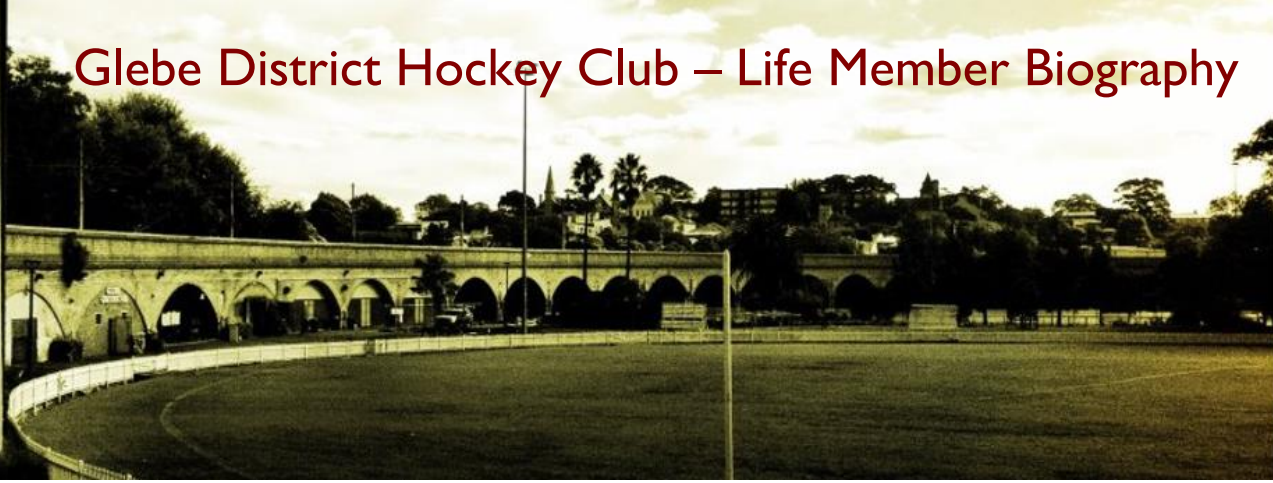


Glebe District Hockey Club – Life Member Biography



Adam Campano

Born 15 December 1976

Elected Life Member in 2018



Adam was elected a Life-Member of the GDHC at the 2018 Annual General Meeting. He was nominated for Life Membership by Les Wark and seconded by Tony Wark.

Adam played with Helen Howe in every age group on his way through the junior ranks starting in under 11s. and it is uplifting to appreciate that both Adam and Helen were elected to Life-Membership at the same AGM. Both having contributed over 30 years' yeoman service to this great Club of ours.

Growing up, Adam lived in Alexandra Road Glebe, 50 Metres from Jubilee Oval, the Glebe Hockey Club's home ground since 1931, two doors down from long-time GDHC supporters Harry and Anne Wark and their family. During his childhood, he played with the Wark children, Aaron Oman, Geoff Hammett and a few other local children who played junior hockey for Glebe.

As a child Adam played a lot of pick-up hockey games down at Jubilee Oval and in 1987, after a dabble with junior soccer, he decided to start playing locally for the Glebe juniors, which at that time did not change juniors to play. At age 10 he played in the under 11 team coached by Peter Howe and Bevan Ineson and he won the best and fairest award for that year.



Junior Presentation Day Nov 1992

Back Row M. Wark R Austen G Bumell-Jones Y Schimke B Howe
Middle Row R Kelly B Everest P Wark m Cox A White
Front Row M Paterson A Oman S Bracht A Campano

Adam enjoyed being able to train and play locally and his parents, like so many others, enjoyed the lack of a financial drain on their purse-strings.

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In 1988 he moved into the under 13 team coached by Bevan Ineson and Martin Howe and was selected for the Sydney Central Area representative team. Players in his 1988 under 13 team Glebe team were Glen Baker, Helen Howe, Peter McKeown, Morgan Newall, Ben and Hayden Sully, Adam Farewell, Scott Shepard, Hugh Rutherford, James Wright, Amanda Daly, Samantha Knight and Chris Hale.

Adam's junior teams were competitive and always did their best, but struggled to make it past mid-table most seasons. This did not dampen the enthusiasm of the players in these teams and the enjoyment they derived from playing hockey.

Adam's under 15 team coach, Mark Short, had this to say about Adam in the 1991 Junior Annual Report; "one of the Club's future stars with good skills and spirit." An injury cut short Adam's 1992 season with the under 17 team, which was coached by Ken Wark snr and managed by Ian Treharne. In 1994 Adam won his first and only junior premiership with the Glebe team that played in the under 17 B competition. Coached by Arthur Moir and managed by Peter Howe, this team included: Andrew Davis, Lee Casey, A J White, Steve Sherwood, Christian Campano, Jason Bowden, James McDonald, Adrian McDonald, Simeon Booth, Graham Burnell-Jones, Ben Howe and Timothy Colquhoun along with Adam.

Adam played 119 junior games in an 8-year junior career from 1987-1994. His younger brother Christian played 7 seasons in the Glebe juniors, playing 98 junior games. They often played in the same junior teams.

In 1992 and 1993 Adam won the V J Turner Cup for being the most improved junior under the age of 17.

In 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 Adam was on the Club's Management Committee, and was Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer from 1996-2000, taking over from his mother Lisa Campano who had served in this capacity for several years previously.



3rd Grade Grand Final vs. Ryde 1996

L - R Adam Campano, Col Rochester, Jeff Busch, Col Sargeant, Jason Greaves & Adrian Searle.

Starting 2 years after he graduated from the junior ranks, Adam started coaching Glebe junior teams. In 1996, 1997 and 1998 Adam was coach/manager of an under 17 B teams. The 1996 team comprised Joel Rivers, Damen Jones, Lindsay Griffith, Tushar Raniga, Nicholas Kelleher, Robbie Austen, Scott Evans, Alex Yuen, David Wall, Cameron Mackay, Lewis McKeown, Lee Casey, Adrian McDonald, Nick Bird, Tristan Roche-Turner, Ian Allen, Aaron Lacey and Tom Ruston.

In 1999 he co-coached the under 17 A team with Arthur Moir, which won the premiership, and in 2000, 2001 and 2002 was the solo coach of the under 17 A team. The 2000 and 2002 teams both lost the grand-final to Sutherland. The 2002 team comprised Scott Bortfield, Liam Casey, Andrew Cheong, Jesse Cox, Greg Evans, Tim Frommer, Dean McWhinney, Nick O'Connor, Thomas Pacey, Matthew Wark, Michael Wark, Mark Paterson and Tim Wiles.

During his time playing for the senior Club Adam conducted coaching sessions at various NSW public schools in the GDHC catchment area, in an effort to improve junior recruitment.

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Adam's first season with the Glebe senior grades was 1994, when he played 22 games in the fifth and sixth grade teams. The next season he progressed into third-grade. At 19, in 1996, Adam played in the premiership winning third grade team that beat Ryde 5-3 in the grand-final at the Moorebank Turf. Players in this team with Adam were Anthony Wark, Richard Pate, Adrian Searle, Wayne "Wakka" Benfield, Sam Everest, Danny O'Brien, Jason Greaves, David Krepp, Jeff Busch, Geoff Hammett, Colin Sargent, Colin Rochester, and Les Wark.

From 1997 to 2002 Adam played in the Club's second grade team and was captain of the team in the 2000 season. He did play some first-grade games during this period. At the end of the 2002 season Adam had played 219 senior games for Glebe.

In 2003, to broaden their life experience, Adam and his brother Christian embarked on a European working holiday, spending time in Barcelona and at a beach bar in Algeciras in the deep south of Spain.

While Adam was in Europe a handful of the under 17s. he had coached in 2001 and 2002 were promoted to second grade and Glebe won the 2003 second grade premiership for the first time since 1986.

2004 saw Adam coach the women's first grade team that comprised Peter Wark (assistant coach), Lee Johnston (manager), Venessa Wells, Andrea Lum, Moira Williams (c), Sally Munro, Hannah Sealby, Georgina Brown, Rachel Wilkinson, Gabrielle Wark, Amy Smith, Rebecca Howe, Victoria Johnston, Sarah Lynn. In that year he settled back into the men's second grade team. In 2005 Adam continued to coach the women's first grade team and play in the men's second grade team.

In 2006 Adam was replaced as women's first grade coach by Dean Benfield, making a return in 2009 to coach the women's second grade team. This 2009 second-grade women's team comprised Madeline Stewart, Kylie Lawson, Louise Gell, Cy Lindeberg, Melissa Newton, Gemma Thomas, Hannah Oman, Eliza Holyoake, Korin Eringa, Alex Glading, Neille Farlow, Kate Gleeson, Amy Wark, Elizabeth Hoban, Joanne Hargreaves, and Taryn Robinson.

After 8 seasons in second grade, in 2006, Adam slipped from second grade into the men's third-grade team. The team coach Colin Rochester had this to say about Adam in the Annual report: "passionate about Glebe, the team, his mates and his hockey which is fantastic. A very good year at left half or anywhere placed in the defensive line. Unfortunately, was injured for the final against Liverpool and we missed him!".

2007 saw Adam settle into being a vital cog of the men's third grade team, where he still plays in 2021, 16-years later. Third grade won the premiership in 2011, 15 years after Adam's first third grade premiership win in 1996. Players in this 2011 team included Peter Busch (c), Simon Wark, Paul



Glebe Women's Metro A Team of 2004
Photo taken at the Olympic Pitch Homebush

Back row left to right: Adam Campano (coach)
Helen Howe, Moira Williams, Gabrielle Wark, Georgina Brown, Rachel Wilkinson, Vanessa Wells.
Front row left to right: Rebecca Howe, Victoria Johnston, Andrea Lum, Sally Munro, Amy Smith, Hannah Sealby.

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Jowett, Scott Howard, Rowan Kelly, Peter Laslett, Brayden Mead, Matt Redenbach, B J Bruton, Dominic Kavanagh, Oliver Holyoak and Evan MacGilvray.

The 2013 third grade team were beaten by Macquarie University in the grand-final. Adam was awarded the Pat Nilan Trophy in 2013 as the most outstanding Club Member, junior or senior as adjudged by the Management Committee, and in 2015 he won the Harry Wark Snr Trophy which is awarded to a Club Member in the lower division who participated with loyalty, enthusiasm and dedication in the true traditions of the Club.

Adam was, and is, a mainstay of the Glebe third grade team and has been closely associated with its organization, management and smooth running since 2007. As a senior member of the team, he has worked closely with Peter Busch (2007-2013) before Peter retired (for the first time), having captain/ coached the team from 2002 to 2013. Adam captain/coached the third-grade team from 2014-2016 after Peter's retirement. From 2017-2020 Aaron Nilan coached the third-grade team and was ably assisted by Adam. Adam wrote a match report for the third-grade team for many years.

For over 20 years Peter, Adam and Aaron provided support, wise counsel, positive vibes and direction to the many younger players who have passed through the third-grade team, many of them heading towards first grade.

Adam was closely associated with the golden years of the GDHC senior hockey in the modern era which saw the Club win a second-grade premiership in 2003 and first grade premierships in 2005, 2006 and 2008. He acted as mentor, facilitator, motivator, coach, tactician, sounding-board and general support person.

In 2017 Adam passed the 500 senior club games milestone, and finished the season with 513 games. At the end of the Covid-19 abandoned 2021 season Adam had played 570 senior Club games for Glebe. Adam's brother Christian who played as both a forward and a goalkeeper played 98 junior games for Glebe and 228 senior games from 1994-2008.

The 2018 third grade team of Mack Noller, Jason McDonald, Corey Morrow, Cameron Jones, Aaron Nilan, Sam Bagley, Alasdair Brown, Tim Bogg, Patrick Wark, John Brookes, Dom Kavanagh, Suresh Raja, Adam Campano, Oliver Brownbill and Emmerson Weiley were beaten by UTS in the grand-final 5-4 in the second period of drop-off sudden death extra-time. The team again made the grand-final in 2020, but were beaten by Ryde. Towards the end of the Covid-19 shortened 2020 season injuries to 6 or 7 older members of the team, mainly hamstring and knee problems, significantly comprised the team's performance.



Guard of honor ~ Cintra Park Hockey Field 2017

Pictured: Adam Campano taking the field for his 500th game for the GDHC in 2017.

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In 2008 Adam was appointed Vice-President of the Club, a position he relinquished when he was elected Club Captain in 2009. He served on the Club's Management Committee for 10 years from 2008 until 2017. Taken together with the 5 years he served on the Management Committee from 1996-2000 Adam served a total of 15 years on this Committee.

He continued in the job of Club Captain until 2013, before handing over to Ian Paterson in 2014. After stepping down as Club Captain, Adam became the social organizer in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. One of Adam's close friends told me that this was the most important job Adam had with the Club, a job he did very well. He organized Bunning's BBQs, fund-raisers at the Club House, was a regular contributor to the Red Rag, organized Senior Presentation Nights, and pub crawls.

In 2016 he assumed the job of maintaining the Club's player games' played records and continues on in this role in 2021. Save for 2003 when he went on his European adventure Adam has had an official role, either in management, administration, coach or manager with the GDHC since 1996 when he was 19.

2013 Club Secretary Mark Paterson had this to say about Adam in his end of year Secretary's Report published in the Club's Annual Report: "Adam Campano, who in my view must have one of the toughest jobs on the GDHC Committee, is now highly accomplished at what he does, fees are paid on or before time by 99.5% of playing members, the strongest six teams are fielded each and every week and he does this with a can-do attitude never trying to pass the buck. Adam understands the history and the culture of the Club and sets a shining example for other Club Members."



Adam Campano in action during a 3rd grade match at Cintra Park Hockey Field Concord

Adam was the driving force in organizing the band night spectaculars at the Club House. Starting in 2006 with the Jungle Fever band night. These band nights continued on until 2013. T-shirts were organized for the events and the Club house was packed, with 150-200 people or perhaps more in attendance, the crowd spilling out from the Club House onto the paved area out the front.

Made in Japan, Raise the Craze, Pretend I, Run! Hide! Betty Airs, Boys From Hell, Major Keg, The Glebe Bay Dynamite Crew (feat. MCPCI41) were some of the regular performers at these band nights, with Jimmy Finlay the DJ. Professional musician, Adam's father Jorge Campano, often opened the night with some Spanish guitar. These band nights were socially and financially a huge success.

The Glebe women had sent a team to the Albury Easter Hockey Carnival since 1996 and had always had an entertaining and enjoyable long-weekend. Starting in 2004 and continuing for nine years, a Glebe men's team or two was entered in the Albury Carnival, an event that Glebe won 6 times. In 2007 two Glebe teams played in the final with the Glebe Point Massive beating 2037 (the Glebe Post Code) 4-3.

Adam was the principal organizer/administrator of these trips. The Albury Easter Carnival ran from 1957 to 2014, and in its heyday attracted over 50 hockey teams. Albury rocked over the Easter

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long-week-end and the Glebe contingent was right in its element. The Albury Airmen's, Soldier's and Sailor's Club was the pulsating hub of Albury for this Carnival week-end.

Adam and Patrick Wark organized a Glebe team comprising Adam Campano, Patrick Wark, Simon Wark, Paul Jowett, Josh La Spina, Adrian McKeown, Zac Farlow and Chris Holmes to play in the internationally famous Singapore 6's Hockey Tournament held in March 2011. This Tournament was sponsored by the Singapore Cricket Club and played at its famous Padang Cricket Ground (PCG).

Teams from all over the world attended the Tournament. The Glebe team of 8 stayed at the home of Mary Wark and Sean Wotton who were working in Singapore at the time and had a large flat in central Singapore. From all accounts it was a great trip, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Adam's parents were Jorge Campano, a Spaniard from Malaga who came to Australia as a young man and Lisa Campano (nee Craven-Sands). He was born at King George V Hospital, Camperdown and grew up in Alexandra Rd Glebe and his primary schooling was at Saint James' Catholic School, Glebe, the school at which the Founder of the GDHC Brother Macartan Keegan taught from 1931 to 1937. His secondary schooling was at Fort Street School, Parramatta Road, Petersham.

After leaving school, Adam studied for a Bachelor of Primary School Teaching at the University of Sydney from 1995-1998. For 4 years he represented the University of Sydney at Australian University Games in its men's hockey team and established lasting friendships with his university hockey teammates.



Adam Campano playing in a 3rd Grade Match at Cintra Park Hockey Complex

After graduating with a Degree in Primary School teaching Adam went into hospitality working as a Bartender and Duty Manager at a number of hotels, including The Imperial Hotel, Paddington, The

Newington Inn, Petersham, and The Duck and Swan, Chippendale. At the latter two pubs, Lee Farlow (Glebe Clubman Zac Farlow's mother) was his boss.

After returning from his working holiday in Spain in 2004, Adam worked as a Warehouse Manager at Fitbiz Exercise Equipment Head Office in Gladesville. Aaron Oman was Adam's boss in this job.

In 2006 Adam went back to Sydney University and did a Bachelor of Social Work degree. With his teaching subject credits this course took him 2 years and he finished it at the end of 2007. During his Social Work course Adam secured a placement at The Department of Education Head Office on Oxford Street, Darlinghurst. On completion of his degree, he gained employment in the Education Department's Employee Performance and Conduct Directorate (EPAC).

He enjoys this job, finds it rewarding and satisfying, and in 2021 has been in the position 14 years.

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After leaving home, Adam lived in share houses in Glebe, Annandale, Chippendale, Paddington and Camperdown, often with fellow GDHC members, before buying a home unit in Salisbury Road Camperdown in 2013.

In 2014 he met an Irish born lady Rebecca McCoy, a court transcriber who had been in Australia for many years. Romance blossomed and they became partners. They had a son together, Axel Campano who was born in 2016. Their unit in Camperdown was coming too small for their family requirements and in 2017 Rebecca and Adam bought a house with grounds at Forrester's Beach on the NSW Central Coast. Their second child Tamara was born in October 2017. They married in 2020.

In a trip to Ireland in 2019 with Rebecca and children to meet Rebecca's family, Adam played an enjoyable handful of games in the hockey team which represented the village where the McCoy's lived.

For the last 4 hockey seasons Adam has travelled down from Forrester's Beach every Saturday for the third-grade games. He is still heavily involved in the team administration, and in 2021 acting as its coach and manager. Most Saturday mornings in the 2021 season before he set off for Sydney Adam took his children to their Minkey training session at the Wyong Synthetic Turf fields near Gosford.

Adam has always played with passion and commitment for Glebe, and is never half-hearted about anything he has done, and still does for the Club. He has a generous, low-key, effective, enthusiastic, inclusive, conscientious, reliable, thorough style and everything he does is directed to the benefit of the team in which he plays and to the Club in general. He is not a glory seeker, is considerate of others and their needs, and does things because they need to be done rather than to derive any kudos, praise, or personal aggrandizement.

Adam's contribution to the life and times of the GDHC has been profound. This service to the GDHC over a long period was recognized by his fellow Club Members when he was elected to Life-Membership in 2018. Thank you, Adam, for all you have done for the GDHC, you have an outstanding record of service.



Left to Right: Rebecca McCoy (holding)
Axel Campano & Adam Campano
(holding) Tamara Campano

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Appendix

GlebeDHC Life Member Questionnaire

Where were you born: King George V Hospital, Camperdown (Sydney)

Your parents' names: Jorge Campano & Elizabeth (Lisa) Craven-Sands

Where did you go to primary school: St James Primary School, Woolley St Glebe

Where did you go to secondary school: Fort St High School, Parramatta Rd Petersham

Did you have any education after school: University of Sydney (1995-1998 and 2006-2007).
Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) and Bachelor of Social Work degrees.

What work did you do when you left school:?

While I was at Sydney University studying to become a teacher I worked in my spare hours for the Centre of Continuing Education on Arundel St, Glebe (now on Missenden Rd, Camperdown) putting up posters for adult courses around the University.

When I completed my university degree, I decided to change my career temporarily and went into hospitality working as a Bartender & Duty Manager at a number of hotels, including The Imperial Hotel, Paddington; The Newington Inn, Petersham; and The Duck and Swan, Chippendale. At the latter two pubs, Lee Farlow (Zach's mum) was my boss!

When I was 27 years old I left Sydney with my brother, Christian, to live and work in Barcelona, Spain. However, I was unable to get work so had to move to Algeciras in the deep south of Spain to get work at a beach bar through a family connection.

When I returned from Spain, I worked for a while as a Warehouse Manager at Fitbiz (Exercise Equipment) Head Office in Gladesville. Aaron Oman was my boss! The pay and conditions were not great so I decided to go back to university and complete a Social Work degree.

Directly as a result of my social work studies and because of my previous teaching background I was able to secure a placement at The Department of Education Head Office on Oxford St, Darlinghurst. When I completed my degree I returned to the Department to work in its Employee Performance and Conduct (EPAC) Directorate, where I gained employment as an Investigator of Child Protection complaints involving staff members and students. Some 14 years later, I am still at the same job and I love as I get to play a part in making sure that kids are safe in schools!

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Where did you live during your working life:

I have lived in several addresses previously in Glebe, Annandale, Chippendale, Paddington and Camperdown. Many fellow GDHC club members have lived in the same residence as me over the years.

If you are retired, how long ago did you retire? and what do you do in retirement: N/A

Did you marry? If so what is/was your spouse's name:

I have a de-facto partner, Rebecca McCoy

Did you have children? If so what sport did your children follow:

- Axel Felix Campano (DOB 30/04/2016)
- Tamara Lisa Campano (DOB 30/10/2017)

Where do you live now: Forresters Beach NSW (Central Coast)

How did you come to play hockey for Glebe initially?

I grew up in Alexandra Rd Glebe, two houses down the street from Harry and Anne Wark and their family. All of their 6 kids (some of whom weren't born yet) played hockey and it was as local as it gets with the home ground, Jubilee Oval, situated less than 100 metres away. I had previously played soccer for Balmain Police Boys Club, which I was not much good at.

What attracted you to play for Glebe?

I liked that it was near home and that most of my closest local friends (Aaron Oman, Geoff Hammett, the Wark kids) also played. I loved that games were at Jubilee/Federal as I had been playing sport with my friends in these parks since I was aged 6. I think also because it was free to play which made it attractive for my parents.

How old were you when you started playing with the Club: 10

At what age did you stop playing for the Club: When I die hopefully.

What motivated you to maintain your involvement with the Club?

I don't really need motivation to stay involved in the club. I love it to my inner core. Until I met my partner and had children, I probably loved the club more than I loved myself or other people. I have maintained my involvement in part motivated by seeing a number of my friends and peers leave the club or take a break because they can't find the time. I live on the Central Coast now – I will somehow make the time to stay involved in the club, even if it's only on the playing field for the foreseeable future.

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In what year did you cease to be actively involved in Club Life: N/A

What were your playing highlights with the Club?

Playing 1st grade off the bench on about 6 occasions.

Winning 3rd grade premierships 16 years apart! In particular, winning the 2011 3rd grade premiership was amazing because of the make-up of the side we had. We had a legend of the club, Aaron Oman, and an emerging superstar, BJ Bruton, playing and then we had, well, Oliver Holyoake. Needless to say that the fairytale win was secured due to Olly scoring two amazing goals, which was the final difference in the end.

What other contributions have you made to Club life?

Coaching, Managing, Umpiring, Administrating, Socialising..

What things have you done after ceasing to be actively involved in Club affairs: N/A

Who were the people at the Club who had the most impact on you and why?

Harry Wark Snr – His exterior was that of a very tough, opinionated person. The Harry I knew was very gentle in his own way and he was always very kind to me, sometimes a little cruel to be kind. He told me at selections once (back when they used to be done at the clubhouse) words to the effect of that he didn't think much of me as a player but he thought I was a good person. I don't remember being offended at the time and took it as a backhanded compliment.

Ken Wark Jnr – When I was in U/11's I went to a test match at Homebush and was introduced to Kenny who signed a miniature stick for me (don't know where it is now). Kenny always had a lot of time to help anyone out with their hockey, whether they asked for it or not. If he saw you were topping them at training, he'd come over and give you one-on-one hands-on training. I am a much cleaner hitter as a result of his tuition. Ken has a great sense of humour, like his two nephews, Pete and Matt, and whenever he talked everyone listened. Some of the tackles and passes he made for Glebe, NSW and Australia over the years was legendary – the poke tackle and shoulder on the world's best player at the time, Shahbaz Ahmed, and the collision with his Australia team mate, Matt Smith, in a Glebe vs Ryde game out at Ryde, I will never forget.

Pat Nilan – Pat was a coaching guru. I was in and around the 1st grade squad for a few years while I captained 2nd grade, but was never quite good (or fit enough) to crack 1st grade. There were just so many elite players playing 1st grade back in that day and we had a lot of success. Pat, in so many ways, taught me what it means to be successful and what I had to do to become successful. Unfortunately, I was not very good at taking advice at this time of my life. I still thank him for his efforts and love having him in the dressing rooms from time-to-time to put his unique spin on the game of hockey.

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Danny O'Brien - Danny was the first guy of the older guard who I felt gave me proper respect as a club member and who was happy to bring me into the management fold at the club as an equal. Danny would come to my home in Glebe after completing his sales rep meetings at the nearby Toxteth Hotel and we'd talk hockey for hours and little by little he encouraged me to take on greater responsibility at the club. In his time as President, I pretty much was convinced by him to fill in whatever role on the management committee needed to be filled. As a result, I took on the challenging Club Captain role for 5 years and then the Social Convenor role for a similar duration. Danny is not known as "Have a chat" for no reason, but his love and passion for the club can never be disputed, and I have always hoped that I come across as having as much love for the club as he.

Margaret Howe – Margy was my hockey mum when I was a junior. I played in every junior age group with Margy's eldest daughter, Helen Benfield, another club champion. Margy did everything for her family and her hockey family. She always had kind words to say and would help the club wherever needed. One time in a mixed junior indoor game, our goalie turned up, so Margy put on the pads. Bless her soul, she had absolutely no idea, but the fact that she did this without consideration to her own safety epitomized her selflessness.

Harry Wark Jr – Harry is the champion of the local children and of the oppressed. Harry would always support those who were not well off and helped reinforce hockey's universality to the kids in the local area. He has always been fiercely proud of Glebe's ability to foster its own juniors and volunteered countless hours over the years warming up dozens of kids at a time for Harry's legendary drills running up and down the length of Jubilee Oval while performing various drills and types of dribbles. And if you were aggressive or misbehaved, Harry would send you home, as he did to me once, when he was present when I smashed my brother in the ankle with my hockey stick.

Peter Busch - While I was just a couple of years too old to be part of the Minkey Revolution in the late 1980's, Peter was very supportive of me as a youngster when I came into the senior grades. Peter was the club captain during this time and gave me lifts to games as my parents did not drive. Often he'd spend hours out a venue with me to give me a lift back home as he would be playing 1st grade while I played 3rd grade with several hours between games. Peter's constant support and encouragement to young players such as myself has continued up until this day, which I found a welcome and refreshing change from the win at costs attitude that Glebe championed for many years. In my opinion, Peter is a great model for all club members.

What have you valued most about your time at the Club?

I have really valued the principle of giving everyone a fair go and accepting people for who they are. Over the years, we've had a lot of interesting characters come to the club and the club members have been so welcoming to all types of personalities and backgrounds. Almost every club member contributes to club life in their own unique way. Most people are happy to volunteer and assist with club life if they're asked to and this is a significant feature in the club's ongoing survival and success.

Personally, I have really appreciated the friendships I have made at the club. Most of my closest friends have been involved in the club at some stage. The 1st grade Premiership years of 2005-06 and 2008 were very special years as far as the friendships and camaraderie formed as a result of the extraordinary success we enjoyed in that period. The club was buzzing!

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This whole period of time passed in an almost dream like state for me. I looked forward every week to going to hockey – to play my game; to then support and cheer for 1st grade; and then to party on afterwards at the sponsored pub and/or at the Clubhouse. These were amazing times with amazing memories which I will never get back.

Can you recall any particular stories about significant games or events that have shaped your opinions about being a member of the GDHC? Please share them here:

The 2008 1st grade premiership just epitomized everything about what it meant to be a 'Dirty Red' and to play for Glebe. We'd lost the Booth brothers to rival clubs and in place we had a squad predominantly made up of Glebe Juniors, most of whom were only aged 21 at the time. Most of the guys in this team were best mates. The team were massive underdogs to pull off a surprise victory against the competition frontrunners, NWS Strikers, most of whom were in the NSW team at the time.

The team came up with an impeccable game plan which they stuck to and played their hearts out to win a remarkable game which was full of incredible performances and individual highlights. The extraordinary goalkeeping of Dean Benfield; amazing point blank saves off the line from Peter Wark and Al Cullen; dogged defending from the Glebe defence in general; and an incredible performance from the team talisman, Mark Paterson (his last before leaving Glebe to live in Perth and play for Australia), particularly in setting up a goal immediately from the second half hit-off for Daniel Cleary; and a remarkable last minute jinking run from Ian Paterson, which resulted in a season ending injury, but which won a penalty stroke for retiring skipper, Aaron Oman, to put the icing on the cake after the final whistle by scoring the goal to ensure the premiership.

The match was breathtaking and played at an incredible tempo and with so much passion. The match reminded me of the 1997 ARL Grand Final when the Andrew Johns led Newcastle Knights, who had the working class underdog battler tag, came from behind to defeat the silvertails, Manly-Warringah. The Glebe team song which was sung to the 200 strong crowd (on the side opposite the grandstand at Olympic) immediately after the game was a rendition for the ages. I was crying while screaming out the team song, I'm not ashamed to admit. The three days of celebrating afterwards were also something I will never forget.

What changes have you seen during your time with the Club that have impacted on the development of the Club as a force in Sydney hockey?

Artificial turf – You could see as soon as grass hockey moved to artificial turfs (when I was about 13 or 14 from memory) that the club would struggle one day if we were unable to secure an artificial turf. Moorebank and Sutherland were among the first clubs to get an artificial turf and immediate success followed for these clubs. While Glebe remained successful for a time, you can see that over the time firstly, we have been unable to attract many exceptional players from outside the club, and secondly, that our strategy and skill level (particularly in 3D skills) has not developed as quickly as players from other clubs who have basically unlimited access to turf fields.

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Attitude to fitness training – Back in the day you simply had to attend fitness training every week, plus do your own extra personal fitness plus be able to make various fitness goals to get a look in at first grade level, not to mention having the actual hockey ability to take the field. In recent years, a poor result in a beep test or a significant lack of fitness is no impediment to making our 1st grade team. This is how far our standards have fallen.

Increase in professionalism in club hockey – It's a fact of life now. Every club either pays its top players or offer them free fees or other inducements to play. We have never done that. Instead we tell our players, please pay \$800 before this date or you won't be playing. In addition, many of the top clubs have player nurseries in regional area which bring other very strong juniors to their clubs. We don't have that either. I'm not being critical of our club, I'm just saying we can't compete with other clubs in the modern era. There is only so far these days that Junior Development will get you. I don't think there will ever be another year like 2008 again, but then again I hope to be proven wrong.

Cost of fees – The cost of playing hockey is ridiculous, compared to almost all other sports. So many ex-players have told me they've stopped playing because of the cost. While some may think this is a cop-out as some of these ex-players probably spend similar amounts of money (or more) and other less worthwhile pursuits, it's the harsh reality of living in the most expensive city in the world. Where individuals have to prioritise the various costs in their lives, it is not surprising that hockey does not rate high on this list. As a consequence, the overall depth in our men's playing grades in my opinion is at an all-time low.

What does being a GDHC Life Member mean for you and to you?

It is a recognition of all the hard work, time, commitment and dedication I have given to the club in the 30+ years I have been a member. I can honestly say I have given everything I could to the club. Indeed, my dedication to the club has probably contributed in part to the breakdown of other aspects of my personal life. I am fortunate that I seem to have found the best balance for me personally at this point in time.

It gives me immense pride, happiness and a sense of self-worth to be made a life member of the GDHC. I am so honored by this award, particularly given the status of some of my fellow life members, who I hold in the highest of respect. I am so lucky to be considered worthy of this award.

Once my children grow up a bit and I can devote more time to the GDHC, I would like to keep giving back to the club in some way, hopefully in recommencing my former love of coaching. While I coached U/17s for many years, I have never coached a young juniors team. I look forward to hopefully coaching a U/11's team with both my children in it in 7 or 8 years' time.

Winning the award also kind of hits home the standards of behavior expected of me as a life member. While I've always been a passionate club member, as a player and spectator, I've probably been guilty of being overly critical of the match officials on occasions. I will need to reign this in a bit in future in order to meet the standards of a life member. However, I will never stop playing hockey with the passion and commitment that I've always felt when I put on the maroon shirt.

Glebe District Hockey Club Life Member – Adam Campano



What captures Glebe spirit for you?

So many things.

Sometimes Glebe spirit is when its club members are volunteering to help out the club to raise money, such as at a Bunnings BBQ.

Other times it's when you see familiar faces in the crowd every week supporting the team, giving you advice (or a ribbing) or at a social function.

Often it's unseen in the various thankless administration and management roles performed within the club that ensure its day-to-day survival and smooth function.

And sometimes it's shown on the playing field (and in the dressing rooms), in the exploits of great players such as Ken Wark

Jnr, Aaron Nilan, Mark Paterson, but also with more modest players as Will Noller, Aleks Manou, Chris Holmes, Andrew Cheong and even Scott Howard, just to name but a few.

For me, singing the Glebe team song after a win is the embodiment of Glebe spirit, but equally so is dissecting the losses and discussing ways to improve after games.

Do you have any advice for current day Club players and/or administrators:

My advice for players is to train hard and to support the team by making as many trainings as possible and making yourself available for all games. Also, be respectful of the Club Captain, your team coach and manager, and of the Management Committee. These people do a lot of extra work behind the scenes to make sure all you have to do is train and play to the best of your ability. It's not a lot to ask in my opinion.

My advice for administrators is to try and keep the club's traditions going for as long as possible and not focus on modernizing every single aspect of club life.



A photo of the Glebe 2010 third grade team taken at the Olympic Pitch, Homebush.

Back row L-R: Oliver Holyoake, Evan McGillivray, Adam Campano, Dominic Tintner, Paul Jowett, Rowan Kelly, Peter Busch

Front Row: Alasdair Brown, Patrick Wark, B J Bruton, Dominic Kavanagh, Matthew Redenbach



There is a real push at the moment for the club's presence to be predominantly through social media. Social media in my opinion is not always healthy or helpful for an organization such as ours. There is too much instant news and instant gratification of posting photos on Instagram and Facebook. What's wrong with publishing a few match reports every once in a while? Hardly anyone looks at the website anymore because it takes up too much of their time. There is too much emphasis on looks and appearances and not enough on substance, again in my opinion. The club was built on substance not on a hash tag.com. Furthermore, social media is not actually helping club members be more social with one another. Who is attending social functions these days? Not many people that's for sure.

Appendix Cont.

Adam Jorge Campano – Life Member Testimonial for 2018 AGM

I would like to recommend Adam Campano to the members for Life Membership. The recommendation to the GDHC Board was supported by Anthony Wark.

Adam has been an outstanding member both on the field and off.

Adam was born on the 15/12/1976 to Jorge & Lisa Campano at King George V Hospital, RPA. He grew up at 16 Alexandra Rd Glebe, 2 houses down from Harry & Anne Wark and kids, above Jubilee Oval.

He is the partner of Rebecca McCoy and has two children, Axel (2) & Tamara (7 months).

Playing

Adam started playing hockey for Glebe in 1987 aged 10 in in the U/11's coached by Peter Howe and Bevan Ineson. He played 119 junior games for Glebe (1987-1994) He started playing senior hockey in 1992 where he has played over 530 senior men's games for Glebe to date. He recently played in the 3rd Grade Grand Final. During his career he has played from 1st grade to 7th grade. He has won two 3rd grade premierships in 1996 and 2011 Won Men's Albury Carnival 6 times in 9 years, captained Men's 2nd grade 2000 – 01 and again in 2005. Captained/coached Men's 3rd grade 2014 to 2016.

Coaching

Adam coached U/17B's for 3 seasons (1996-1998), was the Assistant Coach of U/17A's 1 season (with Artie Moir) in 1999. He then took over the U/17 A's coach from 2000 – 2002. Adam then coached Glebe's Women 1st Grade for 2 seasons from 2005-06, then coached Women's 2nd grade for 2 seasons 2008-09. He took up coaching again when he became 3rd grade Captain / Coach 2014 to 2016.

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Administration

Adam was Assistant Club Secretary for 5 years 1996-2000 Club Vice-President for 1 year (2008)
Club Captain for 5 years 2009-2013 Social Convenor for 4 years 2014-2017

Adam's other contributions to the Club

Regular contributor to the Red Rag newsletter – match reports Organised Bunnings fundraising
BBQ's Organised the annual band night fundraiser at the clubhouse with brother, Christian
Organised Senior Annual Presentation Nights, Conducted Hookin2Hockey coaching at various NSW
public schools in the area.

As you can see from above Adam has been a very large contributor to all aspects of the Club and
thoroughly deserves his nomination as Life Members of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

Les Wark

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