a fantastic job, considering that we are all volunteers. I would like to make special mention of our Club President, Bob Taylor. Bob influence and enthusiasm for the Club is awe inspiring and he does bring at times a calming direction at the monthly Executive Management Meetings.

As usual, my wife Vonnie compiled the Team lists for CAJHA, SJHA and NSWJHA. It is a thankless job, and I do not know how I would cope without her. My love and appreciation cannot be said in mere words. She is so much faster and smarter on the computer than I will ever be.

The Indoor Hockey Season has started and good luck to the three Glebe Junior teams entered in the SJHA Indoor Competition to be held at the State Sports Centre over the next 3 months. I have no doubt that those children who elect to play the Indoor Game emerge as better and more competent players for the next Field Season.

I trust all involved in this Season 2002 enjoyed themselves, I certainly did. Have a great Summer, Christmas and New Year, a time of happiness and celebration and I hope to see many old and new faces In 2003 "Under the Arches".

*Andrew Dart
Junior Convenor*

Synthetic Turf Report 2002

Synthetic Turf Committee Members: Peter Adrian, Eddy Crook, Rod Hammett, Jim Oman, Marilynne Smith, Bob Taylor, Les Wark and Harry Wark (Convenor)

The history of the Hockey Club's search for a synthetic turf hockey field is set out in previous Annual Reports, and will not be repeated here. Suffice it to say that the Hockey Club is involved in legal proceedings against the New South Wales Harness Racing Club in relation to an Agreement for Lease signed by the parties in July 1995 in relation to the infield of Harold Park.

Since the last Annual Report, the proceedings have progressed well, if slowly. On Friday 8 March 2002, Supreme Court Registrar Graham Berecny refused the NSW HRC's application for security for costs against the Hockey Club.

On Tuesday 18 June 2002, a mediation between the parties was unsuccessful.

At this stage, it is likely that the Hockey Club will apply for a hearing date in November 2002, with the hearing itself likely to be in the first half of 2003.

I would like to thank the Synthetic Turf Committee Members for their hard work and enthusiasm in trying to secure for the Hockey Club a site on which to build a synthetic turf. Members of the Committee over the years have attended countless meetings and helped when called upon, to assist in negotiations with State Governments, Local Council and the Harness Club. Many financial estimates and business plans have been prepared. Providing our legal team with appropriate documentation and appropriate "background briefing" information is a time consuming, but necessary task. No one person could ever hope to undertake the volume of work that is necessary to be performed for the Hockey Club to present its best case..

I hope my 2003 Synthetic Turf Report next year will be my last, as I believe the court case will be held in mid 2003. Time will tell whether I am right!! Members can rest assured that the Committee, aided by its legal team, is preparing the best case that the Hockey Club can prepare, in preparation for the hearing.

*Harry Wark
Convenor*

Junior Carnival 2002

It is a pleasure to provide this Junior Carnival Report for 2002.

As in past years, the weather gods again conspired to give us bad weather in the lead-up to our May Carnival, causing uncertainty and worry (well in me at least – Andrew Dart and Bob Taylor remained eternally optimistic!!). And, as in the past, the day dawned clear and bright and we were treated to a magic Sydney autumn day. As was said more than once during the day, “Harry Senior was smiling down on us!” A small but loyal band arrived at 6 am to set up four fields, food tents, officials tent, garbage bins etc etc. After a small PA hic-up, the whistle blew at 8:30 to start the biggest Glebe Junior Carnival in history.

This year 32 teams entered in U/11, U/13 and U/15, as well as 12 teams in the Mighty Mini Minkey competition! It was great to see teams from Manly, Parramatta and Combined Independent Schools compete with clubs from Central Area and North Area. After a high standard of play throughout the day, age group winners were as follows:

Under 11	Glebe Tigers & Northern Districts (Joint Winners)
Under 13	Randwick
Under 15	Glebe Wildcats

As usual, Vernon Howe did a wonderful job with the Minkeys. We ended up having two fields operating at one time with teams visiting from Randwick, St

George, Bankstown and Danebank. The kids really enjoyed the games, and receiving their ribbon from Matthew Wark, our Australian All Schools U/16 Representative.

We would like to thank the many people that helped with organising the carnival and helping on the day. In particular, Andrew Dart, who was with us every step of the way, and Ron Cheong for the draw, food and programs (amongst other things!). Thanks also to David Baker, announcer for the entire day; Mick Bougoukas, Phil Sheard and Jason Taylor for co-ordinating the umpires, and Pat Nilan and Marty Howe for operating the scoreboard. A big thank-you to the members and supporters who set up and packed up, and helped on the stalls during the day.

We are also indebted to Leichhardt Council, in particular Mayor Maire Sheehan who presented trophies at the end of the day, and Guy who again turned out perfect grounds and went beyond expectations in marking out an extra field for the Minkey.

Glebe Junior Carnival continues to be the premier junior hockey carnival in the Greater Sydney Region. Only just last week at the Sydney Trials, a mother from Northern District was complimenting the club on our fantastic carnival and looking forward to 2003. We also look forward to being involved next year and seeing you all “under the arches”.

*Mark & Deb Noller
Junior Carnival Convenors*

Minkey Report

The Minkey program has been highly successful again this year thanks to the boundless enthusiasm of Vernon Howe and Phil Winwood.

We were blessed with perfect weather for the entire season and we had 35 regular attendees and often significantly more than that.

Highlights of the season included the team names chosen by children each week (Stinky Socks, Smelly Fish, just to mention a couple), the Glebe Carnival and the Player of the Week presentations which included each and every child beaming with pride. The Glebe Carnival saw 12 Minkey teams turn up and this year we extended ourselves to two playing fields.

We plan to improve on the carnival next year by formalising a Minkey draw for the day.

The minkey program focuses on having fun in a non-threatening atmosphere. We had some very positive feedback from our parent group, in particular from those who had children that had tried other sports. We anticipate 3 or 4 children will move up from Minkey to the U11 teams next year.

We finished up the year with a BBQ breakup at the clubhouse and a photo from the day is on the Glebe Hockey Club website.

Once again, many thanks to Vernon and Phil for their wonderful efforts throughout our season.

*Deb Nolle
Minkey Convenor*

Under 17 A Division

It is with great pride that I have this opportunity to say a few words about an outstanding group of young men.

Scott Bortfield, Liam Casey, Andrew Cheong, Jesse Cox, Greg Evans, Tim Frommer, Dean McWhinney, Nick O'Connor, Thomas Pacey, Mark Paterson, Matthew Wark, Michael Wark and Tim Wiles.

I would also like to thank the young men from the U15's who ably assisted when players were away on representative commitments.

They were: Andrew Fox, Garry Backhus, Zach Farlow, Alistair Cullen, Luke Freeman, Sasha Solar-March, Darren Fletcher, Ian Paterson and Simon Wark.

Congratulations to Mark Paterson and Matthew Wark for their Sydney, New South Wales and Australian representation and to Andrew, Nick, Thomas, Michael and Tim on their Sydney representation.

Before the season commenced a school approached us from South Africa for a friendly match. This became a habit as we subsequently played against two English teams on tour in Australia.

The boys gave them a run for their money.

After five attempts at a draw the competition started with the first three games not counting towards competition points or contributing to the points for or against (cards counted).

Played 14, won 9, lost 3, and drew 2 for a total of 20 points. After the completion of the rounds the team was placed second after Sutherland.

Making the major semi-final we met Sutherland at Sutherland and had the joy of winning in extra time with only ten men on the field (cards again). The boys played their hearts out. Unfortunately meeting Sutherland in the Grand Final we were unable to continue with this trend and unfortunately lost 3-2 with Sutherland scoring in the final minutes after we drew level 2-2 with only nine men on the field (cards).

I was proud of the grit and determination shown by all in the face of some questionable decisions.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank Adam (Super Coach) for the stellar job done in the last eight seasons and wish him the best of luck on his tour of Spain. Ole!

Thanks to all the parents for their participation and support and Andrew Dart for being a sounding board.

Goodbye to the boys leaving the juniors and I hope to see them in the Grades next year. To the boys staying on GIVE EM HELL!

The last thing I have to do as manager is announce the Players Player: MARK PATERSON – Congratulations!!

Thanks one and all.

Chris O'Connor

Under 15 Tigers

Coach: Geoff Paterson

The 2002 U/15 Tigers are a very good team. Their results are outstanding and deserved. They were undefeated minor premiers scoring 108 goals and conceding only 7 during the round games. They won the major semi-final 5-1 before triumphing 4-1 against Sutherland in a hard fought but one-sided Grand Final.

Just as impressive was the way in which each team member played, prepared and supported their fellow players. They were rarely under pressure on the field, and as a team had the capacity to lift in intensity as the situation required. They played as a team, with skill, speed, decisiveness, vision and maturity. Each player contributed to the team's success, and was willing to take on whatever role asked of him. Histrionics, expressions of dissent, and displays of ill temper on the field were rare. The more experienced encouraged the others and led by example. All players worked hard at skill and fitness training, even seeming to look forward to Geoff's circuit sessions, shuttle sprints and hill runs on Wednesday night.

All are better hockey players at season's end. Just as importantly they were a happy team, enjoying each other's company at training and in competition.

They recognised and appreciated the privilege of being members of "Geoff's team".

The Players:

Liam O'Donnell: goalkeeper
(16 Games)

Liam was the cool dude at the back; a wit and great talker (and teller of bad jokes). Although he had little to do in many games, Liam maintained concentration and enthusiasm throughout and was always there when needed. Liam made some great saves in crucial games at season's end. He worked hard and thoughtfully at his keeping skills and tactics, and enjoyed being a target for the first graders on Tuesday nights.

Andrew Fox: left back, captain
(15 Games, 6 Goals)

Andrew is a leader. He is mature, cool under pressure, skilful and effective without flourish, and has great anticipation and breadth of vision. As a fullback, he is never beaten and is the instigator of many counter-attacks. The players around him appreciated the calm direction and encouragement he gave.

Sascha Solar-March: right back
(16 Games, 1 Goals)

Sascha's skills, confidence and understanding of the game have increased greatly during the season. He plays a simple and effective game, and was an

integral part of a solid defence. His goal (the result of an uncharacteristic but spectacular flourish) was one of the highlights of the season.

Alister Cullen: right half / utility
(14 Games, 5 Goals)

Alister's season was interrupted by injury and illness. He played well over the latter part of the season after regaining fitness, being solid in defence and threatening when attacking down the right side of the field. Alister's tenacity and determination, coupled with good ball skills, added to the secure midfield.

Ian Paterson: centre half
(15 Games, 9 Goals)

Ian is a player of class, who was consistently amongst the best on the field. He has fluid skills, deceptive speed, and an instinctive understanding of the game. He controlled the midfield. Watching Ian's graceful, incisive dribbling was one of the pleasures of the season.

Zac Farlow: left half
(15 Games, 9 Goals)

Zac is the ultimate left half, be it in defence or attack. His tackling, stick skills, anticipation and disposal are all first class. He has great speed and acceleration, and an unerring ability to see and execute the crucial long pass. He is another with a breadth of vision that is exceptional.

Darren Fletcher: right wing / central striker
(14 Games, 6 Goals)

Darren is fit, fast, physical and decisive, with a powerful shot. He troubled all defences, scoring some spectacular goals, and creating chances for his teammates. He has continued to work to polish his skills.

Scott Cornish: right wing
(17 Games, 7 Goals)

Scott worked with determination to improve his skills and positional play, to great effect. He is a far more accomplished player at season end. Scott has learned to use the side and back lines, combined well with the halves and inside forwards, and scored some good goals with deft stick work and anticipation.

Garry Backhus: right inner
(11 Games, 24 Goals)

Garry is an explosive and skilful player who, despite being closely and physically marked by defences, always threatened the opposition. Despite much provocation he usually managed to maintain composure, consistently drawing his opponents out of position and setting up scoring opportunities for himself and his teammates. We wish Garry well with his future and hockey in Canberra.

Simon Wark: central striker / right half
(15 Games, 6 Goals)

Simon provided decisiveness in front of goal, scoring