

NORTHERN DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED



83rd ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Northern District Hockey Association Inc.

OFFICE BEARERS 2010

PATRONS	Nick Berman
PRESIDENT	Adrian Wilsom
VICE PRESIDENT	Graham Hutton
VICE PRESIDENT	Robert Nicoll
SECRETARY	Meredith Peterson
TREASURER	Gary Prowse/Michael Clarke
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS	John Berriman, Jim Bissaker
JUNIOR OFFICER	Katrina Richmond
WOMENS OFFICER	Julie Osborne
VETERANS OFFICER	Chris Jenkins
PUBLICITY OFFICER	Robert Nicoll
EQUIPMENT OFFICER	Jo Green/Charles Devine
RECORDS OFFICER	Donna Collier
RESULTS OFFICER	Helen Benari
UMPIRES CONVENOR(JNR)	Larry Maher
UMPIRES CONVENOR(Womens)	Sarah Bell
CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR	Louise Maher (Sundays)
NORTH AREA DELEGATES	Donna Collier, Eileen Tudor
SJHA DELEGATES	Jim Bissaker & Katrina Richmond
TURF SUB COMMITTEE	Pat McCabe, Gary Prowse, Larry Maher, Robert Nicoll
NORWEST STRIKERS DELEGATE	Brian Doughty
HONORARY AUDITOR	John Prowse
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), Reid Sloey (2007), Helen Cook (2008), Graham Hutton (2009)

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 2010

Perpetual Trophies

Andrew English Shield

U15 player for attitude, enthusiasm and contribution to hockey.

Ash Thomas

Keith Corkery Shield

U13 player for personal achievement and contribution to the club.

Cody Thomas

The Bissaker Family Shield

U11 player for good sportsmanship and improvement of hockey skills during the year

Chris Nicholls

The Prowse Family Shield

Junior Boy player for attitude, enthusiasm and contribution to hockey

Adam Benari

Northern District Women Shield

Junior girl player for attitude, enthusiasm and contribution to hockey

Linda Nixon

Cook Shield

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

Sarah Bell

Umpires of the Year

**Adam Benari &
Scott Collier**

Coach of the Year

Adrian Wilson

Club Person of the Year

Gary & Tracey Prowse

Registration Day 2011

With the 2011 season scheduled to start 25/26/3/2011 & there will be 3 grading rounds (includes 1st weekend of School holidays). Over the holidays the draw will then be drawn up by the NAJHA Management committee.

Saturday 12th February 2011 between 12 noon and 4pm

President's Report

As 2010 is drawing to a close plans for 2011 are well underway. Hockey never stops. I've now come to understand the motto on the back of our junior T-shirts "Eat, Sleep, Hockey". I've been fortunate in my first year as president to be surrounded by an able and experienced executive plus the many volunteers from the families that combine to become Northern District Hockey Association (NDHA). There is no doubting NDHA is a great club. There is history, old and new friendships, passion for hockey and a massive underlying current of goodwill and cooperation. If you want to be a part of or play hockey, there is no better place than the NDHA.

As you read further through the annual report you will see the wonderful results obtained by our junior, women's and veteran's teams throughout 2010. I won't provide too many spoilers here but I must congratulate our junior teams as four teams reached their Preliminary Final while the mighty U15 White team went on to win their Grand Final. Congratulations go to Adam Benari and Cody Thomas for making the NSW U13 State team, as well as Ash Thomas for making the NSW U15 State team. I also wish to congratulate the many players who represented NDHA in representative teams throughout 2010, and those who have already been selected in representative teams for 2011.

I invite you to take the time to read the Women's and Veteran's reports. NDHA Women's teams continue to achieve season after season while thoroughly enjoying their hockey, while our Veteran's numbers continue to grow to a point that dare we suggest; a second team.

As the future of top tier Men's and Women's competitions in Sydney continues to be debated we will pursue the best outcome for NDHA teams. NDHA is in a strong position for the future of hockey as we own our turf. The discussion on the further development and future senior competition structure will continue into 2011 where we are interested in pursuing top tier competition for our Women's teams and a clear developmental pathway for our junior players to progress into senior ranks. It is an interesting time for hockey and it appears our game's administrators are all determined to get hockey more support and more exposure but can't agree on how it should be done or who should administer the competitions. Stay tuned.

Things to keep an eye out for in 2011: NDHA umpire & coach development courses, NDHA junior development days, U18 NDHA Women's team, and further pursuit of our second turf. There will be even more packed into 2011 than what we did in 2010. If you have the time, please lend a hand, no job is too small and your input into NDHA and hockey will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all those families and individuals who will be leaving the junior ranks of NDHA for your assistance in getting NDHA to where it is today.

Adrian Wilson - Club President

Secretary's Report

Thank you to all the people that have joined the committee for 2010, it has been a pleasure to work with you all, we are a very friendly bunch who are committed to making NDHA a great club for families as well as a competitive one

We are always looking for more people to join us – many hands make light work.

Meredith Peterson – Secretary

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

For the sixth year in a row, our Committee decided to maintain our playing fees the same however with the fundraising levy, it was agreed to change this to \$20 for one child & \$30 for two or more.

With 7 junior (plus the under 9's), 4 women's & 1 veteran teams, this year our Association has recorded a surplus of \$932 compared to \$2,302 in 2009. It should be noted that these amounts are after making a provision to the 2nd turf of \$6,073 compared to \$10,426 in 2009. Further funds will continue to be put aside in future years. This profit has been achieved from the following activities throughout the year:

- Summer competition - \$6,611
- Sponsorship - \$2,242
- Social Activities - \$2,678

Sponsorship income is mainly derived from Pennant Hills Bowling Club and Just Hockey. Our sponsors continued support is greatly appreciated.

In relation to the social activities, this stems from three events organised by Julie Osborne and included a BBQ at Bunning's, Trivia night and chocolate fundraiser. I thank Julie and her helpers for organising these functions.

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 eighth 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 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 remained steady at \$113,494 and is due to us being able to utilise the field fully throughout the weekend as well as extra hours during the week.

In addition, we also have hired out the field to Gridiron NSW Incorporated for various competition games. As their season runs from September to December, it fits in well as the field is rarely used during that time. Continuation of this is expected in years to come.

My thanks go to all volunteers who put up their hands to assist in the opening and closing of the field throughout the year.

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 10% to \$42,780 with the net income being up 14% to \$15,222. This increase in sales can be partly attributed to the purchase of the cappuccino machine during the year, which I believe has been a big success. In addition, with the expansion of the canteen, it has now allowed us to have more stock on show. It should also be noted that we hold stock of around \$1,000 (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.

Due to the amount being derived through the canteen, it is not feasible to "employ" someone to run this however this may need to be considered going forward as it is becoming difficult to man the canteen with volunteers. We need to remind all families that on Friday nights and Saturday mornings that it is a requirement of their respective teams to man the canteen & BBQ whilst their children are playing.

On Sunday's we have employed someone to operate the canteen as well as order stock during the year. This cost has been covered in the above details and I thank Louise Maher in taking on this role. We anticipate this to continue in future years.

In the eighth year of operation, the Sports Foundation has achieved a net profit of \$35,584, which is down from \$45,323 in 2009. One of the main causes of this is the substantial increase in electricity costs from \$12,221 to \$20,350. This matter is being addressed to ensure this cost does not increase. From these funds, a further amount has been put aside into the sinking fund taking the balance to \$135,000.

GENERAL

Overall a very 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 few years.

This being my 18th year as Treasurer, I initially stepped down however due to some technical issues this was not possible however will take place from 2011.

I submit the financial reports of the Association for your approval at the Annual General Meeting in November 2010.

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 2010 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.

Adrian Wilson
President

Gary Prowse
Honorary Treasurer

Dated at Pennant Hills 3 November 2010

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

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 2010. 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 2009, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

John C Prowse
Chartered Accountant
Dated at Pennant Hills 3 November 2010

NORTHERN DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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Profit & Loss Statement for year ended 30 September 2010

INCOME	Notes	2010	2009
Association Fees	1a	38,141.50	38,941.12
Interest - ANZ Bank		2,353.99	2,175.06
Surplus - Uniform Trading Account	2	1,232.30	1,179.19
Fundraising	3	3,295	3,004.55
Sponsorship / Donations		2,242.49	7,182.65
Summer competition / Indoor	1b	7,961.31	7,307.29
Social Activities		2,678.14	436.94
Sundry		635.00	0.00
		<u>58,539.73</u>	<u>60,226.80</u>
 EXPENDITURE			
Administration Fees	4	27,081.71	22,885.17
Ground Fees		5,952.40	3,347.91
Umpires / Coaching		4,550.00	4,000.00
Turf Training		6,800.90	7,277.26
Depreciation		350.00	267.00
Balls, Goalkeeping equipment		2,333.82	4,287.28

Office expenses	1,105.55	1,364.28
Hook into Hockey	0.00	790.91
Merchant Service Fees	942.23	1,077.71
Trophies	1,646.90	1,499.20
Bad Debt	0.00	140.00
Provision for 2 nd Turf	6,073.82	10,426.18
Sundry	780.19	561.55
	<u>57,607.52</u>	<u>57,924.45</u>

NET PROFIT FOR YEAR

\$932.21

\$2,302.35

NORTHERN DISTRICT SPORTS FOUNDATION – TURF

INCOME

2010

2009

Hire of Field	5	113,493.97	113,858.36
Canteen (net)	6	15,222.50	12,263.77
Interest - ANZ Bank		7,363.00	7,597.39
Sundry		543.00	0.00
		<u>\$136,622.47</u>	<u>\$134,719.52</u>

EXPENDITURE

Ground Hire - grass field		875.00	833.18
Electricity		20,350.21	12,221.45
Water Rates		6,641.44	4,511.00
Insurance		1,861.89	3,841.49
Maintenance		8,542.20	4,568.53
Interest	7	6,277.96	9,732.72
Finance Charges		750.00	750.00
Lease payment		96.36	95.09
Depreciation - Fixed assets		54,400.80	51,582.98
Costs – 2 nd Turf		640.00	1,200.00
Sundry		601.81	60.00
		<u>101,037.67</u>	<u>89,396.44</u>

NET PROFIT FOR YEAR

\$35,584.80

\$45,323.08

Balance Sheet for year ended 30 September 2010

	2010	2009
Income/Expenditure Account as at 1/10/08	591,738.11	543,712.68
Profit for Year - Club	932.21	2,302.35
Profit for Year - Sports Foundation	35,584.80	45,323.08
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	<u>\$628,255.12</u>	<u>\$591,338.11</u>

Represented By Assets:

Club

Current Assets

Uniform Stock on hand	16,469.74	6,935.49
Cash at Bank - ANZ	443.51	62.52

Accounts Receivable	360.40	570.00
Investment - ANZ Business Online Saver	44,387.67	46,943.68
Sports Foundation		
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Cash at Bank - ANZ	6,652.69	4,176.38
Cash in Hand	577.30	401.70
Key Deposit - Hornsby Council	143.00	143.00
Accounts Receivable	17,726.09	18,710.64
Investment - ANZ Business Online Saver	63,257.69	77,133.40
Term Deposit - ANZ (sinking fund)	<u>135,000.00</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
	<u>285,018.09</u>	<u>255,076.81</u>
<i>Non Current Assets</i>		
Pennant Hills Hockey Field		
- Cost	811,953.22	795,698.67
- less Depreciation & amortisation	387,457.41	339,555.47
Other Assets		
- Cost	16,260.45	14,760.45
- less Depreciation & amortisation	<u>15,510.45</u>	<u>9,011.59</u>
	<u>425,245.81</u>	<u>461,892.06</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>710,263.90</u></u>	<u><u>716,968.87</u></u>
Less Liabilities		
<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
Accounts Payable	15,071.39	10,310.23
Fees Paid in Advance	130.90	527.28
GST Payable	2,406.41	3,494.95
ANZ Bank Loan	<u>47,900.08</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>
	65,508.78	59,332.46
<i>Non Current Liabilities</i>		
Provision for 2 nd Turf	16,500.00	10,426.18
ANZ Bank Loan - NSW State Government Guarantee	0.00	55,872.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>82,008.78</u></u>	<u><u>66,298.30</u></u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$628,255.12</u></u>	<u><u>\$591,338.11</u></u>

Notes to Profit & Loss Statement & Balance Sheet

NOTE 1a	2010	2009
ASSOCIATION FEES		
Veterans	4,740.00	3,255.00
Juniors	19,700.39	20,012.65
Women's	15,461.23	17,141.07
Less Family Discount	865.00	860.00
Less T-Shirts under 9	895.12	607.60
	1,760.12	1,467.60

		<u>38,141.50</u>	<u>38,941.12</u>
NOTE 1b			
SUMMER COMPETITION			
Income	9,086.31		9,770.90
Expenses	<u>2,475.00</u>	6,611.31	<u>4,020.45</u>
INDOOR FEES		<u>1,350.00</u>	<u>1,556.84</u>
		<u>7,961.31</u>	<u>7,307.29</u>
NOTE 2			
UNIFORM TRADING ACCOUNT			
Sales		4,004.00	4,577.07
Cost of Goods Sold		<u>2,771.70</u>	<u>3,397.88</u>
		<u>1,232.30</u>	<u>1,179.19</u>
NOTE 3			
FUNDRAISING			
Income		3,295.00	3,095.00
Expense		<u>0.00</u>	<u>90.45</u>
		<u>3,295.00</u>	<u>3,004.55</u>
NOTE 4			
ADMINISTRATION FEES			
Sydney Hockey Association		37.00	37.00
Sydney Junior Hockey Association		5,465.45	5,109.09
North Area Junior Hockey Association		1,309.09	1,145.45
Sydney North Women's Hockey		13,761.35	11,556.36
Sydney Veterans		4,927.00	3,510.00
Sydney Indoor Hockey		<u>1,581.82</u>	<u>1,527.27</u>
		<u>27,081.71</u>	<u>22,885.17</u>
NOTE 5			
HIRE OF FIELD			
Winter Competition		51,779.27	55,740.28
Training		45,196.36	44,212.62
Schools		9,870.59	8,835.00
Summer Competition		2,475.00	2,925.00
Gridiron		<u>4,172.75</u>	<u>2,145.46</u>
		<u>113,493.97</u>	<u>113,858.36</u>
NOTE 6			
CANTEEN			
Gross Sales	42,780.48		38,661.18
Purchases	<u>25,377.98</u>		<u>22,297.41</u>
		17,402.50	16,363.77
Levy paid by women's	610.00		620.00
Payments to Volunteers on Sunday's	<u>-2,790.00</u>	<u>-2,180.00</u>	<u>-3,720.00</u>
		<u>15,222.50</u>	<u>13,263.77</u>
NOTE 7			
INTEREST PAID			
ANZ Bank Loan		<u>6,277.96</u>	<u>9,732.72</u>
		<u>6,277.96</u>	<u>9,732.72</u>

U15 Metro Report

2010 was a successful season for ND 15 Metro. Our team made the final series and competed admirably. A win over GNS 3-1 saw us progress to week 2 of the series. On a cold, wet Friday night we struggled to have a fit and healthy team on the park to play Ryde, who only lost 1 game this season. Ryde had all their stars back from the all schools championship and played accordingly beating us 6-1.

2010 started with only a few players back but a good range of players from 15'2 and 13'1 arrived and we started to make a team. Sydney University was our season opener and we had to throw a team together resulting in a high scoring loss. Things improved once we managed to be at our games with a regular team as summer sports finished.

Having a team with most players being in a rep team of some description, helps a coach, as I didn't need to teach basic skills. Getting the team to be a team is a skill in itself. Some nights we were impressive to watch and won convincingly. Some nights we were less impressive and at times we didn't learn from our mistakes.

Having the support of our parents has made 2010 successful for me personally. The parents, quite often go above and beyond the call of duty. I thank you all. Our team manager always kept us on the same page and would arrive with fruit or drinks for the team. Kay Berriman is passionate for our team and showed it in her dedication to us for the past 2 seasons. Many thanks to Kay.

Some of our boys made the move into NWS men's teams playing in various grades from 3rd to 6ths. Well done to all of you for your commitment to both clubs.

2 of our boys, brothers Ash and Cody Thomas made state teams this season 15's and 13's respectively and Angus Maher made the state squad. Congratulations to all the boys.

All our players played hockey this year with passion and pride. It was an honour to have coached the metro team and a great pleasure to have played with some of these developing players in men's grades. Watching them grow in this game and within themselves is personally fulfilling and keeps me interested in their playing future.

Thank you to the club management and to the parents who get the kids to the games and training on time.

Our awards this year went to:
Best and Fairest – Scott Berriman
Most Improved – Kegan Brown
Encouragement Award – Sam Paynter
Encouragement Award – Brooke Dwyer

Coach - Chris Hawkins
Hawko

Under 15 Blue Report

2010 turned out to be an extremely challenging season for the U15 Blue team. Every game was a battle as the opposing clubs fielded strong experienced teams capable of scoring at every opportunity. The physical size, skill & power that the boys suddenly develop at this age became a major factor in this mixed competition. This was apparent from the start as we encountered the hard hitting, rather large Manly team in a trial game & we got sorted big time! That's the scariest thing about coaching intelligent & competitive young adults in such a mixed competition, justifiably they want immediate answers/solutions & they sometimes refuse to accept changes (sounds a little grown up really). This loss turned out to be a defining moment which ultimately galvanised this group & provided them with motivation they needed to grow as a team throughout the season.

We had a playing list of 16 and such was the commitment of the group, that we rarely had fewer than 4 reserves per game. The attacking prowess of the opposing teams was a feature of this competition & I commend Mitch Emerton, Adam Jut, Brodie Green & Lauren Condon for their outstanding defensive efforts. Every possession was particularly hard won this season and I have no doubt that the commitment of the players was tested to the maximum in every game. They were thirsty and animated at each half time break and genuinely exhausted with an assortment of bumps, bruises and bloody wounds by the end of each game. There was definitely nowhere to hide on the field so they gave their all, took on the big boys and defiantly gained the respect of their peers, and a few new hockey skills along the way.

One of my goals this year was to encourage individuals to accept the daunting responsibility that comes when playing in unfamiliar positions. This was made even harder by the level of competition, however they rose to the challenge and I congratulate them all and recommend that they continue to develop their scope for the game.

We may not have won the competition but faced with an intimidating season the team used its collective intellect and combined hockey skills to remain competitive and on occasions even challenge the competition front runners. Thanks to Jo Green and Kerry Jut for their outstanding Managerial support and also Adrian Wilson for the coaching support throughout the season.

Team: Matthew Collier, Lauren Condon, Beth Egan, Mitchell Emerton, Brodie Green, Bethany Halmy, Katherine Hannigan, Laura Hannigan, Adam Jut, Francis Levitt, Cassandra Marinkov, Rhys Nicholls, Simon Peterson, Abbey Walker, Geoffrey Wilson, Mary Youssef.

Our awards this year went to:
Best and Fairest – Adam Jut
Most Improved – Mitchell Emerton
Encouragement Award – Geoffrey Wilson
Encouragement Award – Brodie Green

Coach – Charles Devine

Under 15 White Report

Rank	Team	Points	Played	W	L	D	GF:GA	Diff
1	Sydney Uni	54	15	13	2	0	80:24	56
2	N. Districts White	50	15	11	2	2	58:25	33
3	Ryde Lions	36	15	6	6	3	34:36	-2
4	Briars	34	15	6	8	1	33:51	-18
5	Baulkham Hills	24	15	3	12	0	19:49	-30
6	GNS White	23	15	2	11	2	24:63	-39

All hail the Premiers! Congratulations to the U15 White team for an outstanding season. The season started well with 5 wins. After the first five rounds the competition got harder and the White team's determination and desire to win continued to grow.

We had a full house at every training session and everyone enjoyed themselves. This created a good team environment where new and old players alike worked hard at their roles and played great hockey. Every player made achievements throughout the season and I am proud of them all.

The Team

Minal Chelliah: "Miss. Smile"; the all-rounder, determined up the front & solid in the mid field.
Daniella Clarke: "Sharpshooter"; no one enjoyed scoring more than Daniella. Goal! Goal! Goal!
India Coubrough: "The Star"; don't let the iPod at training fool you; it was all business at game time.

Jessica Fisher: "Newbie"; learnt fast and was always keen to keep going, great to have on the team.

Nicholas Goldstein: "The Locomotive"; once in motion no one could stop him. He did everyone proud.

Anneli Haglund: "Right Post" in attack; improved all year and scored many valuable goals.

Georgia Matthews: "Left Post" in attack; don't let her mild mannered approach fool you.

Isaac McCarthy: aka "The Road Block"; fullback of the year, nothing got past or around him.

Patrick Meyer: the "Rookie"; when teamed with the Road Block they made a great pair at the back

Kevin Millingham: the "Captain"; fancy footwork & blinding ball skills; pretty good at hockey too

Callum Nicoll: "Ninja One"; anything my brother can do, I can do better.....hopefully.

Patrick Nicoll: "Mr. Intensity"; the thinker, the play maker, & didn't mind scoring a goal here or there.

Liam Nolan: "Flash"; a superb substitute goalie, otherwise a field player who didn't stop all game.

Dennis Otter: "Man on a Mission"; opponents feared being marked by him or having to chase him.

Piyush Pius: aka "The Cavalry"; always arrived in time to save the day.

Dylan Wilson: "Ninja Two"; our leading goal scorer, not bad for a fullback!

Our team awards this year went to

Best & Fairest: Kevin Millingham - as voted by the team throughout the season

Most Improved: Nicholas Goldstein - showed the greatest improvement in skills and effort

NA Achievement: Patrick Nicoll- for consistency & coming 2nd in team voting for Best & Fairest

NA Achievement: Anneli Haglund - most improved new player

Thank you to John Otter for managing the team. Your time and support was much appreciated. A special thank you to Irene Otter for helping out and for the lavender smelling goalie gear!

Coach - Adrian Wilson

Manager - John Otter

Under 13 Gold Report

Rank	Team	Points	Played	W	L	D	GF:GA	Diff
1	Ryde Panthers	45	13	10	1	2	55:11	44
2	GNS Red	36	13	7	4	2	39:14	25
3	Northern Districts Gold	34	13	6	4	3	47:17	30
4	Briars	16	12	0	8	4	8:64	-56

I wish to congratulate the U13 Gold team for a fantastic season. Any of the top three teams in the U13 A competition could have won the premiership and unfortunately our run ended at the Preliminary Final in the closest of games.

The U13A competition started with 5 teams this season before dropping to only 4 teams after round ten. We had close games, we had big wins and we never gave up.

The team trained hard all year continuing to develop skills and game play, with a little running thrown in. The emphasis was on creating a free flowing passing game where you supported your team mates and worked together.

The Team

Adam Benari: Captain & Goal Keeper extraordinaire; Congratulations on NSW U13 selection!

Jackson Bush: our Right Wing Destroyer. Next year he might give them a head start!

Harleigh Grey: aka "Stretch". The ball is never out of reach or lost when he was on the attack.

Patrick Grigg: Mr. Reliable. One half of the dynamic duo at the back!

Adam Halmy: aka "The Flash". No ball can get away from him! (Suicide Run record – 1min30sec)

Tayla Lawrence: Miss. Magnet. The ball always found its way to her, sometimes at great speed!

Callum Nicoll: aka "The Shark". If there was a goal to be had Callum would score it or steal it.

Linda Nixon: the Players Player. No one works harder; Congratulations on NSW Trial Squad selection!

Keely Norman: Miss. Pivot. If one direction didn't work why not try another? It works.

Piyush Pius: now infamous for the Penguin Walk, the Gobstopper, and playing a little hockey.

Cody Thomas: Our not so secret weapon; Congratulations on NSW U13 selection!

Saskia Whyte: Miss. Competitive. Don't let the training run fool you, come game time it's all business!

Dylan Wilson: Mr. Dependable. The other half of the dynamic duo at the back!

And our regular Super Sub: Perry Williams (U13 Blue)

Our team awards this year went to

Best & Fairest: Piyush Pius - as voted by the team throughout the season

Most Improved: Patrick Grigg - showed continued development in both skills and strategy

NA Achievement: Dylan Wilson - for consistency & coming 2nd in team voting for Best & Fairest

NA Achievement: Saskia Whyte - for improvement & coming 3rd in team voting for Best & Fairest

Thank you to Janet Nixon & Rosie Whyte for co-managing the team this season. Your time and support was much appreciated.

Coach – Adrian Wilson

Managers – Janet Nixon & Rosie Whyte

Under 13 Blue Report

Rank	Team	Points	Played	W	L	D	GF:GA	Diff
1	Ryde Black Tigers	50	15	11	2	2	72:16	56
2	Baulkham Hills	50	15	11	2	2	65:15	50
3	GNS Blue	46	15	9	2	4	54:11	43
4	Kings Langley	45	15	10	5	0	51:39	12
5	Northern Districts Blue	44	15	9	4	2	38:17	21
6	Manly*	41	13	2	7	4	9:50	-41
7	Ryde White Tigers	35	15	6	7	2	39:35	4

We had a very spirited team this year consisting of Aaron Thomson, Alexander Perry, Anna Skelly, Tyler Emerton, Perry Williams, Bethany Richmond, Claire Paynter, Louise Greenwood, James Steward, Gaby Weiss, Liam Doughty, Saul Abbott-Atchison, Sanjit Vijayakumar and the best coach, Brian Lawrence.

We had a great season although it was very disappointing not to make the semi s due to the team re-grading which happened extremely late in the season. We missed by one point. Whilst this has happened all our players have improved greatly and tried varying positions, some finding out there is more to the game than just scoring goals. Congratulations to each player for their efforts and to our goal keeper, Aaron, who saved thousands of goals, and caused much stress to his mother, his manager and his coach with his casual approach, although quite successful. The team showed that they had a lot of grit and determination and never gave up; this strength of character gave us something to build on.

Our awards this year went to:

Best and Fairest – Coaches Award - Alexander Perry

Most Improved – James Steward – Keep going

Encouragement Award – Anna Skelly, Go Girl!

Encouragement Award – Players Player – Perry Williams

I would like to thank all our players for their efforts and making it such a good season. A huge thank you must go to the following parents, Lesley who organised the canteen each week, Angela (Perry's mum) and Katrina (Bethany's' mum), and also to Madi who helped out at training and to all the parents for their support and who came to training, games, helped out at canteen and BBQ and read the zillions of emails I sent. A huge thank you goes to Brian – we could not have got through the season without you and also to Gai who let us borrow Brian for training and games each week. Thank you!!!

Finally good luck to all players trialling for reps and I hope to see you all again next season!

Lynne Emerton

P.S As coach I would on behalf of the entire team and their parents would like to thank our very enthusiastic and spirited team manager for the enormous effort she has put in. From the countless emails, help at training and the games, to the barracking on the sideline. You have made my job as coach much easier and it's been a pleasure working with you! Thankyou Lynne Thankyou everyone

Coach – Brian Lawrence

Under 13 White Report

This was a team consisting of players who had played for several years plus new players with little or no hockey experience. This did not seem to worry anyone and straight from the first night's training they showed they were prepared to 'give it a go'.

As the season progressed the obvious strengths of the team grew with the new player's knowledge and skills improving each week. By mid season we were a good hockey side that, on their day, could match any team.

Special mention to Omah Khan, Daniel's dad, who took over as coach when I was away for a month.

Unfortunately, due to other sport commitments, we could not put our complete team forward at the end of the season. Our final game proved to us that we needed to concentrate on the basics and have a permanent goalie to become a force to be reckoned with. Special thanks must go to Katrina & Caitlin.

Chris and family made it a pleasure to coach with their managerial skills. They always came through with any help needed. Thanks also to Jodie for relaying emails etc. But equally thanks to the parents for supporting the team.

Our awards this year went to:
Best and Fairest – Benjamin Halls
Most Improved – Aditya Khanna
Encouragement Award – Rebekah Power
Encouragement Award – Katie Ragusa

To each of the players and those who sub for us, congratulations on your efforts. It would be great if you could stay together as a team and build on your success. I enjoyed my time with you and hope you had a fun season.

Coach – Keith Rogers

Under 11 Gold Report

The Under 11 Gold team completed a successful year making the Preliminary Final, and losing this game narrowly 1.0 to Manly. The competition was very close throughout the year where usually only the odd goal determined the winner.

The highlights for the year included –

- Scoring 2 goals in the last 3 minutes against Manly to come back from a 2.0 deficit and gain a 2.2 draw
- Defeating Gordon 1.0 in the Semi Final in a very close contest, after losing to them in the second last round
- Pizza at training after the last round game
- The end to end play and use of width of field in first half of Preliminary Final
- The development of all the players in their preferred positions and for some in positions they were not previously accustomed to

Thanks to all the team for their effort during the season and to the parents for their support. Thanks to Michael Clarke for doing an excellent job as Manager.

The team was: Kaleb Abbott-Atchinson, Matthew Astbury, Abbey Clarke, Niamh Condon, Jacob Connolly, Jasmine Connolly, Renee Doughty, Tanuj Goyal, Norton Grey, Rashil Jetley, Chris Nicholls, and Kieran Nicoll.

Our awards this year went to:

Best and Fairest – Norton Grey

Most Improved – Kaleb Abbott-Atchison

Encouragement Award – Matthew Astbury

Encouragement Award – Jacob Connolly

Also, thanks to those players from the Blue team who helped out during the season – Anthea Jones, Jenny Casey and Ronan Shiels.

Coach – Brian Doughty

Under 11 Blue Report

This year's Under 11 Blue's consisted of Jenni, Callum, Ella, Anthea, Hannah, Brianna, Caitlin R, Caitlin S, Ronan, Danielle, Jake and Sam. The team had many strengths, with some surprising wins or draws against really strong teams, but just couldn't keep the momentum going for a spot in the finals. For some of the team, it was their first season out of minkey's, and there was no stopping them. Some scores did not reflect the heart and soul the team put into each and every match.

Commitment of the team was never an issue, with all players turning up when expected and giving their all. We were never short of volunteers to help both the White and Gold teams whenever needed. These guys really love their hockey.

The Blue's were very supportive of one another, offering encouragement when needed, congratulations when deserved, and commiserations when things didn't go well. Their mateship made training fun and made the games always a positive experience. They shared around the captancy, and respected each other no matter what role or position.

Some points to note:

Jenni – central player in the team, solid defender and good strong hitter

Callum – good at reading the game well from the halves

Ella – always reliable when the opposition got a breakaway

Anthea – boundless energy and determination

Hannah – a coaches dream, listens, learns and applies brilliantly

Brianna – a determined forward, and a committed team member

Caitlin R – a reliable goalie, but a fantastic back too

Ronan – amazing goal-scoring as centre forward

Caitlin S – another reliable and solid defender

Jake – boundless energy and skill in the half's

Sam – zippiest wing around, and a great team player

Danielle – a forward who knows what she's doing

Caitlin R's Mum Katrina was a great coach, ably supported by Danielle's Dad Adrian. This was no mean feat for them, seeing as Katrina doubled up as Juniors Convener and Adrian as Club President. Thanks guys!

The team and all the parents were so fun and enthusiastic to work with. The team has showed consistent improvement throughout the season, and there may even be some rep players amongst them. Thanks to all for a great season, see you next year!

Our awards this year went to:

Best and Fairest – Jennifer Casey

Most Improved – Hannah Lee Braytenbach

Encouragement Award – Gabriella Horton

Encouragement Award – Ronan Shiels

Managers – Chris and Sandi Welch and Kathy Peiris

Coach – Katrina Richmond

Under 11 White Report

The whites were a team of first timers. Many of the team had never played hockey before and it was the first time that I have ever coached a team. As I started I didn't feel very confident but the team was very encouraging in the way that they turned up to every game and training session with an attentive attitude to learn something about the game even if they were injured and unable to play. Due to the interest that the team had in the sport I believe that many of the players obtained a large variety of skills and were a very competitive team to play against. The team put in a great effort throughout the season with it ending with an unfortunate 2-0 loss to Gordon in the semi's. Unfortunately they never managed to get a win but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Big thanks to all the supportive parents for dragging themselves out bed to get to the 8am games at Kuringai with no access to coffee ☹️. Plus a big thanks to the managers Megan and Leo for keeping us all up to date and organizing everything especially me the, disorganized teenager☺️ and to Andrew for stepping in when needed☺️.

Thanks to Megan and Leo for managing the team and to Andrew for assisting with the Coaching.

The team was: Charita Adams, Hamish Baker, Hannah Lee Breytenbach, Manish Chelliah, Maddy Clifford, Georgina Davey, Laila Du Plessis, Thomas Robertson, Nicole Sandow, Melissa Stanton, Thomas Tapner.

Our awards this year went to:

Best and Fairest – Thomas Robertson

Most Improved – Melissa Stanton

Encouragement Award – Erin Warner

Encouragement Award – Georgina Davey

Coach – Sean Doughty

Northern District Indoor Hockey

The 2009 Indoor Season at Ryde Aquatic Centre saw Northern District field 2 mixed teams (U/11 and U/13). Both teams were successful in finishing the season with Grand Final placements. U/11 Blades were eventual runners up, while U/13 Strikers finished Premiers.

The indoor competition continues to provide players with the opportunity to consolidate and improve their short game in the off-season. For new players to hockey, it offers an excellent introduction to field hockey.

In 2010 we will field 3 teams (U/11, U/13 and U/15) across both Ryde and Hurstville competitions

2009 Indoor U/11B RUNNERS UP

GREY Harleigh Best and Fairest

2009 Indoor U/13A PREMIERS

THOMAS Cody Best and Fairest

2009 Indoor U/13B PREMIERS

NIXON Linda Best and Fairest

2009 Indoor U/15A RUNNERS UP

MAHER Angus Best and Fairest

Under 9 / Hook in 2 Hockey

The U9/minkey hockey programme had more than 30 eager players participating each Monday night. Of these, 14 players were available to make up two teams that took part in the first U9 carnival for 2010 that was hosted by the Briars club at Cintra in May.

I would also like to thank the parents who helped as well as the following people who assisted: Julie Osborne, Sarah Bell, Holly Grey (U15), Harleigh Grey (U13), Dylan Wilson (U13), Bethany Richmond (U13), Jaimee Garard and Rachael Sharp.



Teams at the first U9 carnival for 2010 hosted by the Briars club.

On a beautiful winter Saturday morning Pennant Hills had never been busier. Six clubs, Northern District, Ryde, Briars and Kings Langley all sent two teams each, while Baulkham Hills and Sydney Uni one team for a total of 10 teams and between 70-80 budding hockey stars.



With four games running side-by-side, and 12 players on the field in each game, the field was a sea of activity for two action-packed hours. Teams were split into 2 pools of 5 and each team played 4 games. Cheered on by plenty of family support all teams performed extremely well and left the day tired from plenty of hockey and having lots of fun. Congratulations and thanks to all for organising and running the day.

Eileen Tudor

ND WOMEN'S Season REPORT

We started with 65 women at the beginning of the 2010 season and by the end of the season numbers had decreased as a number of players were sidelined due to injuries (4 permanently – Jane, Kim, Ashlee & Gizelle) and one to pregnancy. The team most affected by this was ND1 who at one point had 8 players injured. It is a testament to each team's players and coaches who saw the season through despite these setbacks. Prior to both this season and last season we played trial matches against Manly to assist us with the team selections. Next year we are considering having an 8 week 6 a side pre-season competition to enable players to be on top of their skills and to attain a degree of fitness prior to the commencement of the 2011 season.

This year the women ran several fund raising events with all money going to the 2nd turf. We spent 2 Saturdays cooking sausage sandwiches at Bunning's at Thornleigh, the Trivia & Auction Night and selling fundraiser chocolates. A number of people helped man the stalls and assisted with the organisation of these events. I would like to particularly thank all those who assisted with the Bunning's BBQ. The helpers were:- Mark & Liz Osborne, Sarah Bell, Jane & Peter Marriot, Anita Short, Maryanne Tucker, Kerry Marshall & Sari Deeres, Alex Cook, Ashlee & Mercia Millingham, Glenys Dougherty & her children, Phoebe Kiel, Jaimee Gerard's grandfather, Sarah Warland, Emma Knowles, Christine Manning & my mum.

I would like to thank Sarah Bell who organised the trivia portion of the Trivia & Auction night and all those who donated auction items for the rest of us to bid on.

I would also like to thank Jane Marriot for organising the chocolate fundraiser.

We raised \$3,671.37 an outstanding effort

The Women's & Vets presentation night was held at Pennant Hills Bowling club on Friday 22nd October. Despite the small number of attendees a great night was had by all. On the night an oversight from 2009 was corrected with the awarding of the Cook Shield to Donna Collier. The Cook Shield is awarded to a women's player who shows dedication to the team and club, good sportsmanship and a demonstrated love of the game of hockey.

Other awards on the night were awarded to

ND1

Best and Fairest Ellan Clear

Players Player Shannon Gerber

ND2

Player's Player Kathleen Noble

Coaches Award Kate Fitton

ND3

Bulldog award Jessie Choy

Adaptability award Rhianna Brown

ND5

Best & Fairest Natalie Prince

Most Improved Ninette Dilly

Highest Goal Scorer

Jenny Whalen ND3 - 10 goals

2010 Cook Shield

Sarah Bell

Many people contribute to the running of the club. In no particular order the people who made the 2010 season what it was were:-

Sarah Bell –who once again took over my role as women’s convenor while I was in Europe and also arranged the umpires during the season

Donna Collier – club registrar for her amazing efficiency

Gary Prowse- club treasurer especially for his assistance during the fundraising activities organised by the women

The three coaches:-

Graham Hutton: ND1 - made it to the finals but succumbed due to the many injuries

Chris Jenkins: ND2 - Chris will not be coaching in 2011. Hopefully he will be passing the reins over to his daughter Krista a ND junior who assisted him again this season

Daniel Johnson ND3 - Daniel has decided to commit his time to his growing family I hope everyone had a great season and look forward to seeing you all again in 2011.

Julie Osborne - Women’s Convenor

ND1 Report

Well I certainly had not envisioned ending the season the way we did in the semi Final ie ...particularly not to have had my back turned to the game looking at a badly cut and blood soaked Ellan as the final whistle signaled the end of our season!

Clearly this was not meant to be our year with so many injuries and obstacles to overcome on the way through. We had approximately 8 major injuries this year with three significant enough to be season enders i.e. for Gizelle, Kim and Ashlee. To win a Premiership you need bountiful resources, depth of player talent , total team dedication and some luck .

We started the season on track with a really strong looking squad and I was quietly confident of our prospects. The text from Gizelle about her 100% torn ACL at Handball training (two weeks into the season) was the start of the injury cloud and despite the dedication of a number of players we simply did not have any luck from there on in. Despite the challenges of the injuries and the pressures of study, work etc for so many in the team we performed extremely well throughout the season.

The competition was strengthened by the inclusion of another four strong teams from the North Shore comp and with some teams featuring players doubling up in ML2 (another story altogether) the standard was extremely high this year.

We worked on our game and team structures...finishing third in the comp was pleasing and I really believed that we had a shot at the flag from that position as we new we were the equal of any team if we played at our best ...but again a number of issues outside of our control would conspire against us .

For me the most pleasing elements of the season were two things.

1.Our game against the top Sydney Uni side in the last round . They were miles out in front on the comp ladder and we took them to a 1 all draw and we were so close to scoring two other goals in that game . Uni went on to win the comp ...but we know that we were at least there equal and indeed in that game we played exactly the way we had been working on in terms of executing with structure and styleand we looked a far superior team.

2. The other aspect was that numerous of the players that came to training regularly finished the year as better Hockey players than they started ...both in terms of skills and knowledge . It was particularly pleasing to see more than a handful of players capable of and actually scoring goals from reverse side shots !! from about mid season ...a goal that I had set for myself this season .

All in all we had a great season. The ultimate result was not there for us this year but it will come if we can keep this playing group together and really focus on another shot next year.

Everyone deserves a mention, however, Best and Fairest vote winner for the season was Ellan Clear who was inspirational this year with her pre season fitness efforts and great form throughout all games . "Players Player" also based on B&F votes was Shannon Gerber who also had a great season ...played in all lines on the field and managed to manage her time extremely well in an HSC yearattending training on a regular basis .

Wishing all of the players a great Summer break and looking forward to a bigger, better and injury free season next year.

Coach - Graham Hutton

ND2 Report

ND2 competed in Div B of the Sydney North Comp. in 2010.

As a coach, it is great to have players graduate upwards from the team, and we saw Sarah Warland (last year's ND2 "Player's player award" winner) & Ash Millingham (last year's Junior Womens' shield winner) promoted into ND1 this year. Accordingly, we welcomed many new players to our team, including Alex Cook as keeper, returning to Northern District, after a long stint playing Metro League hockey.

Our first match of the season saw a 5-0 win against Ryde. The season continued very competitively, with 6 wins & 2 draws in the 18 matches.

In a tight competition, we finished 6th of 10. But the true reflection of the season is the fact that just one more win would have seen us 4th on the ladder and in the semi-finals! Five other teams finished within 4 points of ND2. We had a better goal average (32 for & 34 against) than the 2 teams immediately above us & better than all those below us.

Our training was disrupted by the fact that men's' veterans hockey changed to Tuesday & Wednesday nights, so given that my fellow coaches (Graham Hutton of ND1, Daniel Johnson of ND3) & I all play for ND Vets, we had to change training onto Monday night, as no other nights could be 'reorganised'. This would not have been so bad, if it was not for the fact that our team are all so charitable with their time - with at least 4 of them attending SES every Monday. We will be trying to fix another night for 2011 season.

Despite the difficulty of Monday night training we had a great core group of regulars and a revolving group from both ND2 and others ND teams who attended with enthusiasm. It is always great to see the skills shown off in games as the season progresses.

A bonus from the change of night was that Krista Jenkins was able to share the coaching duties. She ran both normal training and special skills clinics for 'hitting', 'goal shooting' etc. A number of team members have asked that I thank her, including Jo, whose hitting came on a treat. Certainly Krista has been a skills coach, especially with my frequent absences overseas this year.

Thanks also go to Sarah Bell (Umpires coordinator), Donna Collier (registrations) & Julie Osborne (Womens' convenor) for organising the season, and to the parents, husbands, boyfriends & supporters for their contribution.

The team's passion & teamwork began to shine in later games, as players developed faith in each other's positioning and passing. Everyone held their own. We had our share of memorable injuries to work around – Talone suffering a bad gash during a Ryde game, Alex Cook suffering old muscular injuries, Jo falling off her horse & Kat falling over a cliff (her job in adventure training), out for many a game. The team had fun throughout the season, and the foundations for next season are there, and I encourage all to be active in summer comp & keeping fit for a big 2011.

The 2010 "Player's player award" went to Kath Noble. Kath is a very talented player and has also supported the development of the younger players on the team. The voting was very close, and it was great that so many players featured strongly in the voting. The "Coaches award" goes to Kate Fitton, who came within a vote. Kate was a tremendous asset in defence – extremely competitive. Another strong defender, deserving mention is Chuey (Chu Yook), who helped

Special mentions go to two of our young players, Abbey Walker – who played her first season in Womens' grade, aged 14. She is a very promising player, scoring capably off the left wing, but also showing spirit as a half or inner. Jaimee Gerard also showed strong development – from a player who only had played as centre half, to one who could hold most positions on the pitch comfortably. Both were also consistent keen attendees at training. I am sure they will feature as future award recipients.

I also want to pay tribute to Victoria Spurway, who is moving to Wagga for work and to be close to her man. She has played in many teams that I've coached, and has always been strong. This season she showed gritty determination in defence, but also held the ball well in attack. We wish her well and hope she enjoys hockey in Wagga.

Our team: Goalie – Alex Cook; Kathleen Noble (capt.), Victoria Spurway, Kate Fitton, Katrina Huxley, Shevaun Hernon, Phoebe Kiel, Sam de Souza, Chu-Yook Liew, Talone Higgins, Jo Harrington, Abbey Walker, Rebecca Russell, Jaimee Garard, Rachel Sharp, Alex Rogers, Bek Peterson, Victoria Hutton.

Thanks for your efforts & team spirit. I know many are participating in Summer Comp. If I don't see you there, keep fit and active in the off-season and I look forward to seeing you all back on the turf next season.

Coach – Chris Jenkins

ND3 Report

the dream continues...

A plucky little group of wannabes and could-have-bees gathered at the start of the season. Some with too-few years under their belts, and some with too many. The goal - to play some hockey!

With some enthusiastic, if somewhat negligent training, coercion and of course all out abuse we saw the team of ND3 arise from the ashes of 2009's heinous defeats to rise to mostly glorious acclaim. That's right - you heard me, ND3 can win some games. In fact the righteous and no doubt divinely imbued valkyries of ND3 laid about the field of hockey much destruction. Scant were the losses, except against the eventual victor of the competition - those brutish and misshapen creatures of UTS under 18's. Their pitiful forms no doubt causing sufficient pity from our team to give them the edge in unending victory against us. Though foul of aspect, the UTS miscreants were fleet of limb and used that speed to great effect....sadly time and again.

Shall I revert to more plain speak now....sigh - very well.

The ND3 girls acquitted themselves well during the season with great development from some new players to the game. We also had a number of players put into new positions to challenge their usual training.

Of particular note during the season were a few players.

Jenny Whalen - top scorer for the team and scary striker (inner). Jenny also achieved 4th top goals for the division

Gail - copped a crack in the head for team and spent the last games speaking in tongues

Jess - "the freight train!" Never has an opposing player been terrorised by the power and speed of a defending half. Jess had the speed to chase down balls from half a field away and tackle through an opposition player.

Rhianna - showed amazing flexibility by moving from wing to back! Importantly doing a great job with both

Jane - stalwart defender and deflector of compliments

Anita - back with Attitude

Maryanne - back that came to the fore on occasion with mighty hits to strike fear into the opposition

Julie - our mighty goalie. It may surprise but we actually started the season goalieless. a dangerous situation until Julie donned the reeking garments to tackle the pills on the fly

Lizzy - as always, Lizzy displayed great skill to snake through the opposition as the need arose. As centre half she formed the backbone for our midfield and created opportunities for our forwards

Priya - Always a surprise. Little legs that don't look like she's going to get that ball....but wait she does! Great skill improvement during the year to be a great, and importantly reliable wing.

Charmaine - prepared to talk back to the coach and maintain a bubbly attitude in the face of the most strident coach abuse. Some great work during the season.

Kate F - we worked hard to break the habits and to her credit found self and her position (CF). Finished the season on a high

Emma - not quite as ill as Ash, but a rock (despite the phlem) in the halves - oh and she wouldn't let her mum play in the same team! (lol)

Virginia - played one game, had throat surgery (not due to game injury) then got knocked up! So a big season! Woot!

The team did a great job and as the season progressed there was significant improvement in the single play to more of a team based play. Results followed accordingly. Our main problem was accuracy on goal scoring, but as noted above we must have done alright.

I should thank a few as well:

Kate Stojanovic for captaining throughout the year then taking a dive skiing just a few weeks out from the finals and no doubt frustratingly missing the big day.

Julie Osborne for maintaining enthusiasm and a vast committment to the club.

Ashleigh, our occasional player - her player status made Typhoid Mary appear the picture of health, but unlike Kate S made it to the grand final.

Thanks to all the players, officals and organisers for a great season, and goodluck to the club and players in 2011.

Coach Daniel Johnson - orator of the lands of hockey

ND5 Report

2010 saw the Hot Flushes with quite a new team. 9 players remained from 2009 & we had 7 new players.

We had a total of 7 Wins, 9 losses & 2 draws to finish 8th (team that came 7th had same points score but better goal average). This position did not really reflect our games, as in most of the games we had the majority of possession in the attacking half. In our last game, we had a 1-1 all draw against a much younger Sydney Uni U18 team who came in 5th position.

Our highest goal scorers on 5 goals each were Katrina (from only 9 games), Ninette & Sharon.

Best & Fairest as voted by the players each week was Natalie Prince.

Most Improved was Ninette Dilly.

Both players were new to our club this year. Well done ladies.

Our aim each week was to get out & have some exercise whilst having fun & socialising. Our team is a mixture of people who can still run (whose bodies haven't given up yet), some who can't, players who are experienced, some who haven't played since school & others who have never played at all. I like to think that we encouraged each other & had a good time, of course whilst trying to win where we could. Sometimes injuries & playing teenagers, got the best of us.

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves & hope to see you all back next year, injuries permitting.

Donna Collier
Manager ND5 (aka Hot Flushes)

Women's Umpiring Report

As my first year in the position of Women's Umpiring Convenor, I encountered some challenges I didn't expect, but with some very helpful umpires, no game was unable to go ahead due to umpiring issues. There were a few hiccups here and there: with no-shows and while trialling some new umpires with mixed results from good to terrible – as ND1 found out with a supposedly A badge umpire from the US. At this stage I plan to continue in this position in 2011 with the hopes to encourage umpires to pursue higher qualifications and to develop a better culture with our umpires so they don't all just show up for the game and take no responsibility for the sheet signing or general field management. I also want to encourage the players to show more interest in umpiring and the rules of the game.

Our umpires comprised:

- 21 different people
- 4 of these umpires play for the club
- 4 of these umpires have relatives who play for the club
- 4 of these umpires are former players of Northern Districts
- 9 of these umpires have no affiliation with Northern Districts directly except that we pay them for umpiring

That means that only 57% of the umpires used this year have or had an invested interest in the club. In this group of 21 people are many who also play for other clubs and some also coach. So while 21 people sounds like a lot to choose from I actually had

a list of 38 umpires to contact and some weeks I struggled to get just 6 umpires due to other commitments. So while I had to ensure that any first division games had either badged umpires or at least the best of the non-badged bunch, that meant that sometimes division three were left with whoever was leftover and able to umpire their timeslot. This is not ideal and I hope to be able to almost have to turn people away in the future.

As a player it can be very hard to turn off the umpiring part of my brain while playing and I am guilty of questioning umpiring decisions from time to time. However understanding what I can and can't do on the field is also a really handy skill to have and a good way to get a jump on the opposition. Not only can I help my team if they have questions about rule interpretations, but I can also help them to strategise and help us to avoid bad habits and play that will get us pulled up. I would encourage you to get a rule book and read it before next season and to be aware that the rules are revised every 2 years so there may be some changes before next season. I'm not saying everyone should read it from cover to cover, but what is the harm in knowing what is expected of you as a player and what you can expect from your umpires. Another option is that you can go onto the Hockey Australia website and do the online training to become community level umpire, which will test your basic knowledge and does not require you to undertake a practical exam at the end.

I'd also like to thank various people who have helped me this season:

- Julie Osborne – supported me in her role as women's convenor
- Mark Osborne – my go-to guy for all umpiring issues and who helped with payments and sometimes did 3 games over a weekend when I couldn't organise other umpires
- Louise Maher – always there for canteen and often doubled up to help umpire or got her family to help – Maher family
- All the people who umpired this season – I can't do it without you and I know that meant for some people that their entire Sunday became spent at or travelling between hockey fields

Convenor – Sarah Bell

Men's Veterans Report

Northern District is home to a Men's Veterans ("Vets") team – 40 years young and over - that plays in the Sydney Men's Veterans Hockey Association competition.

The competition tends to be on Tuesday nights at Homebush Olympic turfs, with occasional games at Moorebank. Umpires are provided by Sydney Men's Hockey.

We recruited strongly and needed to put up the 'full house' sign. This proved necessary, to cover the usual run of injuries and the many business trip absences.

We suffered more than normal – the stress of long & distinguished hockey careers showed through: a couple of our stalwarts, Bruce Astbury & James Tomson, were out for the first half season, recovering from prior issues. Terry Griffith was off from May with an osteotomy (knee surgery, from so many past seasons hard graft). Last year's lead goal-scorer, Mike Tuckerman fractured his knee, playing for Sydney in the State Veterans Championships. Jim Wee broke his hand in a match. Tim Flaherty suffered a season-ending rugby injury. Rod Hurst returned to Queensland permanently, with work.

The amazing thing was that we still had a full team for all of the games, but on a couple of occasions no fresh reserves!

After the season's 18 matches, ND had 7 wins & 3 draws, to take 5th place on the ladder.

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	Southern Highlands	18	15	2	1	97	28	69	47
2	MacPanthers	18	15	1	2	68	33	35	46
3	Manly	18	12	2	4	58	22	36	38
4	Sydney Uni	18	9	3	6	49	36	13	30
5	Northern District	18	7	3	8	38	40	-2	24
6	Sutherland	18	6	4	8	27	36	-9	22
7	Easts	18	5	3	10	17	32	-15	18
8	Ryde	18	3	6	9	20	48	-28	15
9	Macarthur	18	3	2	13	21	57	-36	11
10	Briars	18	1	2	15	20	83	-63	5

The team was in & out of the final four right up until the second from last game. The final game needed to be a significant win, against Sydney Uni, to get a semi-finals berth. It was a target too far, after such an injury riddled season.

The season saw 12 players on the scoring sheet, with a special mention to Mike Tuckerman, who managed 5 goals in a single game against Briars, and 9 for the season. Geoff Dearden, Graham Hutton, Gary Prowse & Noel Quinn all scored 5 goals apiece during the season.

We had a solid defence, headed by Greg Smith in goals, and the backs, Phil, Andrew & Bruce, kept us in many a game.

At Club presentation night, we again joined with the Womens' teams to celebrate the season. Team votes were cast for eleven players in all, demonstrating the mutual admiration between team-mates. There was a draw between the top pair.

This year's Vets Awards went to the following players:

Best & Fairest Awards 2010: Noel Quinn & Jim Wee.



Our team: Top: Phil Curry, Mike Tuckerman, James Tompson, Gary Prowse, Jeff Fanning, Graham Hutton, Paul Reid, Bruce Astbury.
Front: Noel Quinn, Jim Wee, Greg Smith (Goal keeper), Daniel Johnson, Geoff Dearden, Mark Every.
Absent: Terry Griffiths, Andrew Hall, Brett Cruden, Tim Flaherty, Chris Jenkins.

Thanks also to Gary Prowse, for his role as team treasurer & for his extensive assistance in managing the team.

Thanks for your efforts & team spirit. I'll see some of you at Summer Comp. Have a fun off-season - we look forward to seeing you all back, fighting fit for the turf next season.

Chris Jenkins.
Vets Coordinator.
Sept. 2010.

Turf Committee Report

This year ends with both good news and bad news relating to our facilities.

Let's first deal with the good news –

Easter saw work commence on the extensions to our Canteen. This was completed 3 weeks later. Extra space allowed us to rearrange refrigeration equipment to provide ease of movement for our volunteers and better service for our customers.

A Nespresso Coffee unit was installed in June and proved a success with an immediate increase in canteen income.

The canteen still requires additional work over the off season to complete the changes and provide display space for sale of merchandise and hockey equipment.

Now the bad news –

Further deterioration of the surface saw turf seams open up at both ends. These required urgent action to maintain the season's commitments. Major repair work needs to be carried out, as soon as the weather allows, to meet competition requirements for its 9th year (2011). Next year additional preventative maintenance (cleaning and gluing) will be required. Replacement should now be planned, due to the lead time necessary to select, procure, finance and lay the turf.

Field lighting is still an issue to be resolved. Current levels, 150 Lux sidelines, 240 centre of field, are below the Hockey recommendations of – 300 Lux, non competitive, 500 ball training, junior and low level competition. The Development Application for our current field lighting was specified at 250 Lux. SHA requires a minimum of 500 lux for Premier League. This needs to be taken into account with future planning. REES has been asked to revisit their 2009 quote to upgrade the lighting.

Difficulty has been experienced this year in getting a lot of the minor repairs and maintenance work carried out. Our thanks go to those who assisted in repairing the goals, fitting out and painting the modified canteen, and other tidying up and cleaning of grounds, change rooms and dugouts.

Bookings increased again this year. While this is good news it puts increased pressure with finding volunteers to open, and close the field, while also maximizing the opening and income of the canteen.

The Turf Committee thanks all those who have volunteered and assisted in any way this year.

Turf Convener - Pat McCabe