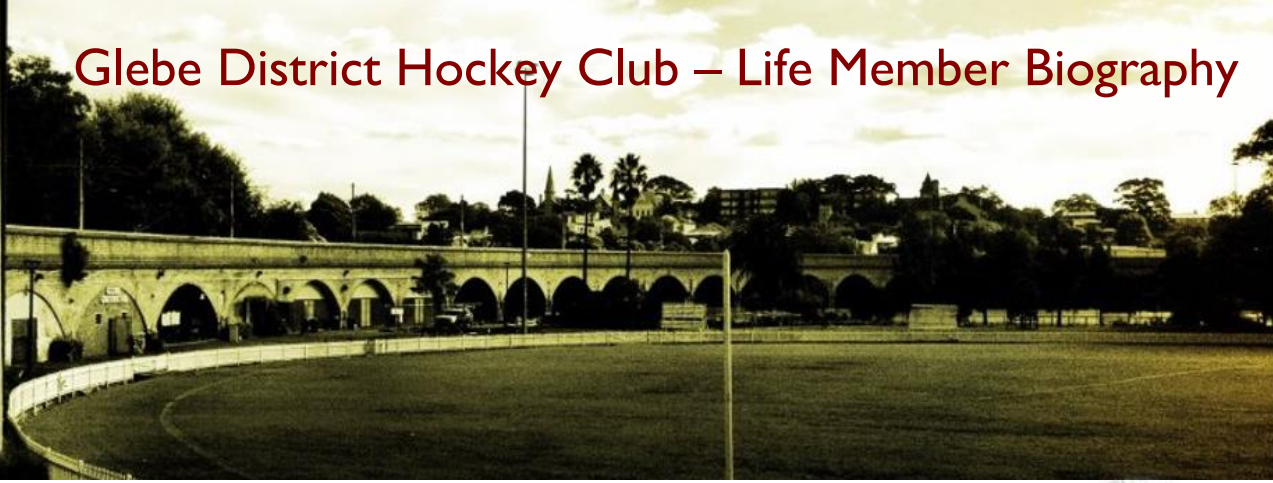


Glebe District Hockey Club – Life Member Biography



Michael Bougoukas

Elected Life member 2021



Mick's family lived in View Street Annandale for a short period in the 1970s and were friends of another family of Greek heritage the Manou's, who ran a corner shop in nearby Trafalgar Street Annandale. The Manou boys, Gary and George, both played as goalkeepers for the GDHC. Gary played 436 senior club games from 1966-2004, and George played 715 Club games from 1975-2020.

The Manou boys encouraged Mick to join them at the GDHC. He did so in 1982 and he played 21 games that year for the fourth-grade team nicknamed the 'Fabulous Fours' which were beaten 3-2 by UNSW in the finals. Players in Mick's fourth grade team in 1982 included Peter Howe, Greg Howe, Arthur Moir, Paul Abate, Jamie Howe, Lyle Ebert, Bill Jardine, Mick Galluzzo, Barry Howe, John Price, and Steve Casey. Considering he did not play hockey in the juniors, Mick picked up the skills of being a hockey goalkeeper with impressive speed.

Mick continued on as the fourth-grade goalkeeper and in 1985 the team which won the Premiership, beating North Sydney 4-0 at the State Sports Centre Homebush. The team for the finals series was Mick Bougoukas, Peter Howe, Martin Howe, Billy Jardine, Tony Cowan, Greg Howe, Ian Edgar, Arthur Moir, M McDonald, Lex McPhee, Steve Casey and Bevan Ineson.

In 1986 Mick was establishing his motor mechanic business, which took up a lot of his time and he did not play that year. He returned in 1987 and was part of, what captain Martin Howe described as, "This 4th grade team would have been one of the best 4th grade teams to wear the maroon and white of Glebe." Regular players in this team were Mick Bougoukas, Leo Kalisperous, Martin Howe, Arthur Moir, Steve Casey, Victor Ferrari, Glen Dunn, Colin Chivers, Kieran Dell, Vernon Howe, Peter Cremin.

In 1989 Mick played in the Club's second grade team coached by Pat Nilan and captained by Colin Rochester, which were beaten in the grand-final by Randwick after finishing the season as minor premiers. This was followed by a couple years in third grade. Mick did not start the 1992 season but answered the fourth-grade team's mid-season plea for him to fill a goalkeeping vacancy left when Phil Blee could not finish the season because of work commitments. Players in Mick's 1992 team were Gary Wark, Damien Galluzzo, Amrit Parbhu, Steve Casey, Martin Howe, Graham Noack, Danny O'Brien, Bevan Ineson, Adrian Howe, Robert Wark, Andrew Goodrick and Harry Wark.

In 1994 Mick won a fourth-grade premiership with the undefeated GDHC fourth grade team, which comprised Mick Bougoukas, Gary Wark, Harry Wark, Adrian Howe, Steve Casey, Roger Byrne, Glen Dunn, Danny O'Brien, Tony Cowan, Ken Bennett, Lex McPhee, Brent Gilmour, David

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Rochester, and Kieran Diviney. Coach Danny O'Brien had this to say about Mick in his ends of season report in the Club's Annual report: "Michael Bougoukas-goal-keeper "The Golden Greek" is the meanest keeper in town, with a passion so fervent for not conceding a goal. Had another outstanding season."

Steve Casey, Captain of the 1995 premiership winning fourth grade team in which Mick played, and had this to say about Mick "Had another outstanding year in goals and must have the most impressive record of any keeper in the Club. Always rose to the occasion and certainly saved his best performances for the big games. His efforts against our arch rivals Ryde in the first round and the Grand Final were outstanding and kept us in both games when we were under most pressure."

At the end of the 1996 season Mick had played 226 senior Club games. 1997 saw Mick play in eighth grade with his lifelong friend Gary Manou and he had a run on the field as a left wing. Terry Kelly commented in his end of year Report "Garry's 'cousin' Mick Bougoukas, another goalie (it runs in the family) was back again as well, but this time as the jovial comic of the team and occasional left-winger, gave as much as he got from opponents, a carry-over from the old days." In 1998 Mick came out of retirement mid-season and played in the fifth-grade team captained by Kieran Dell who were beaten in the grand-final by Moorebank.

1999 saw Mick win the fourth-grade player's player award. Les Wark commented in his end of year report: "Michael Bougoukas—Jaffa to his mates, again had an outstanding year, kept the team in many a game with his great goal keeping. Inspired the team with his never-say-die spirit. A great player to have in your side." Regular players in this team were Michael Bougoukas, Gary Wark, Kieran Diviney, Danny O'Brien, Graham Brown, Yuri Schmike, John Edmond, Brett Gilmore, Glen Dunn, Les Wark, with Tim Harvey, Alex Adrian, Jason McDonald, Ben Everist, Mark Paterson, Matthew Wark and Daniel Carey filling-in as required.

At the end of the 2000 season Mick had played 304 senior games for Glebe. Also, in 2000 Mick won the player's player award in the third-grade team. Next season Mick was captain/coach of the fourth-grade team that finished third in the competition.

In 2001 Mick's son Ross began his junior career with the Glebe Juniors playing in the Under 11 Wildcats. Mick managed the team, with Phil Sheard being the team coach. Players in the Under 11 Wildcats were Ross Bougoukas, Jack Chivers, Nicholas Derewlany, Joycelyn Evans, Zoe Jenkins, Sophie Kaye, Phoebe Kershaw, Alex Manou, Isaac Murphy, Reece Murphy, Will Noller, Eoghan O'Donnell, Charlotte Robinson, Alex Sheard and Jack Stocker. The same year Mick was awarded the W.J Taylor Cup, which is awarded to "The Club Member Who Has Set the Best Example by Consistent Play and General Demeanour"



A photo taken at the Ryde Turf; North Ryde after the Glebe fourth grade team won the 1994 grand-final against Ryde.

Players L-R: Gary Wark, Brent Gilmour, Danny O'Brien, **Mick Bougoukas**, Steve Casey, Ken Bennett, Harry Wark, Kieran Diviney (obscured), Lex McPhee with cap.

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It was a busy 2002 season for Mick. He was the Club's lower grades Club Captain, a Club selector, on the Club's Management Committee, and managed/coached the Under 11 Tigers, with Phil Sheard as co-coach. In 2002 Mick won the Pat Nilan Trophy, which is awarded annually to the Most Outstanding Club Member, Junior or Senior, as adjudged by the Management Committee.

2003 and 2004 saw Mick coach the Under 13 Redbacks, play lower grade hockey, act as lower grades Club Captain, and serve on the Club's Management Committee. In the early 2000's the Club had a good supply of young goalkeepers for the lower grades, Dean McWhinney, Alex Crook, Damon Jones, Liam O'Donnell, so George Manou and Mick Bougoukas unselfishly filled in when and where required making sure that the younger keepers always got a game every week, when they were available for selection.

In 2005 Mick's fifth grade team, in which he played with his son Ross, lost the grand-final to UTS 2-1. Players in the team were Michael Bougoukas, Les Wark, Dominic Kavanagh, Sam Noller, Michael Diviney, Leo Kapisperis, Graeme Brown, Joost Doduk, Ross Bougoukas, Sam Omari, Josh La Spina, Arvind Hughes and Sam Mitchell. He was succeeded as lower grade Club Captain in 2005 by Graeme Brown.

Mick Bougoukas and George Manou co-coached the Under 15 Redbacks in an all-of-Sydney Competition in 2005, with Kate Jones as the manager. This was the first year that an Under 15 all-of-Sydney Competition had been run. The team were beaten by UNSW in the final. Players in this team were Ross Bougoukas, Archie Hughes, Arvind Hughes, Hannah Jones, Dominic Kavanagh, Joshua La Spina, Chris Loukakis, Gus Malfory, Aleks Manou, Rory Moran, Samuel Noller, Jack Stocker and Elizabeth Wark.



A photo taken at Federal Park, Annandale in 1997 as Martin Howe led the Savage Seven's out on occasion for his seventh hundred senior game for Glebe. Mick Bougoukas is handing Martin his customary Victoria Bitter (VB) and cigarette as a large crowd of Glebe supporters looked on with enthusiastic delight.

Dropping down to sixth grade for the 2006 season, Mick's team won the minor premiership and the premiership. Players in this team were Michael Bougoukas, Bernard Adcock, Andrew Goodrick, Geoff Hammett, David Price, Michael Mosely, Lex McPhee, Sang Duong, Andrew Armour, Sam Bagley, Craig Bagley, Alex Manou, Alan Mills, Daryl Shaharin, Garth Mair and Nick Gage. Continuing their involvement with the juniors, George and Mick coached the 2006 Under 15 Redbacks to the premiership of the Sydney Wide Competition, winning the Colin Manning Trophy.

The team was undefeated throughout the season. Players in this team were Ross Bougoukas, Alastair Brown, Scott Cleary, Nicholas Derewlany, Chris Holmes, Archie Hughes, Phoebe Kershaw, Paris Litton-Strain, Aleks Manou, William Noller, Alex Sherd, Jack Stocker and Dominic Tintner. Many of these players had been together since the Under 11s. Nine of these players went on to play in the Club's first grade teams in subsequent years.

At the end of the 2007 season Mick had played 501 games for Glebe, having played that year in the Club's fourth grade team that were beaten in the grand-final by Ryde. 2008 was another enjoyable

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season for Mick in the fourth-grade team, although the team were less competitive than it was in 2007.

Dean Morrow and Mick Bougoukas coached the 2008 Club's Under 17 team to the premiership, with George Manou as manager, losing only one game throughout the season. This was Mick's last year of coaching juniors. Players in this team were Ross Bougoukas, Alasdair Brown, Scott Cleary, Chris Holmes, Archie Hughes, Aleks Manou, Corey Morrow, William Noller, Eoghan O'Donnell, Jake Ribarovski, Alex Sheard, Jack Stocker and Dominic Tintner.



A photo of the **2008 third grade team**. Five of these players were coached by Mick in the Club's Under 17 team, including his son Ross.

Back row L-R: Oliver Holyoak, Ross Bougoukas, Braden Mead, Corry Morrow, Paul Jowett, Jack Ribarovski, Alex Sheard.

Front row L-R: Peter Busch, Christian Campano, Mick Bougoukas, Chris Holmes, Adam Campano.

Mick's last season as a player was in 2009 when he played in the Club's fourth grade team captained by Tim Sutton. At the end of the season, he had played 535 games for Glebe, mostly in fourth grade and picked up a hand-full of premierships along the way. As at the end of the 2021 season, Mick is one of only 24 players in the 91-year history of the Club who have reached the 500 Club games milestone.

After two years watching from the sidelines, in 2012 Mick coached the Club's second grade team, with Geoff Paterson as assistant coach and George Ribarovski as manager. The team won the Yates Cup, the minor premiership and the grand-final 3-2 against Moorebank. In 2013 Mick's second grade team were beaten 5-4 in the grand-final by Moorebank after being down 4-0 at half-time, and not having many breaks fall their way during the game. Players in this team 2013 team were Zac Farlow, Victor Dunard, Anthony Charge, Jake Ribarovski, Alasdair Brown, Luke Rogers, Adam Howard, Will Noller, Josh La Spina, Chris Holmes, Mitch Tutor, Aaron Nilan and Aaron Oman.

Mick was enticed out of coaching retirement in 2019 to take the coaching job for the Club's second grade team and remained in the position for 2020 and 2021. Both the 2020 and 2021 seasons were severely disrupted by Covid-19. The 2019, 2020 and 2021 second grade teams found the going tough, but Mick gave these teams a self-belief and he had a knack for bringing the best out in his players.

Teams that Mick coaches always put their heart and soul into their efforts for the team and he engenders in his players a sense of loyalty and respect. Players in the 2020 second grade team were Josh La Spina, Darren French, Victor Dunard, Corey Morrow, Mack Noller, Dave Reid, Cameron Jones, Aiden Corbin, Dylan Howe, Ed Noller, Rodrigo Pedraza-Luna, Mehdi Rizviz, Jake Ribarovski with Craig Martin as manager.

The Sydney Hockey Association (SHA) and the Sydney Junior Hockey Association (SJHA) were beneficiaries of Mick's enthusiasm for all things hockey. He was an SHA umpire for some years and umpired at Premier A Competition level. During his years as a GDHC junior coach, Mick coached SJHA teams, and acted as the SJHA equipment officer.

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Contribution, effort and commitment are the hallmarks of everything Mick has done for the GDHC. As a player he was always well liked by his teammates, diligent, supportive, upbeat, enthusiastic and above all a team player. Mick always had the confidence of his teammates. He was more a stay-at-home style goalkeeper than one who attacked an opposing forward on the top of the circle in the breakaway situation. He was a defensive circle manager, who read the game to perfection, took good options and had an excellent understanding of the angles, geometry and percentage options involved in reducing the chances of an opposition scoring a goal.

Mick was an astute coach and tactician and engendered enthusiasm, a can-do attitude, and a we are all in this together attitude, emphasising teamwork and collegiality over individual, one-out, glory runs. Even when his second-grade teams were struggling against clearly superior sides his players were lifted by Mick's enthusiastic coaching style and they had a never say die attitude, always doing the GDHC proud.

Mick is not into self-aggrandisement, never does jobs for personal gain or glory and is passionate about doing his best for the teams he played in and which he coached. Mick tells it as it is and he has a straightforward, straight-talking style, devoid of double-speak, cunning, conniving and duplicitous behaviour. You always know where you stand with Mick.

After leaving school in 1979 Mick did a motor mechanic apprenticeship and became a fully qualified automotive mechanical engineer graduating in 1983. In March 1985 he started his own business in King's Street Newtown. In the late 1980s when the Oil Company Shell decided to redevelop the land on which his service station and automotive workshop was located Mick then moved his business to Princes Highway in Saint Peters where he ran the business in partnership with his wife Kerry. Ross, Mick's son, did a teaching degree after leaving school, as well as helping Mick in the MSK Service Centre at Saint Peters, when time permitted. After finishing his degree Ross went on to qualify as a motor mechanic and joined in the MSK Service Centre business fulltime in 2015.

In 2018, when his landlord wanted to sell the Saint Peter's premises, Mick and Ross moved the MSK Service Centre to Turrella, a suburb tucked between Wolli Creek and Earlwood, where it currently operates.

Despite all the demands of running a solo small business Mick was able to devote large amounts of his time to playing, coaching and administering for the GDHC. In the 2010s he became an active golfer playing every Saturday morning with the golf interest group of the Kingsgrove RSL. In 2015 Mick was elected a Director of the Kingsgrove RSL and continues in that capacity.

Mick married his wife Kerry in the mid-1980s and they had two sons, Ross and Nathan. Ross as a small boy accompanied Mick to his games and became actively involved with the GDHC at a young age. He started in the Under 11 team of 2001 and at the end of the 2021 season, he had played 178 junior games and 286 senior games for Glebe. Nathan who works in the hospitality industry, and helps out on a regular basis at the MSK Service Centre, played for the Glebe juniors in 2003, 2004 and 2005.



A photo of Mick defending a penalty corner for the **third-grade team in 2008**, at the Olympic Pitch, Homebush.

L-R: Mick Bougoukas, Daniel Carey, Brayden Mead, Christian Campano

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As of the end of the 2021 season Mick has had a 40-year involvement with the GDHC and has been a player, junior coach, senior coach, Club Captain and Management Committee Member. This long-time contribution to Club affairs has been outstanding.



2012 2nd Grade Team: Yates Cup, Minor Premiership and 2012 Premiership Team. Photo taken at Sydney Olympic Park.

Back Row L – R: Michael Bougoukas (Coach), George Ribarovski (Manager), William Noller, Mitchell Nicholson, Simon Bracht, Chris Holmes, Wayne Benfield, Victor Dunand, Aaron Nilan, Patrick Wark, Geoff Paterson (Assistant Coach).

Front Row L – R: Adam Howard, Aaron Oman, Raj Patel, Luke Rogers, Zac Farlow, Bj Bruton (GK), Tim De Weerd, Anthony Wark, Jack Stocker (GK)

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Michael Bougoukas

Glebe District Hockey Club

Started with Glebe in: 1982 to present.

Games Played: 535 as a Goalkeeper

Retired from playing: 2009

Junior Teams Coached or managed:

- (2002 – 2008)
- 2002 U/11 Tigers (coach)
- 2003 U/13 Redbacks (coach)
- 2004 U/13 Redbacks (coach)
- 2005 U/15 Redbacks (coach)
- 2006 U/ 15 Redbacks (manager)
- 2008 U/17A (coach)

Senior Teams Coached:

- 2nd Grade Men's coach 2012 – 2013 (premiership in 2012 and grand final in 2013)
- 2nd Grade Men's coach 2019 - Present

Club captain: 2002 to 2004

Club room manager: 2007

Awards won:

- 2001 - W.J Taylor Cup "The Club Member Who Has Set The Best Example by Consistent Play and General Demeanour"
- 2002 - Pat Nilan Trophy "Most Outstanding Club Member", Junior or Senior, for the year as adjudged by the Management Committee.

Turf Committee:

Sydney Hockey Premier A umpire:

Coached Sydney Junior Hockey Teams:

Sydney Junior Hockey Equipment Officer:

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