

NORTHERN DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED



80TH ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Northern District Hockey Association Inc.

OFFICE BEARERS 2007

PATRONS	Nick Berman
PRESIDENT	Larry Maher
VICE PRESIDENT	Graham Hutton
SECRETARY	Meredith Peterson
TREASURER	Gary Prowse
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS	Chris Jenkins, Joe Dean, Eileen Tudor
JUNIOR OFFICER	Alex Cook
WOMENS OFFICER	Belinda Fitton
VETERANS OFFICER	Gary Prowse / Terry Griffiths
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EQUIPMENT OFFICER	Rohan Tudor
RECORDS OFFICER	Anne Maher
CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR	Fiona Deane & Gary Prowse
NORTH AREA DELEGATES	Carolyn Linke & Larry Maher
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NORWEST STRIKERS DELEGATE	Carolyn Linke
HONORARY AUDITOR	John Prowse
HONORARY SOLICITOR	Shauna Jarrett
LIFE MEMBERS	

W Rothwell (deceased), O Whitbrook (deceased), O Wood (deceased), G Anderson, Gareth Jones (1961), Jack Haigh (1964), Glenn Griffiths (1975), G Brady (deceased), Merv Goodridge (1978), Warwick McKenzie (1981), Alex Scott (1989), Doug Roberts (1990), Peter Goodridge (1997), Andrew Bennett (2000), Gary Prowse (2001), Jim Bissaker (2002), Elizabeth Bissaker (2003) & Pat McCabe (2005).

Location of Field: Pennant Hills Sporting Complex, Britannia Street
Pennant Hills

Web Address: www.ndhockey.com.au

Club Motto: Eat Sleep Hockey – What else is there?

PRESENTATION AWARDS 2007

Perpetual Trophies

Andrew English Shield

Under 15 player for attitude, enthusiasm and contribution to hockey.

Andrew Maher

Keith Corkery Shield

(U13 player for personal achievement and contribution to the club).

Mitchell Tudor

The Bissaker Family Shield

Under 11 player for good sportsmanship and improvement of hockey skills during the year

Adam Benari

Northern District Women Shield

Junior girl player for attitude, enthusiasm and contribution to hockey

Madi Clark

Cook Shield

Women's player for commitment, achievement, enthusiasm and contribution to hockey

Julie Osborne

Umpires of the Year

**Mitchell Tudor &
Andrew Maher**

Coach of the Year

Brian Lawrence

Club Person of the Year

Eileen Tudor

President's Report

As I look back on our 80th year, 2007 will be remembered as one of the most successful for our club within memory. We knew our season was going to be an extremely busy one with plan's underway for a memorable 80th birthday bash. More on this later. We hit the turf running with our biggest season of Hooked in 2 Hockey (H2H) yet and our largest registration intake for some time. The growth in our junior and women's registrations over the last two seasons has been remarkable considering the competition we face from other sports. However, it is my firm belief that our club has 1st class facilities, a great marketing program and a group of volunteers that cannot be easily matched elsewhere. These three reasons are why we are the fastest growing hockey club in Sydney & I expect to report next year that we will become the number one club.

Our four women's team all had an outstanding year after joining a new alliance in the Sydney North Women's competition. The standard of the competition was excellent and games were played in a friendly but competitive spirit. This had been missing in previous years. Our 2nd grade side were worthy semi finalists and could easily have brought home the winners trophy. Our 1st grade team had an outstanding year having only lost 1 match. They were worthy premiers triumphing 1-0 in their grand final. Our ND3 and ND4 teams were extremely unlucky by only narrowly missing semi final berths. I would like to extend my thanks to Belinda Fitton and the women's committee for their tireless work in making this new competition run so smoothly.

After a successful registration day, we ended up with 9 junior teams and a very busy season ahead of us. What is very pleasing was that we had 3 teams in each of the U11 and U13 age groups. This bodes well for the future. The standard of play in the juniors has improved markedly over 2007 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all coaches and managers for hard work over the year. That hard work really did pay off. We ended up having 6 teams make the semi finals with 2 teams being runners up. This was an outstanding level of success for the club. More importantly, our players continue to enjoy the games speed, skill and friendships that our club brings. I would also like to offer my congratulations to those players who made representative teams this season.

If the on field activity wasn't hectic enough, the work going on behind the scenes was non stop. The District Dribble newsletters were simply fantastic and will prove to be a great piece of the clubs history. My thanks to Fiona Begg and all those who contributed articles. Eileen Tudor was busily running H2H hockey and upgrading our superb website whilst coaching our U11A team. These efforts made Eileen a worthy winner of our club person of the year.

With all this going on, Chris Jenkins and his 80th anniversary committee were putting the finishing touches on what will go down as a memorable evening in the clubs history. With the hall at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club fully decked out in club colours and some fantastic memorabilia, we were set for a great celebration. We had over 100 guests from life members, past men's champions, women's and junior parents come together to remember past glories and plan for future successes. We had a great slideshow with teams from 1927 onwards, hockey sticks that still baffle me, various shirt designs through the years that kept us all entertained. The framed blazer, donated by Alex Scott, of our 1946 Men's premiership winning team was an invaluable item of the club's history. It will be the centrepiece in a future clubhouse. But the memories were not just hanging on wall, or sitting on tables. Watching past players relive stories from the past with their fellow players and friends was great to see. What was even more impressive was that many of the club's past legends made the effort to attend the junior presentation day on the Saturday and then topped their weekend off by watching the 1st grade women triumph on the Sunday. This level of camaraderie was inspiring to me as club president and I extend my thanks to all those people who made the weekend so enjoyable.

So with 2007 being such a successful year, we all enter the 2008 season with renewed enthusiasm. I feel very proud to represent a club that has outstanding supporters behind its current and future success. I look forward to seeing you around the fields in 2008.

Larry Maher - Club President

Secretary's Report

As a new member to NDHA Committee I have appreciated the assistance of many people this year in the role of Secretary. Special mention must be made to Chris Cook for the professional records that he handed to me for this role.

It has been a very steep learning curve and everyone has been extremely patient (especially when trying to remember who does what). This year we have changed the format for the meeting and have worked on development of the club – especially coaching and umpiring. We are always looking for more people to have a hand in the club so come and join us – many hands make light work.

Eat Sleep Hockey – What else is there? Looking forward to a great 2008

Meredith Peterson
Secretary

Registration Day 2008

With the 2008 season scheduled to start mid March 2007, the Management committee has set down the following date for registration. They are:

Saturday 9 February 2008 between 12 noon and 4pm

Although a newsletter will be forwarded in early January, please note this date in your diaries now.

Treasurers Report

Our financials are divided into two sections being the Club (consisting of Junior's, Women's & Veterans teams) and the Sports Foundation (managing the synthetic surface). Details of the two groups are as follows:

CLUB

The Committee decided to maintain our playing fees the same for the third year in a row. This also included the fundraising levy of \$30 per family, which continues to be a success (compared to selling chocolates).

With 8 junior (plus the under 9's), 4 women's & 1 veteran teams, this year our Association has recorded a surplus of \$6,286 compared to \$5,447 in 2006. This profit has been mainly achieved from the summer competition program run in October to December 2006.

As we are a Non profit organisation run by volunteers, for the Club to continue to grow it is paramount that all players and their parents help out wherever possible.

SPORTS FOUNDATION

This is our fifth year, which operates the hiring of the synthetic surface and the running of the canteen. The income stream is derived from the field from the following sources:

Hire of the Field

This is broken up into winter & summer competitions, training and schools. The main users of the facility for the relative competitions throughout the year have been the following:

Sydney Hockey Association	(Men's competition)
Sydney North Women's Association	(Women's competition)
North Shore Women's Association	(Women's competition)
North Area Junior Hockey Association	(junior competition)

Our thanks go to these Associations and their affiliated clubs for their patronage, which is greatly appreciated, and look forward to this continuing into years to come.

The income derived from the hire of the field has increased from \$84,163 to \$99,349 and this is due to us being able to utilise the field fully throughout the weekend. Last year the hire of the field on Sundays was hampered however this was resolved and is now fully in use. A break up between the different sections reveals the following variances

Winter Competition (Junior & Senior games)	up 34%
Training	up 9%
Schools	down 11%

It is evident that the field is being used to its full capacity however during the summer months this is not the case. Except for our summer competition, the field is rarely used. Going forward this is being addressed and advise that in late October, we had two gridiron games. This is expected to continue next year with the possibility of further games.

My thanks go to all volunteers who put up their hands to assist in the opening and closing of the field throughout the year. A special thanks must go to Carolyn Linke for her "last minute calls" to open the field throughout the week for various school games & trainings as well as on weekends for the seniors.

Canteen

As the turf facility is used by numerous Associations over the weekends ranging from juniors on Friday nights and Saturday mornings, the men's competition on Saturday afternoon & night and the women's competition all day Sunday, it is always going to be difficult in organising a roster to cover all these times.

The gross sales from the canteen have increased by 16% to \$28,528 with the overall net income being \$11,159 compared to \$10,861. Whilst the bottom line has only increased by 3%, it should be noted that we hold stock of around \$1,200 (drinks, sweets etc) that has been paid for in full and is covered under purchases. For consistency, we do not hold a stock figure for the canteen. If this was, then it would increase the NP by the amount of stock held.

As indicated in previous annual reports, due to the amount being derived through the canteen, it is not feasible to "employ" someone to run this therefore it will continue to be manned by volunteers. This includes each team manning the canteen & BBQ whilst their children are playing.

My thanks go to Fiona Deane & Anne Maher for their assistance in purchasing stock. Further work needs to be undertaken for Sunday's & this will be looked at over the next few months.

In the fifth year of operation, the Sports Foundation has achieved a net profit of \$27,657 after allowing for depreciation of fixed assets of \$46,107.

GENERAL

Overall a further pleasing year from an Association prospective and with the continued help from the handful of volunteers plus the possibility of further assistance in the future from other volunteers will only ensure that this great Association continues to grow into the future

On a personal note, I would like to thank my wife Tracey for her patience and assistance over the past year.

I submit the financial reports of the Association for your approval at the Annual General Meeting in November 2007.

Gary Prowse - Treasurer

NORTHERN DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

ABN 16 895 574 086

COMMITTEES' DECLARATION

The members have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. The members have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the accounts.

The Members of the Committee declare that:

1. The Financial Statements and Notes, present fairly the Association's Financial Position as at 30 September 2007 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
2. In the Committees' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE
and in accordance with its resolution.

Larry Maher
President

Gary Prowse
Honorary Treasurer

Dated at Pennant Hills 17 October 2007

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared on the following basis, which are consistent with those of the previous year.

- a) Subscriptions (fees) and completed functions are accounted for in the period to which they relate and all other income and expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis.
- b) Northern District Hockey Association Incorporated is exempt from income tax under Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.
- c) Non current assets, at cost or valuation are depreciated at rates based upon their expected economic lives, using the straight-line method so as to write off the net cost of each asset during its expected useful life.
- d) All inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

2. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- a) The Association is required under the Associations Incorporation's Act 1984 to furnish statements at the Annual General Meeting, which give a true and fair view of:
 - 1) Income and Expenditure of the Association during the year and;
 - 2) Assets and Liabilities of the Association at the end of the Financial year.
- b) The Committee are of the opinion that Northern District Hockey Association Incorporated is not a reporting entity and have decided that the current format of the accounts and the accounting policies, which are consistent with past years, are appropriate for the Members, given the nature of the Association's activities. A special purpose financial report has therefore been prepared and audited under the Constitution of the Association

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
NORTHERN DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED**

ABN 16 895 574 086

SCOPE

I have audited the special purpose Financial Report being the Committee's Declaration, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance and Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2007. The Association's Committee are responsible for the Financial Report. I have conducted an independent audit of this Financial Report in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

The Financial Report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 (NSW). I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the Financial Report to which it relates to any person other than the members or for any purpose other than for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the Financial Report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the Financial Report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the Financial Report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's Financial Position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion in this report has been formed on the above basis.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The Association receives a significant proportion of its income from fees from Members, functions, sale of uniforms and donations. As is common for organisations of this type, no accounting control can be established over the recording of or completeness of all income received, until their initial entry in the accounting records of the Association.

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion, subject to the matter referred above, the Financial Report presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements the financial position of Northern District Hockey Association Incorporated as at 30 September 2007, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

John C Prowse
Chartered Accountant
Dated at Pennant Hills 17 October 2007

NORTHERN DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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Profit & Loss Statement for year ended 30 September 2007

INCOME	Notes	2007	2006
Association Fees	1a	35,973.87	35,340.74
Interest - ANZ Bank		1,235.64	713.00
Surplus - Uniform Trading Account	2	1,598.62	524.85
Fundraising	3	3,741.82	3,538.18
Sponsorship / Donations		480.00	424.50
Summer competition / Indoor	1b	6,893.35	5,331.61
80th Function		3,909.08	0.00
Sundry		25.00	0.00
		53,857.38	45,872.88
EXPENDITURE			
Administration Fees	4	20,775.59	20,687.95
Ground Fees		3,994.18	2,788.04
Umpires / Coaching		2,715.00	2,975.00
Turf Training		7,112.50	6,125.00
Depreciation		2,280.64	1,492.73
Balls, Goalkeeping equipment		1,913.31	1,769.77
Office expenses		1,157.83	798.07
Hook into Hockey		1,054.54	1,027.27
Merchant Service Fees		853.99	747.60
Honorarium		0.00	0.00
Trophies		1,374.30	1,213.70
Bad Debt		110.00	0.00
80th Function		3,552.23	0.00
Sundry		677.27	801.22
		47,571.38	40,426.35
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR YEAR		\$6,286.00	\$5,446.53

NORTHERN DISTRICT SPORTS FOUNDATION

INCOME		2007	2006
Hire of Field	5	99,348.97	84,163.50
Canteen (net)	6	11,159.86	10,860.71
Donations from Members		0.00	0.00
Interest - ANZ Bank		2,653.96	1,767.28
Sundry		0.00	4,432.60
		113,162.79	101,224.09
EXPENDITURE			
Ground Hire - grass field		1,556.36	1,511.80
Electricity		8,732.42	5,628.89
Water Rates		3,089.22	3,335.72

Insurance		3,781.28	3,610.60
Maintenance		3,813.77	2,510.48
Australian Sports Foundation Admin Fee		0.00	0.00
Interest	7	16,492.77	18,213.29
Finance Charges		750.00	797.90
Lease payment		89.46	86.25
Depreciation - Fixed assets		46,107.64	51,153.01
Liquor Licence / Zip Heater		1,080.00	0.00
Sundry		12.50	95.00
		<u>85,505.42</u>	<u>86,942.94</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR		<u><u>\$27,657.37</u></u>	<u><u>\$14,281.15</u></u>

Balance Sheet for year ended 30 September 2007

	2007	2006
Income/Expenditure Account as at 1/10/06	459,664.23	439,936.55
Profit for Year - Club	6,286.00	5,446.53
Profit for Year - Sports Foundation	<u>27,657.37</u>	<u>14,281.15</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	<u><u>\$493,607.60</u></u>	<u><u>\$459,664.23</u></u>

Represented By Assets:

Club

Current Assets

Uniform Stock on hand	10,733.75	8,284.01
Cash at Bank - ANZ	230.27	65.78
Accounts Receivable	1,210.00	205.00
Investment - ANZ Cash Management	21,046.91	20,866.42

Sports Foundation

Current Assets

Cash at Bank - ANZ	43,401.17	28,511.58
Cash in Hand	671.95	763.40
Key Deposit - Hornsby Council	143.00	143.00
Security Deposit - Energy Australia	0.00	0.00
Accounts Receivable	6,203.54	7,265.88
Term Deposit - ANZ (sinking fund)	<u>52,000.00</u>	<u>37,000.00</u>
	135,640.59	103,105.07

Non Current Assets

Pennant Hills Hockey Field

- Cost	791,008.67	791,008.67
- less Depreciation & amortisation	247,885.65	202,050.74

Fridge

- Cost	545.45	0.00
- less Depreciation & amortisation	<u>272.73</u>	<u>0.00</u>

	<u>543,395.74</u>	<u>588,957.93</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>679,036.33</u></u>	<u><u>692,063.00</u></u>

Less Liabilities		
<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
Accounts Payable	2,517.25	2,058.52
Fees Paid in Advance	0.00	340.71
GST Payable	1,951.57	2,526.58
Members Loans	15,000.00	36,000.00
ANZ Bank Loan	<u>21,000.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
	40,468.82	61,925.81
<i>Non Current Liabilities</i>		
ANZ Bank Loan	144,959.91	170,472.96
- NSW State Government Guarantee		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>185,428.73</u>	<u>232,398.77</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$493,607.60</u>	<u>\$459,664.23</u>

Notes to Profit & Loss Statement & Balance Sheet

NOTE 1a	2007	2006
ASSOCIATION FEES		
Veterans	3,704.00	3,635.00
Juniors	18,463.86	17,627.46
Womens	14,591.01	14,818.28
Less Family Discount	545.00	530.00
Less Representative	240.00	210.00
	<u>785.00</u>	<u>740.00</u>
	<u>35,973.87</u>	<u>35,340.74</u>
NOTE 1b		
SUMMER COMPETITION		
Income	9,637.58	7,697.30
Expenses	<u>4,076.00</u>	<u>3,720.22</u>
INDOOR FEES	<u>1,331.77</u>	<u>1,354.53</u>
	<u>6,893.35</u>	<u>5,331.61</u>
NOTE 2		
UNIFORM TRADING ACCOUNT		
Sales	6,277.06	3,701.10
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>4,678.44</u>	<u>3,176.25</u>
	<u>1,598.62</u>	<u>524.85</u>
NOTE 3		
FUNDRAISING		
Income	4,050.00	3,810.00
Expense	<u>308.18</u>	<u>271.82</u>
	<u>3,741.82</u>	<u>3,538.18</u>
NOTE 4		
ADMINISTRATION FEES		
Sydney Hockey Association	37.00	37.00
Sydney Junior Hockey Association	4,281.82	4,021.37
North Area Junior Hockey Association	1,081.81	927.27
Sydney North Womens Hockey	10,998.18	818.18
Sydney Womens Hockey League	100.00	0.00
North Shore Womens Hockey Association	0.00	10,230.99

Sydney Veterans	3,258.60	3,289.50
Sydney Indoor Hockey	<u>1,018.18</u>	<u>1,363.64</u>
	<u><u>20,775.59</u></u>	<u><u>20,687.95</u></u>

NOTE 5

HIRE OF FIELD

Winter Competition	49,853.07	37,143.50
Training	38,468.40	35,222.50
Schools	8,040.00	9,060.00
Summer Competition	2,987.50	2,737.50
Grass Field	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u><u>99,348.97</u></u>	<u><u>84,163.50</u></u>

NOTE 6

CANTEEN

Gross Sales	28,528.26	24,466.43
Purchases	<u>17,368.40</u>	<u>13,605.72</u>
	<u><u>11,159.86</u></u>	<u><u>10,860.71</u></u>

NOTE 7

INTEREST PAID

ANZ Bank Loan	14,536.95	15,297.86
Members loans	<u>1,955.82</u>	<u>2,915.43</u>
	<u><u>16,492.77</u></u>	<u><u>18,213.29</u></u>

U15 Metro Report

Under 15 Metro

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Sutherland	18	16	1	1	108	18	90	33
Glebe	18	15	2	1	121	13	108	32
Ryde Hunters Hill	18	13	2	3	105	24	81	28
Moorebank	18	12	2	4	118	33	85	26
Baulkham Hills	18	9	2	7	62	30	32	20
Sydney Uni	18	7	1	10	30	79	-49	15
Gordon North Sydney	18	4	4	10	23	65	-42	12
Bankstown	18	2	3	13	10	68	-58	7
Northern District	18	2	3	13	11	100	-89	7
St George	18	0	0	18	7	165	-158	0

Players

Bradley Boddington Madi Clark Sam Creighton Ben Strong
Simone Date-Cheong Shannon Gerber Andrew Maher Aaron Robinson
James Manning Antoni Mitchell Brendan Prowse Annalese Smith
Zoe Reynolds

The 2007 Northern District Metro Team consisted of only three players who had played in the same division the previous year. Three players had been promoted from 2006's U15 White and six players had come up from the U13s. This year, three players also competed in representative teams: Sam in Sydney U15/3 and Madi and Annalese in North Shore U15/2. A number of the younger players had chosen to take the year off from representative duties. The experience of the team varied from two years to multi years playing hockey.

The SJHA Sydney Wide U15 competition was in only its second year and provided the players with the opportunity to play against many representative players of both regional and state level. Teams in the draw were: Sutherland, Glebe, Ryde, Moorebank, Bankstown, Sydney Uni, St George, Baulkham Hills and Gordon/North Sydney. There were 18 rounds of normal competition.

Although it is a mixed competition, there were a number of teams which did not field female players. Whilst these teams dominated in size and strength this did not necessarily compensate for their lack of skill – although they were quite intimidating. The draw was dominated by four very strong teams.

The Northern District Metro team was constantly challenged and although they had a disproportionate for and against statistic recorded against them, the team maintained a good attitude going into all their games and a determination throughout.

The final season result was not a true indication of the fabulous goal-keeping of Andrew, who stopped shots fired at him from all angles and was constantly placed under pressure. He had good defensive support from Brendan, Zoe, and Aaron, who in turn were greatly assisted by Sam and Ben, both of whom could be counted on to be wherever the action happened to be. Shannon and Antoni worked in wings and inner positions along with Simone and Annalese. James, Madi and Bradley ably worked the forward and half positions. The team's main obstacle tended to be distributing the ball to available players rather than trying to take the most direct route to the goal—unfortunately that's when we were outnumbered and overpowered!

The team was also ably supported by a number of other Northern District players including; Mathew (U13 Gold) and Josh, Joel, Amanda, Ruan and John (U15 Blue) – we were grateful for their effort to make themselves available to play.

The draw was structured in such a way that scheduled representative games (eg U15 North State) did not interfere with the running of the SJHA Sydney wide competition. We were fortunate to have almost the entire second half of the draw as home games.

During the season, Thursday night training in 2007 was effected by very inclement weather and power issues, resulting in a lack of continuity to training.

Although finishing near the bottom of the table, the team was not despondent having gained valuable experience challenging players with excellent skills and working with a group of players who enjoyed each other's company.

Andrew English Memorial Shield: Andrew Maher
Best and Fairest: Sam Creighton *Most Consistent: Aaron Robinson*
North Area Encouragement Awards: Bradley Boddington & Zoe Reynolds

Coach – Alex Cook
Manager – Philippa Smith

Under 15 Blue Report

Under 15 B Division

Team	GP	W	D	L	B	GF	GA	GD	Points	
Ryde Tigers	14	11	0	1	2	0	94	11	83	49
Briars Gold	14	10	0	2	2	0	60	19	41	46
Baulkham Hills Red	14	6	0	6	2	0	33	30	3	34
GNS Blue	14	6	0	6	2	0	22	36	-14	34
Northern Districts Blue	14	5	0	7	2	0	21	39	-18	31
Redlands	14	2	1	9	2	0	11	57	-46	23
Manly Red	14	0	1	11	2	0	12	61	-49	17

U15 Blues team had overall, a good season with 5 wins, 2 byes and 7 losses. As the season progressed the standard of play improved as well. We had a very strong set of defence players, John Hogan, Chris Loveday, Joel Barker, Lucy Mobbs, Andy Howcroft and Rebekah Peterson who were aided by our very able Goalkeeper, Andrew Wilkie. Our excellent forwards Ruan Goosen, Amanda Bush, Abbey Hall, Josh Southall, Jake Sylvester and Mitch Tudor who very kindly played up for the U15 blues most games scored some great goals. We were also helped out by Matthew Prowse and Lachlan Bush from the U13 team on occasions when we were short of players. Thanks guys! The team was coming a tied fourth place on the ladder by the end of round 13 only to lose 3-0 in a very hard game to Baulkham Hills Red and so were out of the finals.

It was great to watch the team enjoy both the social time together and also getting down to serious playing on the field (sometimes). At the Presentation the best and fairest award went to our goalkeeper Andrew Wilkie who put his body on the line on a weekly basis. Northern Districts Encouragement Award went to John Hogan who not only played with great heart each week but also was such a good encourager of the team at all times. Coach's Awards went to Joel Barker and to Rebekah Peterson for their consistent effort and improvement throughout the season.

The U15 Blues were a great team to manage. They are a very sociable group of players and enjoyed getting together at the matches and practices for a good chat as well as to play hockey. Thursday night was just no fun if there was not hockey training.

Jill Howcroft (Manager)

Under 13 Gold Report

Under 13 A Division

Team	GP	W	D	L	FW	FL	GF	GA	GD	Points
Ryde Panthers	15	14	1	0	0	0	86	14	72	58
Northern District Gold	15	12	1	2	0	0	75	14	61	52
GNS Red	15	9	0	6	0	0	38	27	11	42
Manly Red	15	4	1	10	0	0	15	44	-29	28
Baulkham Hills Gold	15	3	0	12	0	0	16	63	-47	24
Briars Gold	15	1	1	13	0	0	8	76	-68	19

The team played extremely well all year & was pipped for Premiers by a strong Ryde team. We won 12 games, drew 1 and lost 2 and finished in 2nd place on the table. During the finals we lost the semi to Ryde, came back & defeated Gordon in the final & lost the Grand Final again to Ryde.

We scored 83 goals and conceded 28, Ryde was the only team we lost to during the season, but we were evenly matched they just had more urgency in front of goals & took their chance better than we did.

Season awards went to Matthew 'Poddy' Watkins for Best and Fairest as voted by the players & coach, Simon Begg, Coaches Award for consistency, improvement and commitment during the season. North Area encouragement awards to Sean Doughty and Mark Wearingford. U13 Keith Corkery Award went to Mitchell Tudor as personal achievement and contribution to the club for an U13 player.

Several players represented Sydney Juniors at State Championships: Angus Maher (13/1 Boys – State Champions), Sari Deres (13/1 Girls – North State Champions), Mitchell Tudor, Matthew Prowse & Matthew Watkins (13/2 Boys – State Champions), Lachlan Bush (U13/3 Boys).

One of the things for the players to focus on for future seasons as the move up through the age divisions and into senior hockey is the improvement of fitness levels and learning and understanding different styles of play and being tougher on the ball and winning the 50/50's. In the end with only 12 players the team sometimes got caught short on fitness in the harder games during the finals. Having said that our skills & team play matched or bettered all sides we played and with the confidence & trust in using all players and being able to complete a whole game will enable more success both individually and as a team.

Thanks to Kath Bush for the great job as the team manager and to the parents for getting the players to training and games and supporting the team. Good luck to everyone next season, I look forward to seeing the continued improvement in hockey skills and see the friendships forged this year continue to grow.

Team:

Lachlan Bush, Simon Begg, Sari Deres, Sean Doughty, Nicholas Hawkins, Marius Levitt, Angus Maher, Sam Paynter, Mathew Prowse, Mitchell Tudor, Matthew Watkins, Mark Wearingford.

Rohan (Coach)

Under 13 Blue Report

Under 13 B Division

Team	GP	W	D	L	B	GF	GA	GD	Points
Sydney Uni	14	12	0	1	1	63	8	55	51
GNS Blue	14	9	1	3	1	43	17	26	43
Northern District Blue	14	9	0	4	1	35	21	14	42
GNS White	14	7	2	4	1	31	19	12	38
Manly Green	14	4	1	8	1	18	24	-6	28
Briars Red	14	4	1	8	1	11	35	-24	28
Baulkham Hills Red	9	0	0	8	1	1	44	-43	2

We had a very experienced pack with a few new players this year. U13B started strong and worked very hard to achieve a place in the top 4 teams. Unfortunately we lost Oliver (one of our more experienced players) who moved to Newcastle in the July School holidays. We struggled a bit after he left but a big thank you to Blake and his family for allowing him to join us for the balance of the season to take up Oliver's spot.

I must also say a big thank you to those U11 players that helped out when we were short especially, Bethany, Caitlin, Jackson, Kevin, Riley and Tyler.

Oliver: Terrific attack and defence setting up and scoring more goals than I could count – a big loss for ND

Erin: showed that she has the position of left inner sewn up, she showed great tenacity in defence

Lauren: Miss Versatile, able to play any position and stay there – in both defence and attack

Amanda: The fastest player on the team with a great tackle, able to play on either side of the field

Mitchell: Goalie extraordinaire, selected for Sydney West PSSA goalie. He was outstanding this year – we won more games because of his great saves.

Jamiee: defended well and played goalie for us when Mitchell was away, she played when unwell and I appreciated the effort.

Tobi: learnt a new position this year and has progressed well with his attacking play he received a team award for 2007 – **Most Reliable**

Alex: also learnt an attacking position this year, he played with style and performed well in every position he was asked to play he received a team award for 2007 – **Best & Fairest**

Brigitte: Was not sure about playing wing but ended up being our highest goal scorer for the season and received with a team award for 2007 – **Highest Goal Scorer**

Ashlee: Was the star of our new players – a superb half she showed great improvement and received a team award for 2007 – **Most Improved**

Tom: Our big hitter, he was almost too good for the rest of the team, his aggressive tackling saved many attempts at goal – well done

Simon: alternated between half and back with much success, his tackling and spreading wide of the ball contributed well to our game

Rachael: Miss Reliability she is a great wing– always in position and reliable not only in attack but also defence

Blake: played in the forwards and helped to spread the game wide – his short corner shots were spectacular.

Jackson: became a member of our team when we were short, his maturity playing with the older members was greatly appreciated and his efforts in the circle very consistent.

Good luck to those going up to U15 next year – we know that you will all do well. Finally a big thank you to **Mercia Millingham** my **FANTASTIC MANAGER**, who ensured that all the necessary items were there for every game, I could not have done this without your assistance. Finally thank you to all the parents for their help with all the duties and getting everyone to training and the games. Looking forward to 2008

Meredith Peterson - Coach

Under 13 White REPORT

Under 13 C Division

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Ryde Tigers	6	6	0	0	20	2	18	41
Northern District White	6	2	0	4	8	16	-8	25
Baulkham Hills Red	5	3	0	2	5	8	-3	22
Redlands	5	1	0	4	3	10	-7	17

The U13 White team consisted of a mix of players. Out of a team of 14 players, 8 were new to hockey. The team was coached by Param Singh whose son Raman played in the team. The players were Jessica & Sally Angus, Emily Barakat, Kirsten Burns, Matthew Collier, Madison DeBeer, Bethany Halmy, Katherine Hannigan, Zali Nitschke, Julia Penny, Raman Singh, Alexandra Waird, Riley Wilson and Braydon Whitmarsh.

We started the season losing the first three games to nil. In the fourth game we beat Baulkham Hills 5-1 which was a great morale booster. We then lost the next four games. After this the B competition was split into B & C and we went into the C division. We then won the 2 games and lost 3. We were placed second overall and played Baulkham Hills in the Semi Final. The team played their best game ever to win the Semi Final 3-2. In the Grand Final, we played Ryde. Unfortunately, Ryde were the better team on the day and we lost.

Team awards were as follows:-

Best and Fairest (as voted by the children) – Bethany Halmy (Always in the right spot on the wing and would get to the ball when everyone thought it would go out.)

Coaches Award – Riley Wilson (who in the semi asked if I had to sub her in the Grand Final, could I please not do it in the last few minutes, as she couldn't stand the stress of not being on the field!)

North Area Encouragement Awards – Zali Nitschke & Katherine Hannigan (Both players showed great improvement during the year.)

I would like to thank all the players and their families for a great year of Hockey. We hope to see you all back again next year.

Donna Collier - Manager

Under 11 Gold Report

Under 11 A Division

Team	GP	W	D	L	B	GF	GA	GD	Points	
Baulkham Hills Gold	17	12	2	2	1	0	47	13	34	56
Manly Red	17	11	2	3	1	0	37	11	26	53
GNS Red	17	8	1	7	1	0	21	19	2	43
Northern District Gold	17	6	3	7	1	0	20	29	-9	39
Briars Gold	17	3	7	6	1	0	17	19	-2	34
Ryde Panthers	17	1	5	10	1	0	5	25	-20	26
Sydney Uni	7	0	0	6	1	0	1	32	-31	1

The team had a very successful season playing extremely well both individually and as a team. The team took some time to gel with several new players to the club and hockey mixed in with some existing players. The team progressed well through the year, but really seemed to click after the July school holidays.

Over the year we won 6 games, drew 3 and lost 6, scoring 21 goals & conceding 34 to finish 4th. In the semi finals we came up against Baulkham Hills and despite losing the game. A successful season was over.

In 2007 the Under11 Gold Team: Scott Collier, Caitlin Condon, Harley Grey, Holley Grey, Adam Halmy, Elizabeth Kennedy, Joseph Mathias, Claire Paynter, Jackson Tudor, Saskia Whyte, Cassandra Marinkov, Linda Nixon, Adam Benari

The season awards went to Jackson Tudor for Best and Fairest as voted by the players. Scott Collier received the Coaches Award for consistency and effort during the season. North Area encouragement awards went to Elizabeth Kennedy and Saskia Whyte

The U11 Bissaker Shield went to Adam Benari for improvement of hockey skills for an U11 player. Adam skills in goals shone out all year & he was a worthy winner of this award.

Over the season I tried to place each player the position that I felt that they were best suited too. I tried to teach them how to play that particular position to the best of their ability. This allowed the kids to gain a deeper understanding of their positions and to build structure within the team. Overall I was very happy with each player's progress and I am looking for to seeing their continued success and enjoyment over the next few years.

Thanks to Roslyn for the great job as the team manager and to the parents for getting the players to training and to the games. Thanks to all who supported us throughout the season, good luck to everyone next season.

Eileen (Coach)

Under 11 Blue Report

Under 11 B Division

Team	GP	W	D	L	B	GF	GA	GD	Points
Briars Red	14	8	3	2	1	30	12	18	42
Manly Green	14	7	3	3	1	27	12	15	39
Northern District White	14	6	4	3	1	21	15	6	37
Sydney Uni	7	6	1	0	0	15	1	14	33
Baulkham Hills Red	14	4	2	7	1	13	18	-5	29
GNS Blue	14	4	2	7	1	13	26	-13	29
Northern Districts Blue	14	3	4	6	1	6	19	-13	28
Ryde Tigers	14	1	1	11	1	2	24	-22	19

The U 11 Blue's amazing attack consisted of -Tim, Tyler, Aaron, Sarah, Julietta & Renee; and our brilliant defence consisted of -Cassandra, Kevin, Emma, Emilia, Olivia, Liam & Rebecca.

If you went down to Pennant Hills Park on a Monday night at 6pm you would find approximately 12 children, including 2 U 9's (Norton & Renee). Of these only 5 had played hockey previously. It was my task to teach this amazing group of children the basics of hockey. They all worked hard on the various drills and skills, although one of their favourite activities appeared to be scooping the balls back into the cage at the end of training.

Training was made so much easier with the help I received from Kerry (Emma's mum). It is very difficult to keep an eye on all the children all the time.

During the season we had 4 children play in goals –Rebecca (9), Aaron (3), Kevin (1) & Emma (1). The goalkeepers benefited from the one on one goal keeping coaching provided by Lizzie (a three times state representative). Congratulations to Rebecca who was named as a shadow for Sydney U 11's.

One of our biggest challenges was fielding a team each week. Renee & Patrick U 9's, Chris & Adam

U 11 white & Linda U 11A enabled us to field a full team on all but one occasion. In the first half of the season we had 1 win, 1 draw and 5 losses. The 2nd half of the season we had 2 wins, 3 draws and only 2 losses. The most amazing improvement was against Manly after suffering an 8 nil defeat in our 4th game of the season to beat them 1 nil in round 11. Well done to everyone and I look forward to seeing you in 2008.

There are many people who need to be thanked :-

Lynne (team manager) for all her emails and keeping everyone informed each week.

Kerry for all her assistance on training nights.

Lizzie who took on the role of goalie coach.

The parents who transported their children to and from training and the games, cheered loudly on the sidelines, manned the BBQ and the canteen.

The end of season awards went to:

Kevin - Best and Fairest

Liam - Best Defender

Sarah - Encouragement award

Rebecca - Encouragement award

Julie Osborne – Coach

Thank you Julie for your assistance throughout the year. The kids have really enjoyed themselves.

Lynne Emerton - Manager

Under 11 White Report

Under 11 B Division

Team	GP	W	D	L	B	GF	GA	GD	Points
Briars Red	14	8	3	2	1	30	12	18	42
Manly Green	14	7	3	3	1	27	12	15	39
Northern District White	14	6	4	3	1	21	15	6	37
Sydney Uni	7	6	1	0	0	15	1	14	33
Baulkham Hills Red	14	4	2	7	1	13	18	-5	29
GNS Blue	14	4	2	7	1	13	26	-13	29
Northern Districts Blue	14	3	4	6	1	6	19	-13	28
Ryde Tigers	14	1	1	11	1	2	24	-22	19

The under 11white team were so good to coach it made my job a fore filling and pleasurable experience. The team had abroad mixture of player experience and talent ranging from first timers like Aisha Whan, Patrick Grigg, Alice Broomfield, Courtney Bicknell, and Billie Grieve to the more experienced players like Isabella Borskjaer, Tayla Lawrence, Kathryn Ramsey Daniela Clarke, Keely Norman.

At the beginning of the season I thought how am I going to control this mob of 15 kids all going after the ball at once but with a lot of help and support from the team and parents we managed to get to the finals. Special thanks goes to the team manager Kaye Scott for your emails to keep every one informed and your juicy oranges at half time! Adrienne Wilson &

Simon Perry for your help at training and keeping everyone interested, and at the games, substituting and just being involved!

My main concern with the team at the start of the year was having a goalie. I rotated players into the goals the first few games but having a lot of players too small to where the gear we were limited. An unfortunate accident to Tayla where she broke her arm at the local park. I thought we would be down a player for the rest of the season but to my surprise she volunteered to be the goalie. This proved to be vital part in our success and making it into the finals.

Our strong point during the year was our defence with players like Bradley Cooper, Dylan Wilson, Alexander Perry, Patrick Grigg and especially Kathryn Ramsey never give up attitude.

The top teams found it difficult to score. When ever we were on the attack all hopes were placed on our top forwards like Daniela Clarke, Isabella Borskjaer, Ashleigh Wisniewsk, and our top scorer Keely Norman. Only towards the end of the season we utilized our midfield in players such as Stuart Scott, Courtney Bicknell, Aisha Whan and Billie Grieve.

Overall the team played very well and I think every one enjoyed the game which is the main reason we play.

Thanks to all.

Brian Lawrence - Coach

Under 9 Report

This years Under 9's consisted of 17 players split into teams and played games on Saturday mornings at Pennant Hills grass field (when not raining). During the year several players moved up into the clubs Under 11 teams.

This year was a bit different with the club being able to offer the kids games with the Rookey hockey equipment, which is a modified version with a bigger stick & rubber ball. This was a great success & something the kids looked forward to each week.

On Tuesday afternoon trainings from 4:45 to 5.30 pm all players improved there hockey skills and Saturdays played the games thanks to the coaching of Kate and Amy Fitton.

This program has been going for 3 years and continues to be very successful in introducing young players to hockey in a less competitive environment and building their skills and confidence prior to put them into our U11 teams. Again several players will graduate to the Under 11 competition next year and hopefully the others will return back to U9's with a friend(s). This along with the clubs Hook into Hockey program will continue to develop the playing future of the club.

Eileen
(U9 Manager)

Hook in2 Hockey Report

Northern District Hockey Association ran the first Hook in2 Hockey program for 2007. The program was conducted during the last week of the January school holidays at the Pennant Hills Park complex. This time was chosen in order to have the participants try hockey prior to registration day and then to hopefully sign-on for the season.

There were 28 participants (14 girls and 14 boys) aged between 6 and 14 and they were confidently led by 8 leaders. Over the program, the leaders took small groups and covered

basic hockey skills of pushing, trapping, tackling, passing and receiving the ball. They played modified games and tried out the primary schools program of "Rookey".

The H2H program was very successful with record-breaking registrations. The club's U/9's program grew by a whopping 350% from 8 players in 2006 to 28 and growing in 2007. The U/11's increased from 2 to 3 teams and the club continued to consolidate numbers in the Under 13 and 15 age groups.

Many thanks to the dedicated band of leaders, the participants and their families.

Under 18 Girls Report

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Manly	12	7	3	2	51	20	31	17
Northern District	12	7	2	3	30	24	6	16
Sydney Uni	12	7	1	4	51	22	29	15
Willoughby	12	3	1	8	25	64	-39	7
North Sydney	12	2	1	9	19	46	-27	5

The 2007 season was only our second year of entering a team in this competition, played at Ryde Hockey Centre each Sunday morning. We began the season with 15 players, no designated goalie, and spent time before each game 'drawing straws' to see who would pad up for goalkeeping honours. The ages ranged from 12 years to 17 years, with some of our junior girls backing up again on Sunday morning, and some of the more senior players playing in womens grade games on Sunday afternoon. Whilst this competition remains a great stepping stone from juniors to womens, it has always been a competitive competition.

After a shakey start to the season, we suddenly 'clicked' and became a team of strength, in amongst lots of fun and giggles. Kerry Marshall, our coach, was able to bring out the best in all of the team whilst maintaining the 'fun & friendship factor' that many seemed to enjoy as much as their hockey. Our team members played in many different positions throughout the season, and goal scoring seemed to be shared around by all. Towards the last quarter of the season we were joined by Lizzy Osborne, designated goalie for many years as a junior, with NDHA, who was playing womens 1st and 2nd grade.

This gave the team a huge boost in confidence which took us through to the preliminary final. This preliminary final was one of the most exciting games of hockey I have seen for many years. It went goal for goal to a 3-3 draw at full time, which then lead to the dreaded golden goal situation. Unfortunately Sydney Uni managed to get a goal in, but to our credit it wasn't easy for them.

The team members were Meghan Baird (*Awarded: Miss Esprit de Corps*), Cayleigh Brown, Madi Clark, Sophie Cleland, Laura Deabill, Sari Deres (*Encouragement Award*), Vic Hutton, Natasha Inkratas, Daniella Larman Yalda, Louise Maher, Lizzy McLaughlin, Elizabeth Ochert (*Encouragement Award*), Liz Osborne, Alex Rogers, and Sarah Warland (*Awarded: Miss Reliability*), a truly great bunch! Congratulations to you all, you were able to mix business with pleasure, remain competitive, but have a really good time with it!

Thank you to two of our 'unofficial' Assistant Coaches, who helped both at training and the games, Graham Hutton and Keith Rogers. A big thank you to Kerry Marshall our coach and mentor. A personal thank you to all the parents who made a great cheer squad each Sunday morning. Hope to see you all again in 2008.

Anne Maher - Manager

1ST Grade Report

Team	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	Bye	For	Against	Goal Diff	Points
Nth Dist 1	19	15	3	1	1	82	12	70	35
UTS Eagles 1	20	14	2	4	1	58	21	37	32
Syd Uni 4	20	11	3	6	1	51	30	21	27
Syd Uni Youth	20	5	5	10	1	34	44	-10	17
Ryde 1	19	3	6	10	1	12	43	-31	14
Nths Red Bears	20	2	3	15	1	8	87	-79	9

Our 1st grade team excelled itself in its overall performance during the early pool games as well as the lead up to the finals.

Individually the 1st grade team players may not have been on par with the other opposing team experienced players – but as a team, the team-ship, team-cohesion, and overall team spirit demonstrated our true mettle.

The 1st grade team comprises of very young players – some of them barely 17 (Thea, Renee, Lizzie, and Ellan) and a smattering of some seasoned campaigners (Kerry Marshall, Jackie Goss, Anne Knowles, Mandy Smith, and Kelly Rogers).

Although at times it seemed that there was a very lackadaisical approach to the training and eventually the game – the commitment and focus was evident once the machinery kicked in. The formation of the attacks, the set pieces and in many cases effective short corners quite often spelt out the outcome of the game.

What was most impressive was the ratio of goals for (82) and against (12) and a massive goal difference of (47) from the team running second. This clearly highlighted the impressive game plan as laid out by ND 1 and their spectacular performers.

Each one of the players have improved considerably over time and the basic skills had moved up a notch. General fitness was average.

I would like to mention a few players that have contributed to the overall success. Thea for her tremendous industrious performance, Kerry for her goal scoring opportunities and top goal scorer.

Kelly, Ellan, Lizzie and Jacki Goss for being good stabilizers and Sarah for her short grabs of vital goals. Jacqui, Mandy, Anne, Louise, Anna and Renee contributed solidly as valuable supporters to game plans.

Thanks to Kelly and Kerry for managing and captaining the team and helping me with supporting the team.

Our Quest for 2008 – must include more commitment and a desire to move into the Metro Competition.

All the best for the 2008 season!

Ambi Thind - Coach

2nd Grade Report

Team	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	Bye	For	Against	Goal Diff	Points
Syd Uni 5	18	15		3	3	66	18	48	36
SU Rollers	18	12	3	3	3	57	23	34	33
Nth Dist 2	18	10	3	5	3	30	17	13	29
UTS Lizards	18	9	2	7	3	37	26	11	26
Nth Dist 3	18	6	2	10	3	23	40	-17	20
Nths Blue	18	3	1	14	3	8	45	-37	13
Mac Uni 1	18	2	1	15	3	9	61	-52	11

It was an interesting start to the season for ND2: we were in a new comp, quite a few people in our team hadn't played together before and we didn't have a coach. The skills of individual players were good but we were struggling to put it all together in the games. Aimee Fitton took the reins and helped us with drills at training, Kate helped out as well. Everyone threw in ideas of how we could improve at half time and during training.

With Jill Clear and Merryn Sistrom out with injuries for most of the season we were down to thirteen players. Everyone pulled together and we all took it in turns subbing at games as we were without a coach.

Our team had a strong defence line. Kate Fitton and Jo Harrington were our designated backs who rarely let any balls through to our keeper Jenny Gollan. Jenny was selfless at defending the goal and put her all into stopping any ball. In fact we only had 16 goals scored against us by the end of round 20. The lowest of all the teams in our comp.

Lauren Deane was our youngest player and took on our centre half role with great courage. This was her first year playing in an open comp and took it all in her stride. Victoria Spurway (left half), Siobhan Baird (left wing) and Belinda Thomas/Gail Sramek (left inners) made a great combination in bringing the ball up the left side and getting back in defence when needed. Victoria made some excellent crosses and was rock solid in defence.

Rondalyn Cooksey (right half), Aimee Fitton (right inner) and Trudi Freidrick (right wing) made up our attack on the right side. Aimee's dribbling skills helped to get through the defenders. She is a strong player and received the Best and Fairest award for the season. Trudi always made a lot of ground on the wing. She came up from 4th grade the previous year and improved in leaps and bounds. Trudi was awarded the Most Improved for the season.

Shevaun Hernon and Stephanie Haywood shared centre forward. Both players are very fast with excellent ball skills and would often score a goal...or two.

Jag Singh very courageously volunteered to coach us about half way through the season. Jag focused on improving individual skills and worked on team building and team interactions. We either won or drew when Jag was coaching us. We did not lose a game until the Semi finals under the guidance of Jag and all the team members appreciated the time and effort Jag put into the team.

All of ND2 would like to thank the Northern District Club, the referees, club members and committee for supporting the womens competition and giving us the opportunity to play,

providing us with all the necessary correspondence and information that was needed throughout the season to help to make this competition a success for all the teams.

I think all the players enjoyed the season. We all gelled as a team, had respect for each other and enjoyed each others company in competition and on a personal level. Well done ND2.

Gail Sramek - Team Captain

3rd Grade Report

Team	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	Bye	For	Against	Goal Diff	Points
Syd Uni 5	18	15		3	3	66	18	48	36
SU Rollers	18	12	3	3	3	57	23	34	33
Nth Dist 2	18	10	3	5	3	30	17	13	29
UTS Lizards	18	9	2	7	3	37	26	11	26
Nth Dist 3	18	6	2	10	3	23	40	-17	20
Nths Blue	18	3	1	14	3	8	45	-37	13
Mac Uni 1	18	2	1	15	3	9	61	-52	11

A tale of woe, or a joyous dance of victory?

From the humble and sadly wretched beginnings from which our little team began, it would have been difficult for those dwelling in the fetid cesspool mediocracy to even imagine the oxygen deprived heights that they could achieve (without resorting to those drugs of choice taken by our misinformed youth). With the soul crushing memory of 2006's oblivion still burning its indelible brand into their slow moving thighs they could not expect naught but a similarly painful and unrewarding result in 2007.

However, early in the season, after tasting several times of the bitter fruit of inadequacy, they embarked upon a quest to gain guidance from their newly recruited oracle. Their new coach - as yet unblooded in the field of hockey combat came with great promise. Or at least greater promise than the usual Friday night offerings after too many drinks and too little result...

I shall not bore you all with the ramblings of unintelligible utterances, but rather offer you an outline of our rise from whipping boy (figuratively) to their current infancy - and whilst young and lumpish, bearing the vaguely glowing ember of potential. Which, with the right fanning, will flame into an ND2 beating colossus? A veritable cornucopia of howling she-devils, dervishes and banshees to flay the hides of lesser teams. I shall seek to embellish no more, but be concise - though it hurts me greatly.

Achievements of note:

- No modern tale would be complete without the usual reference to the team getting through without pregnancy - I know many a teacher dreams of a similar result in their high school class. In the same vein we can claim no victory. Our key striker, unable to control her enthusiasm left us late in the season. Although to her credit she disregarded her doctor's orders and continued to hammer home goal after goal.

- A glorious victory over ND2 - whilst magnanimous in our well earned victory, those squawking crows in ND2 took their bitter loss to heart. I stone in their collective hoof, the muttered and grumbled and plotted their next encounter.
- A painful draw against ND2 - with our earlier victory in the front of our minds it was clear that many of our companions drank too deeply from the trough of success. The result being the inability to "perform" when the pressure was on
- A sad loss to ND2 - anger at their earlier draw did not sufficiently inspire our band of battlers to rise to the challenge. When asked the question in the critical exam - they did not have the answer, the result as unsurprising as a politician's election promises - a loss...oh the humanity, the shame.
- With a victory's becoming nothing more than a pleasant whisper on a sunny day, we gave way to ignoble failure with a tragic loss to a team even more loss prone than our own woeful band of miscreants - The Blues. Even their name invoking sullen and despondent attitude.
- Whilst 4th position was on the table and a chance to rise like the phoenix and grasp at the cup, it was grabbed away at the last moment like an evil and despotic employer - with much chuckling and malicious glee from the cackling harpies of ND2.

So in the end - whilst buoyed by our glorious ascent from the bottom rung of the ladder we still fell short of our destiny. The finals and the noble stature no doubt following was not to be ours this year, but we set the scene and sewed a kernel of fear into those other militants in the fau-fields of hockey combat.

ND3 did not wear the gay and frivolous bandolier of victory, nor drink from the cup of glory - but like the federal labour party we shall bide our time, conserve our energies and then POUNCE - 2008 shall be ours...MOO HA HA HA HA HA HA....

Daniel Johnson - Coach

4th Grade Report

Team	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	Bye	For	Against	Goal Diff	Points
UTS Stingers 2	18	16		2	3	48	9	39	38
Syd Uni 6	18	15	1	2	3	60	16	44	37
Nths Tigers	18	12	1	5	3	73	22	51	31
Syd Uni 7	18	5	3	10	3	14	40	-26	19
Ryde 2	18	4	2	12	3	11	42	-31	16
Nth Dist 4	18	1	6	11	3	9	35	-26	14
UTS Eagles 2	18	3	1	14	3	6	57	-51	13

2007 saw many changes occurring to the team, we welcomed the arrival of Felicity, Hannah, Talone, Inky, Sarah, Tracey and Anne, and farewellled Liz and Renee. The move to the Ryde competition saw the team change from 4th grade to 3rd grade. Tatiana our goalkeeper in 2006 played on the field and goalkeeping duties were taken over by Anne a field player from ND1.

Despite all the changes the players settled quickly into a unified team. Our defence was outstanding throughout the season, and our attack improved every week. Even though we finished in 6th place, this does not reflect how close many of the games actually were. In many of our games we were defeated by only one goal.

Each week the team shrunk and expanded as we accommodated changes due to study, work and travel commitments. Towards the end of the season we had difficulty fielding a team, relying on ND3 to help fill the gaps. Unfortunately the study, work and travel commitments that affected players attending the games also affected training, which was poorly attended.

A big thank you to:-

- Anne who took on the role of goalie, and did a fantastic job.
- Daniel ND3 coach for his efforts to get the team fit.
- The ND3 ladies who played for us - Bel, Bec, Esther, Jessica and Liz.
- Lisa for once again taking on the role of team manager.

End of season awards:-

- Tracey - "Best & Fairest"
- Emma - "Most improved"
- Millie - "Encouragement Award"
- Anne for outstanding goal keeping

Julie Osborne – Coach

Lisa Plummer – Team Manager

Men's Veterans Report

Veterans 2nd Division

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
UTS	14	11	0	3	57	21	36	22
Sutherland	14	10	1	3	45	14	31	21
Glebe	14	10	1	3	42	16	26	21
Gordon North Sydney	14	9	2	3	34	22	12	20
Sydney Uni	14	9	1	4	46	20	26	19
Macarthur	14	8	1	5	36	22	14	17
Southern Highlands	14	7	3	4	39	29	10	17
Northside-GNS	14	6	2	6	24	24	0	14
UNSW	14	5	3	6	24	28	-4	13
Manly	14	4	2	8	23	46	-23	10
Briars	14	3	3	8	19	31	-12	9
Ryde	14	4	1	9	18	36	-18	9
Ramblers	14	4	0	10	24	37	-13	8
Northern District	14	2	2	10	16	50	-34	6
Easts	14	1	2	11	13	64	-51	4

Northern District's Vets in 2007 once again played in the Veterans "B" Division. The competition expanded to some 14 teams in this division. It was a very even and intensely competitive competition with quality opposition and umpiring in every game. This year we were able to expand our player base with about 20 players registered to play. This was an improvement on the previous season when each week we were struggling to field a team. However, vets being what it is, several players succumbed to injury during the season and we needed every one of our new players.

Despite being very competitive in every game, we only managed to win a few games and finished twelfth. Our last game of the season, however, will linger long in the memory of all who were there. We defeated minor premiers, Sutherland, 2-1, in a real backs-to-the wall, bruising encounter. This game gave us great heart and a belief that we can do so much better in 2008.

The team would like to thank Gary Prowse who took over the role of team manager from Reid Sloey. Gary did a magnificent job co-ordinating every aspect of the team off the field, including emailing us about fixtures, collecting fees, team cards and uniforms. Ken Hathaway did a superb job as on-field captain.

Thanks to every one who played vets this year. Despite disappointing results it was a most enjoyable year. We are always looking for quality new vets players. If you are over 38 and would like a game please contact Gary Prowse for a run in the pre-season vet's competition which begins in the first week of February.

Terry Griffiths

Turf Committee Report

The fifth season of the Turf is now completed and this year there was little improvements undertaken compared to previous years. Reason for this is that we were able to repay majority of funds borrowed from members as indicated in the financials.

Volunteers have continued to play a major part in the turf's successful operations through their assistance with the opening and closing of the facility for training, competitions and other bookings, operation of the canteen and BBQ on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, ordering and purchasing of canteen stock, ground maintenance and repairs as well as cleaning of change rooms and shelter on a weekly basis. My thanks to all those parents, players and honorary members who have assisted us in any way (small or large) throughout the year.

We have on occasions been required to obtain tradesmen to carry out essential repairs and maintenance on the facilities infrastructure. We would prefer to give this work to our members if at all possible. Please contact the committee if you would like us to record your name, contact number and area of assistance.

The initial plans for next year include the purchase & installation of a electronic score board, replacement of the backboards on two of the goals and some general maintenance such as repainting the dugouts and painting the awning outside the canteen.

If you able to contribute to these projects then it would be appreciated if you could please contact our Treasurer for more details. We thank you for being a member of NDHA and look forward to your continued involvement over the coming years.

Pat McCabe - Turf Convenor

Registration Day 2008

With the 2008 season scheduled to start mid March 2007, the Management committee has set down the following date for registration. They are:

Saturday 9 February 2008 between 12 noon and 4pm

Although a newsletter will be forwarded in early January, please note this date in your diaries now.