



Glebe District
Hockey Club
Inc

Junior Teams

**Annual
Report**

2003

Junior Convenor's Report 2003

Once again, it is with great pleasure that I present the Season 2003 Glebe District Hockey Club Annual Junior Report and welcome all to Junior Presentation Day. On behalf of Mark Noller, Assistant Junior Convenor and Deb Noller, Mickey Convenor, it was certainly a year of many wonderful highs and right at the end, a little disappointment.

Season 2003 - Seventy Three Years On!!!

2003 began with much promise. The Glebe Juniors increased their Team numbers by one, with nine teams contesting the Central Area Junior Hockey Association (CAJHA) Competition and our Under 17's competing in the Sydney Hockey Association (SHA) "A Division Competition.

In the CAJHA Competition, Glebe Junior Teams qualified for all Age Division Finals Series, a wonderful effort by all players, coaches, managers and parents. Our Under 17 Team had a terrific season which culminated in a Grand Final Victory on Friday night, 29 August at Cintra Hockey Field, Concord.

On Sunday 24 August after a tough, hard Semi-Finals and Finals series of Matches, Glebe Junior Teams played in four CAJHA Grand Finals, unfortunately it was not to be "Glebe's Day", as we lost all four Grand Finals, two of which went into extra, extra time. Congratulations to the four Glebe Junior Teams that contested these Grand Finals:

Under 15 Hornets
Under 13 Redbacks
Under 11 Redbacks
Under 11 Hornets

As mentioned above, our Under 17's won the SHA "A Division" Grand Final. Once again their opponents were Sutherland, and after a hard fought first half, converted Penalty Strokes to each Team, Glebe emerged the victors, the final score been 5-2. A sensational effort by the players, Les Wark (Coach), Geoff Bortfield (Manager) and all the parents of the players. A very pleasing aspect of that night was the number of Glebe Junior parents and players who turned up to cheer on the older boys. This greatly pleased Mark Noller and myself as at times the Glebe Juniors forget that the Under 17's are part of the Junior Club because they play in a different competition than that of CAJHA, however that Friday night certainly showed that the Glebe Junior Club was totally united and our sincere thanks go to all those Junior players and parents who came out to Cintra to cheer on the boys.

One of the great tragedies of the year involved the Under 15 Redbacks who finished second in the Under 15 "A Division" CAJHA Competition to the South West Strikers (prior Finals Series). The Under 15 Redbacks were the only team to beat this team in the whole season (4-1), and after a scoreless draw in the Major Semi-Final (no extra time allowed) was hit

extremely hard by the dreaded flu and subsequently lost the Final to Sutherland. The reason I mention this, as The South West Strikers (SWS) late last year applied for entry to the CAJHA Competition, although they are not a member club of CAJHA and in fact the team was the Under 15 McCarther No. 1 Team (less one Penrith Representative Player). Glebe was the only Club in CAJHA to vote against their inclusion. I trust the other CAJHA Clubs will see the error of their initial decision and veto the SWS from competing in the 2004 CAJHA Competition. The SWS Strikers openly admitted that they only wished to play in the CAJHA Competition for the betterment of their players. What they did not admit to was they saw it as a means to "harden up" the McCarther Under 15 No. 1 Team for the 2003 NSWHA Under 15 State Championships. These comments are my personal feelings. The SWS are NOT a Club Team, they are a team made up of Representative players from the McCarther Association. To put the situation into perspective, it would be like CAJHA accepting SJHA Under 15 No. 1 Team into the CAJHA Competition.

As many of you know the CAJHA is comprised of six clubs - Bankstown, Glebe, Moorebank, Randwick, St. George and Sutherland. As has been the case for a number of years now, Glebe and Sutherland are the two dominant Clubs and this year again Sutherland won the Club Championship by four points from Glebe. I must, however, state that I was extremely disappointed in this final result as the Competition Secretary took it upon himself not to take into account the first six rounds of the combined Under 11 A/B Competition before the two Glebe Teams were graded into separate A and B Division Competitions. After these first six rounds our Under 11 Redbacks were undefeated which would have clearly resulted in the Glebe Club winning the CAJHA Association Club Championship (Gladall Shield). I make mention of this as I do not believe that you can merely dismiss six Competition Rounds because one person decides that these games are for grading purposes only. People may label me a sore loser, but Glebe definitely won the CAJHA Club Championship and should have rightly been awarded the Gladall Shield.

2003 Results

Under 17's	Premiers	A Division	SHA
Under 15 Redbacks	Third	A Division	CAJHA
Under 15 Strikers	Fifth	B Division	CAJHA
Under 15 Hornets	Runners Up	B Division	CAJHA
Under 13 Redbacks	Runners Up	A Division	CAJHA
Under 13 Strikers	Fourth	B Division	CAJHA
Under 11 Redbacks	Runners Up	A Division	CAJHA
Under 11 Strikers	Third	B Division	CAJHA
Under 11 Hornets	Runners Up	C Division	CAJHA
Under 11 Vipers	Fourth	C Division	CAJHA

Although the Glebe Juniors only secured one Premiership in 2003, the above results are still very impressive and all involved are to be congratulated. Surely, the number one priority is for the children to have fun, get healthily and make friends. I have

absolutely no doubt that The Glebe Juniors achieved all of these criteria.

Season 2003 was again an extremely difficult but none the less a satisfying one for myself. Many of you understand the situation in which I accept the role of Glebe Junior Convenor. Many of you also know that Mark and Deb Noller are the Assistant Junior and Mickey Convenor's respectively.

Their tireless work and efforts for the Junior Club are outstanding. They both are responsible for the operational control of our Junior Carnival, which after the first weather hiccup was again an outstanding success. Mark and Deb have refined the Junior Club's Player Data Base set up by my wife Vonnette in 2000 (my first year as Junior Convenor) to an exact science. All communications regarding the Junior Club are now by e-mail or from our wonderful Web-site, again set up by Deb.

I would encourage all players, parents and club supporters to embrace this technology. The Glebe Hockey Club Web Site is fantastic and I would encourage all to log on and browse through it. Deb is very happy to help any person regarding the downloading of information onto the web-site. From Season 2004, all communications regarding the Glebe Juniors will only be accessed by e-mail or through the Glebe Hockey Club Web-site.

I would also like to congratulate Deb on her efforts as Secretary for CAJHA in Season 2003. Deb put her hand up (out of the blue) at last year's CAJHA AGM after not one person nominated. As husband and wife and parents to four Glebe Junior and Minkey players, (Sam, Will, Edward and Mackenzie). Mark and Deb and the boys are wonderful role models for our next generation of Glebe Juniors.

To our ongoing Club House Manager, Ron Cheong, once again a very, very big thank you. Ron, as usual had everything under control throughout the year and the Club House Canteen ran extremely efficiently and profitably. Special mention must be made of a number of people in regards to their contributions and unselfish efforts throughout the year. To Steve McConnell and Peter Holmes – thanks guys for your efforts on the BBQ, great crispy bacon rind. To the girls behind the Canteen Bar – Dawn Baker, Elizabeth Fleming, Pauline Holyoake, Chris Newton, Julia McConnell and Vonnie Dart – great work Girls. As usual Harry Wark came down every Wednesday night to warm up the kids before they separated into their individual teams for training – Harry, simply thank you – what would the Club do without you!!!

The Glebe Juniors are blessed with dedicated and willing people who take on the positions of Coaches and Managers. Some have been doing it for years, whilst others are very new to the job. One very pleasing scenario is that the Glebe Juniors are now receiving the support of former Glebe Junior Players in these positions – Matt Wark, Tom Holyoake, Melissa Newton and Kylie Lawson to name a few. These young coaches are the future backbone of the

Junior Coaching ranks and I would encourage ex Glebe Junior Players to consider taking on these positions.

The Coaches and Managers

In 2003 these were:

<i>Team</i>	<i>Coach</i>	<i>Manager</i>
Under 17's	Les Wark	Geoff Bortfield
Under 15 Redbacks	George Manou	John Cullen Keith March
Under 15 Strikers	Tom Holyoake Adam Farrarwell	Tracey Page
Under 15 Hornets	Matthew Wark	Cheryl & Jim Oman
Under 13 Redbacks	Michael Bougoukas	Graham Hurrell
Under 13 Strikers	Marvin Lamond	Nell Graham
Under 11 Redbacks	Phillip Sheard	Narelle Derwent
Under 11 Strikers	Kylie Lawson	Joanne Clark
Under 11 Hornets	Greg Organ	Laura Hart
Under 11 Vipers	Melissa Newton	Julia Stahl

Mark and I personally thank all these people for their time, effort, dedication and loyalty to the Glebe Junior Hockey Club. A number of these good people have already accepted Coaching Positions in 2004. These are:

Under 17's	Les Wark
Under 15 Redbacks	George Manou
Under 15's	Matthew Wark
Under 13 Redbacks	Michael Bougoukas
Under 11 Redbacks	Melissa Newton
Under 11's	Kylie Lawson Greg Organ

It really makes a Junior Convenor extremely proud, when you have Coaches who have just finished a season, put their hands up for the next season – thanks guys and girls!!!

Junior Carnivals

Mark & Deb Noller's report on our own Glebe Junior Carnival is contained within this Report. After the extreme disappointment of our wash-out in late May, our focus was centred on Sunday 20 July and I would like to publicly thank them both for their outstanding contributions to the success of that day. A wonderful day was had by all. The weather was fine (a little rainy) but as always the kids had a great time. The only other Junior Carnival contested in 2003 was Northern Districts.

Glebe sent along three teams – Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15. The day was sensational, warm, a cloudless sky, a beautiful April day. The three Glebe teams performed magnificently – not a goal scored against us throughout the entire day. Each age division team was a combination of kids from the Redbacks through to the Vipers (1-4). At the end of the day, Glebe emerged victorious in all three age divisions – the kids were excited, the parents were excited, Mark, Deb Noller and myself were excited. It was just a great day – a real good feel, parents and kids happy, together kind of day.

I suppose we were all on a high, it just felt so good to be part of Glebe Hockey, the Glebe Hockey Family – because that is what this Hockey Club is – one big family!!!!

Minkey Hockey

Season 2003 was just a wonderful year for our youngest players in the Junior Club. Saturday after Saturday, 30, 40, 50 sometimes 60 kids down at Jubilee either on the main ground itself or Under the Date Palms, Veron Howe, Phil Winwood and Tony Cowan gathered the kids to have fun. Their boundless enthusiasm, dedication and willingness to the kids and the Club is awe inspiring. Deb Noller is our Minkey Convenor – what can you say except Thank You!!! Deb's Minkey Report is contained within this Report.

Umpire Development

CAJHA were very po-active in this area in 2003. The Association decided at the beginning of the year to charge each Club \$100.00 for Junior Umpire Development and asked each Club to arrange a Umpire Development Session at which Sydney Junior Umpires Association (SJUA) would provide Senior Umpires to lecture and discuss the rules of Hockey. Three times the Glebe Juniors arranged this important night but unfortunately due to the terrible weather (twice) and Senior Umpires unavailability (once) this session did not eventuate. At the end of Season 2002 the Junior Club had only one SJHA Badged Umpire – Nathan Dart. At the beginning of Season 2003, the Junior Club was most fortunate to secure the services of Adam Turnbull (Ex Sutherland), who along with his father Ian, decided that their Hockey future was to be with the Glebe Hockey Club. Adam, badged at the same time as Nathan increased our profile at SJUA and when Ross Bougoukas (Under 13 Tigers) was awarded his SJHA Badge this year all of a sudden the Glebe Juniors had three SJHA Umpires. All three boys umpired throughout the CAJHA Finals Series which culminated at the CAJHA Grand Finals – the boys Umpired the following matches:

Ross Bougoukas	Under 11 A Division Under 11 B Division
Nathan Dart	Under 13 A Division Under 15 B Division
Adam Turnbull	Under 13 A Division Under 15 B Division

Congratulations to Rossy, Nathan and Adam – well done guys, it is great to see Glebe Juniors already putting their spare time and efforts back into the game that they love and which involves such a large part of their young lives. All three boys represent SJHA, play in the Sydney Junior Indoor Competition (SJIHA) for Glebe, plus Nathan and Adam are current NSWHA State Representative Players at both Field and Indoor. I encourage more Glebe Juniors to consider becoming a SJUA Umpire. The more Glebe Junior SJUA Umpires that the Club can secure takes a huge burden off the Coaches, Managers and Parents who umpire on Saturday mornings. CAJHA have requested that each Club have by the end of Season 2004, six players badged by SJUA.

Synthetic Turf

The Court Case against The Harold Park Harness Racing Club will be held in December this year. The Junior Club sincerely thanks Harry Wark and his Synthetic Turf Committee Members for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the whole Glebe District Hockey Club.

Indoor Hockey

For the past two Seasons a small band of Glebe Parents and Players have participated in the Sydney Indoor Hockey Association (SIHA) Junior Competition. Glebe has been competing in Indoor Competitions for quite a while at the Senior Level, but a formal Junior Competition only began in 2001. The SIHA Competition usually begins in October and finishes the week before Christmas. IN 2002 I made a conscious decision to enter fully fledged Glebe Teams – 2 x Under 14 Teams and 1 x Under 16 Team. The parents of the Indoor Players fund the Teams and my company, The Journey masters provides two sets of special "Classic" Indoor Glebe Singlets. Our results in 2002 was simply outstanding – 3 Teams, 3 Premierships. The Glebe kids really embrace Indoor Hockey and my profound thanks to Mick Bougoukas, Ian Turnbull and Geoff Paterson, the three guys who coached our kids to the Premierships. In this very short time frame of playing Indoor Hockey the Junior Club as already produced a number of NSWHA State Representatives, currently Nathan Dart, Adam Turnbull and Luke Freeman. This year the Glebe Juniors will field five Junior Teams in the SIHA Competition – 2 x Under 16, 2 x Under 14 and 1 x Under 12. A tremendous effort by those players and parents – well done. I personally am looking forward to the Summer Months as the Indoor is so fast and intense. Good luck to all five Glebe Junior Teams entered – lets bring home the bacon!!!

Fund Raising & Sponsorship

In Season 2003, the Junior Club's long standing major sponsor – The TOXTETH HOTEL, once again supported the Club. The Murphy Family have been outstanding for many years now in their sponsorship of the Glebe Juniors and on behalf of the Executive Committee and all Club Members I sincerely thank them – ONCE AGAIN for their ongoing commitment to the Glebe Hockey Club and in particular the Junior Club.

I would publicly like to express my gratitude to my wife Vonnette, the Murphy Family's longest serving employee (20 years) who does a lot of "behind the scenes" work every year in securing this wonderful sponsorship.

In 2002, Harry Wark Snr. passed away. Harry was our Club Patron, a Life Member and played the most grade games ever for the Glebe District Hockey Club – 754.

The Toxteth Hotel have donated a Perpetual Trophy to the Glebe District Hockey Club in Harry's memory. Harry was a passionate and committed member of the Club who supported the development of younger players and the enjoyment of the game amongst the lower grade players.

In 2003, the company that I work for – The Journey Masters Pty Ltd, the Travel Management Company of the National Rugby League, Australian Rugby League and NSW Rugby League again provided sponsorship to the Club in the form of tickets to “State of Origin 2” in Sydney and also return airfares and accommodation to the Gold Coast as the major prize in our annual Senior Presentation Night.

In conjunction with our other Sponsors, Richard Ware Real Estate, Galuzzo & Sons and Mick Bougoukas of MSK Service Center at St Peters who also donated a Colour TV for the End of Season Raffle, the Club was able to continue on with its most cherished and proud tradition of never, ever, having charged out Junior Players a Registration Fee to play Hockey since the inception of the Club in 1930. Since 2002 Mark and myself have asked all parents of our Junior players to become Social Members of the Club at a minimal cost of \$50.00 per family. This is a voluntary contribution and helps defray the huge cost of our SJHA and NSWHA Registration Fees which for the Glebe Juniors amounted to nearly \$6000.00 per season

The Glebe Juniors were responsible for two of the Glebe District Hockey Club’s biggest Fund Raising efforts in 2003 – The annual Glebe Junior Carnival and the annual Trivia Night. As mentioned before, Mark & Deb Noller are the Glebe Junior Carnival Convenors and after the first washout did a spectacular job in organising that wonderful day on Sunday July 20 this year. Chris Newton and her small band of Ladies – Elizabeth Fleming, Julia Stahl (McConnell) and Vonnice Dart organized a terrific Trivia Night at the Annandale Public School. Well done Ladies!!

The Club as a whole in 2003 probably came together more than I can remember in terms of the usage of the Club House. Both the Women and Men started to realise that Jubilee Oval and our Club House “Under THE ARCHES” is the birthplace, the breeding ground if you like, the place where all Glebe Hockey Players begin their association with the Club. For many years now, only the Juniors have trained and played at Jubilee and Federal Ovals. In 2003, although no Womens and Mens games are played on grass anymore both these sections of the Club have finally realised that their continued survival is dependant on the continuing success of the Glebe Junior Club. Both the Womens and Mens Clubs have held very successful Social Nights down at Jubilee and have certainly helped contribute to the overall success of the Club in 2003.

A big thankyou to those Players from our Senior Clubs who came down and helped out at the Junior Carnival. It really does make a huge difference to the successful operation and running of the Carnival when you have some extra hands on deck.

In Conclusion

Season 2003 was one of mixed emotions. All Junior Teams performed extremely well, from the Under 11 Vipers (our youngest Graded Team) right up to the sensational Under 17 Premiers. All players, parents and supporters, I hope had a great time. Although the Glebe Juniors only managed to secure one Premiership (Under 17 A Division), all Teams, judging on the Team Reports had a really good and fun time, and let us not forget that this is the ultimate reason why we play sport.

The Glebe Junior presence at the CAJHA Finals Series was very strong, Veron Howe and his band of Minkey’s was simply sensational. The Glebe Junior Carnival was again an outstanding success along with the Trivia Night, both events organised by the Junior Club. Once again, and this continues to amaze me, the quality of our Junior Players is absolutely stunning. Our representation for Central Area, Sydney, NSW and Australia is, quite simply, awesome.

Special congratulations to Ian Paterson for his selection in the Australian Under 16 All Schools Team to play South Africa. As always a full and comprehensive list of all Glebe Junior Representative Players is contained within this report. All three Clubs – Mens, Womens and Juniors that make up the big picture – The Glebe District Hockey Club Inc contribute and have representation on the Executive Management Committee.

The Management Committee work extremely hard Under the guidance of President, Bob Taylor to effectively and smoothly keep the Club at the forefront of Sydney Hockey. As we approach the final countdown to our quest for “Our Turf”, tensions will be high in all areas of the Club and it will be up to both the Executive Management Committee and the Synthetic Turf Committee to remain focused on what will hopefully be a successful outcome for the Glebe District Hockey Club. As always, I end this report on the same note – we all enjoyed our Hockey Season, players, parents, siblings and supporters. In only a few short months we will all return to begin another Hockey Season. On behalf of Mark, Deb and myself, have a wonderful Summer, Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the warm weather, spend time with your family. Glebe Junior Players, please give your parents some “space”, because believe me they need it. Enjoy the time off because I expect to see the vast majority of you, once again “Under the Arches” in 2004.

Andrew Dart

Synthetic Turf Report 2003

Members of the Synthetic Turf Committee: Bob Taylor, Les Wark, Michael Newton, Rod Hammett, Eddy Crook, Marilynne Smith, Peter Adrian, Harry Wark (Convenor)

A history of the Hockey Club's quest for a synthetic turf hockey field within the Club's traditional heartland can be obtained from previous annual reports and from the Club's website glebehockey.org.au.

Since my report last year the Committee has been predominantly occupied with the Hockey Club's legal proceedings against the Harness Club. Solicitors Clayton Utz, who have been diligent in the preparation of the Hockey Club's case, represent the Hockey Club. Barrister Richard McHugh has assisted the Club at several directions hearing in the last 12 months and has a "good handle" on the lengthy history of the dispute between the Harness Club and the Hockey Club.

The Hockey Club first met with the Harness Club, to discuss the possibility of building a synthetic field at Harold Park, in April 1992, close to 12 years ago. Since this time, much water has flowed under the bridge, and the Hockey Club has endeavoured to clearly present its case, supported by appropriate documentation.

The Hockey Club placed a caveat on the Harold Park Infield in July 1998 and in 2001 the Harness Club asked the Hockey Club to lift the caveat, so that it could alter its financial arrangements. The Hockey Club declined to lift the caveat. The Harness Club commenced proceedings in the Equity Division of the Supreme Court in March 2001. The Hockey Club lost a Supreme Court Hearing before Justice Simos and was ordered to pay the Harness Club's costs.

In November 2002, the matter of costs for this hearing was finally settled. The Hockey Club was ordered by the Court to pay \$15,096, plus \$875 for the court appointed costs assessor.

In March 2003 the Hockey Club went before the Court to obtain a trial date, but due the Court caseload, the Hockey Club case was stood-over until 12 June 2003.

At the 12 June call-over, the Hockey Club was successful in securing a two-week time slot (10 sitting days) from 1 December 2003. The case will be heard before Justice John Bryson, an experienced Judge of the Equity Division of the NSW Supreme Court. Interested members of the Club might like to observe the trial from the public gallery.

On Monday 13 October 2003 a pre-trial directions hearing was held before Justice Bryson. Procedural matters regarding, the calling of witnesses, the filing of outstanding affidavits and the exchange of documentation between the Hockey Club and the Harness Club were finalised. There were no surprises emerging at the pre-trial directions hearing.

The Synthetic Turf Committee is still liaising with Leichhardt Council about Leichhardt Number Two, but progress is bogged down by the Leichhardt Park Pre-Master Plan Preparations. In addition, the Health Department have been reminded that the Hockey Club is still interested in a site at Callan Park. On 8 May 2003, the Glebe and Forest Lodge areas were transferred from the Leichhardt Council to the City of Sydney Council. After the transfer, there were discussions with the City of Sydney Council about a suitable site for the installation of a synthetic turf hockey field. At this stage discussions between the City of Sydney Council and the Hockey Club are at an embryonic stage.

Realistically though, the chances of the Hockey Club acquiring a signed lease, at an appropriate site, before the scheduled 1 December 2003 commencement of the trial are small, but the Committee is still out there "beating the bushes".

The Hockey Club's legal proceedings against the Harness Club are approaching a conclusion and hopefully the matter will be concluded before I have to write a report for next year's Annual Report.

If Club Members have any suggestions for the Turf Committee, or would like to clarify any matter in relation to the legal proceedings, please feel free to ask a Synthetic Turf Committee Member.

*Harry Wark
Convenor*