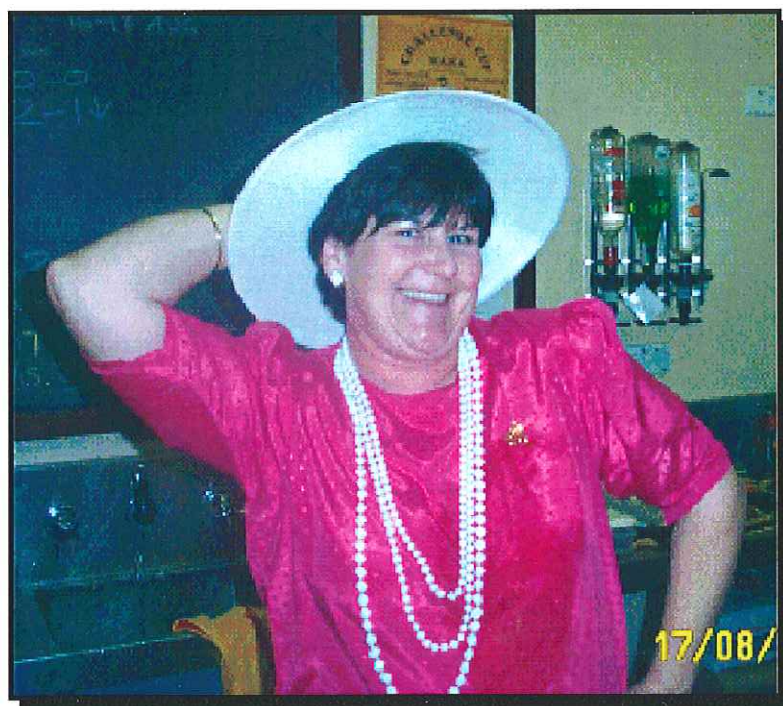
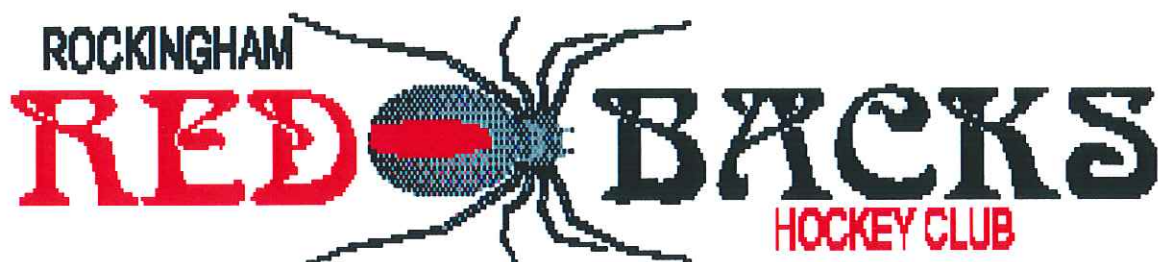
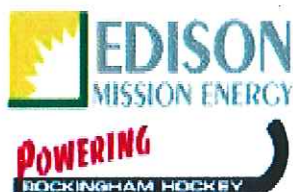


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EDITORS NOTE

Wow! Didn't that season fly past and what a succesful one it has been!

It seem as as if it was only yesterday that I was scrounging around for news to put in the first newsletter. Unfortunately this years news was not as forthcoming as I would have liked and in fact only two newsletters were produced. Articles for the newspaper were attempted several times with no result, which was disappointing as The Sound Telegraph is supposed to be friendly toward our cause.

This year the cover page goes to the lovely Joy Klinck, who was one of the snappier dressers at the Bad Taste Formal Cocktail Night. Unfortunately the pictures supplied this year were unusable (for quality reasons) for this publication. So I've picked as many of the best to slot into the spaces. The pictures are mostly of the Cocktail and Karaoke nights.

Once again this year Rockingham Print has come to the rescue to do yet another fantastic, professional job on the printing and binding of the books. If you need any printing done just go and see them, ask for Dee or Tony and say, "Gary Smith from the Redbacks Hockey Club recommended you," and you'll be right!

Sid Czabotar will be carrying the publicity mantle next year, so I wish him all the best and hope the news and publicity will hit new highs.

Don't forget the web page at www.iinet.net.au/~megasmit/

Gary Smith - Editor



Yours truly

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – SEASON 2001

AMAZING.... another year gone and what have we achieved? Well a lot really, but it all seems to have just flown by.

2002 has been another great year for us *Redbacks*. Our on field performances have been fantastic, we've once again had some great social functions and we've made some inroads (2 steps forward, 1 step back) with the Lark Hill project.

Financials

The full financial details are of course in the treasurer's report. However it is important to note that once again we are sufficiently "liquid" that the incoming committee can look positively towards another deposit into our still very small Lark Hill savings fund. We will need to increase this substantially over the next year or two, and I hope that future committees also recognise the paramount importance of Lark Hill to Rockingham hockey.

The lack of a canteen manager this year deprived us of potentially \$1,500 profit (based on 2001 figures). We cannot afford to forego such revenue, as this only leads to increased fees and less money towards Lark Hill. Hopefully someone will take the post in the coming year.

9/11 had a big impact on the world and not least of all on sporting clubs. With increased security at Garden Island, our "home" turf was no longer available for either training or playing. This was quite a blow and we incurred an immediate hit of almost \$3,000 just for training on turf. 9/11 also led to insurance increases of up to 40% for the club. Registration fees also rose as a result of increased public liability insurance for our parent associations. This all meant that fees had to go up. No one on the committee was happy with that decision but it was unavoidable. However, if you consider that in 1998 our men's fees were \$240 (\$220 early payment), we have only seen a 4% rise per annum and with rebates you could still pay less than in 98, 99 and 2000. I am also not aware of any other metro club whose fees are as cheap as ours are.

On the Field

Firstly well done and congratulations to everyone. Tremendous efforts all round with all but two teams making the finals. Unfortunately finals results are not yet complete, so we can't yet crow too loudly.

In the pre-season, we set two tough, but achievable performance targets for season 2002 that we felt would benefit the future of the *Redbacks*:

1. Promotion of our 1Cs to 1Bs, and
2. Promotion of our U17Bs to U17As,

Thanks to some very determined on field performances and great coaching from Greg Thompson and Dudley Evans, both of these goals should be achieved. The 1Cs did their job, finishing on top and assuring their promotion. The 17s won every home and away game and finished on top for the second year running - since our U15s also finished top, there is a very strong case for 17As next year. Only the unpredictable WAHA can prevent that!!!

We were very successful in other grades as well. The unexpected bonus was the success of our 2Cs who should be promoted to 2Bs in 2003. Our 3s are in the preliminary final after a year of considerable disruption due to unavailability of players. Our ladies' A-Reserve finished on top, yet again, and will now play off in the grand final. The ladies A had a tumultuous mid-season but

we are not determined and united over the next couple of years we could come off a poor second best!

Many thanks for another terrific year.

Graeme Creedon
President
9 September 2002



El Presidente Graeme Creedon (right -as usual) and 1C coach Greg Thompson getting some Dutch courage before attacking the Karaoke microphone with a duet of "My Way" :-)



Way past Alan Mills' bedtime!!

came back strongly to make the first semi final. So too the ladies B who were also unfortunately beaten in their semi. The only teams to not make the finals were the Vets. Unfortunately we Vets Cs didn't live up to our promise and finished just outside the finals for the second year in a row. The Vets Es were always up against it but they deserve a commendation for their dogged persistence and spirit.

Next year will be the real test of our supporters. It will be tough for the teams that get promoted, but we need to establish ourselves in those higher grades of competition. The loyal band of spectators who braved the elements this year will need to show extra heart next year when winning will be more difficult. On the up side though, at least they should get to see some great hockey action with back-2-back 1B/2B turf games - and not always at 6.00pm on a Sunday night.

Social

Once again we were able to keep bar prices down, certainly lower than any other club around. Cheap prices and well-planned functions have led to some memorable (or in some cases completely un-remembered) events. Thanks to all the social committee for a tremendous year of entertainment. The derby night in particular was, in my opinion, a rip-snorter!

Sponsors

The *Redbacks* can't survive without sponsors – our outgoings far outweigh our income without them. Fortunately we have a couple of excellent sponsors with whom we have established an ongoing relationship. We **MUST** continue to foster these good relations and look after our premier sponsors who were again this year "**Edison Mission Energy**" and "**Big Brews Liquor**". Both of these sponsors have contributed substantially to the growth of our club and the development of our elite juniors. I thank them sincerely.

Guts and Determination

One of the most outstanding memories for me this year was to see Neil Partington front up for a couple of games with the A-Reserve a few weeks ago. As most of you know, "Neilo" was originally to coach our U17s this year, but a relapse of cancer saw him spend most of the year in and out of hospital. He was the inspiration for the club in the "shave for a cure" day where some very ugly craniums were exposed, and \$1800 was raised for cancer research (well done to all involved). The re-emergence of Neil's face around the clubrooms and eventually on the field has been a clear signal to me of what determination really means – great stuff Neil, I'm now watching out for the come-back to the 1s.

The Workers

Finally thanks to all the committee members, coaches, captains, team managers and workers in general for making my job easier. The work that has gone on behind the scenes has been unwavering and I especially owe a great deal of thanks to Joy Klinck and Neville Ford for just getting things done without a word.

In closing, I would just like to remind all of our members that we must continue to work hard for what must remain our **No.1 priority - Lark Hill synthetic turf**. We will need to continue our savings plan for the next couple of years but the benefit at the end will be worth it. Our efforts will ramp up considerably over the next six months. A strong, but small project team will be established that has a variety of professional skills, but they will need to be supported by the **whole** club. They should not be seen as a panacea but they should be the focal point for all of our ideas and offers of assistance.

Don't be frightened to step forward in whatever capacity you can, to help and advise them. Be assured that there are those outside the *Redbacks* that do not support our goals for Lark Hill and if

**ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB
TREASURERS REPORT
SEASON 5 SEPTEMBER 2001 TO 5 SEPTEMBER 2002**

The books for the Club were closed as of 5 September 2002. Upon closure of the books the Club has a cash balance of \$10,254.04 and a Term Deposit Investment Account balance of \$10,167.72, which is due to mature on the 18th December 2002.

There are still accounts to be received for Turf Fees, Electricity and the Junior and Senior Wind-Ups.

The Club has ended the season in a positive financial position. This is a reflection of the strong membership we have had once again. The members have supported the club in many ways both socially and financially. The early payment of full fees by many members put the Club in a healthy financial position right from the start of the season. Our registrar, Joy, has once again done a marvelous job in collecting fees.

We have also had extremely good sponsors this year with a total \$4,482.00. Well done to those members involved in acquiring sponsorship for the Club.

The Bar was extremely well supported this year, with record consumption and profit being made. The Bar has made approximately \$ 3800.00 this season. I believe this is a reflection of the very successful Social Calendar we have had as a club. Once again the Social Committee has organized many very successful functions, which have profited the club by approximately \$2800.00 this season.

With rising costs in Insurance and Association Fees it is very important that club members support the Bar and Social Events as they have done this season. It has only been through this support that the Club has managed to be financial this year. As can be seen in this report, our Payments have been extremely high. It should also be noted that our fees only cover a third of our expenses.

I would like to thank all those members who have contributed to and supported the running of the Hockey Club over the 2002 season. Hopefully we will have another good season in 2003.



Sue Sullivan Treasurer 5th September 2002

**ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDING 5 SEPTEMBER 2002**

RECEIPTS

Cash at Bank 05.09.01
Interest
Sponsor
Bar
45's Club
Uniforms
Club Fees
Turf Fees
Wind-Up
Social Committee
Year Book
Light Hire
Equipment
Security
State Champs.
Fee Refund
Club room Insurance

\$16,060.89
\$ 9.27
\$ 4,482.00
\$17,615.20
\$ 40.00
\$ 1,558.00
\$21,412.81
\$ 2,734.60
\$ 3,353.00
\$ 8,136.20
\$ 235.00
\$ 363.75
\$ 150.00
\$ 400.25
\$ 110.00
\$ 60.00
\$ 506.11

PAYMENTS

Bank Fees \$ 118.70
Bar \$15,274.14
Electricity \$ 478.61
Wind - Up \$ 3,723.05
Fixture Books \$ 175.65
Turf Fees \$ 8,689.08
Uniforms \$ 1,372.10
Photos \$ 100.34
Fee Refund \$ 1,170.00
Year Book \$ 233.20
Telephone \$ 240.65
Coaching \$ 1,275.00
Investment \$10,000.00
Club Rooms \$ 5,597.50
Social Club \$ 5,213.70
Team Association Fees Ladies \$ 2,295.00
Team Association Fees Men \$ 6,565.00
Insurance \$ 1,180.00
Stationery \$ 138.25
Equipment \$ 2,491.00
Light Maintenance \$ 151.07
Courier \$ 176.00
Fines \$ 75.00
Sponsorship \$ 200.00
WAHA Tickets \$ 40.00

TOTAL

\$77,227.08

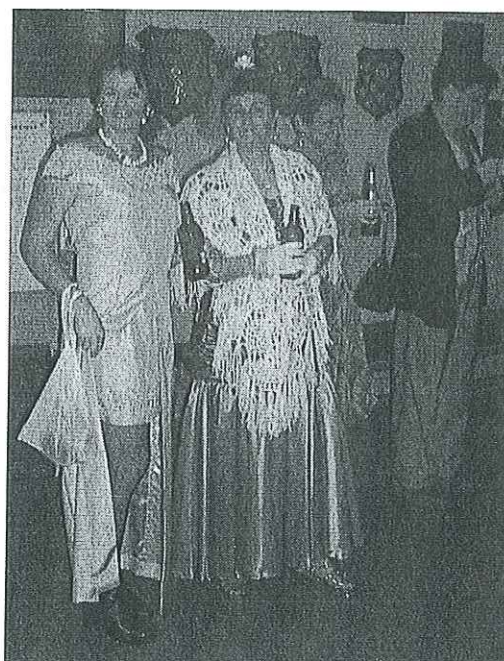
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Balance

\$10,254.04

OUTGOING AND INCOMING COMMITTEE

| POSITION | INCOMING 2003 | OUTGOING 2002 |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| PRESIDENT | Graeme Creedon | Graeme Creedon |
| V P - WOMEN | Wendy Wales | Wendy Wales |
| V P - MEN | Andy "Bomber" Brown | Brad Ball |
| SECRETARY | Rhonda Ford | Rhonda Ford |
| ASSISTANT SECRETARY | Bronwyn Caine | Nil |
| TREASURER | Sue Sullivan | Sue Sullivan |
| REGISTRAR | Joy Klinck | Joy Klinck |
| BAR MANAGER | Neil Partington | Jim Hogan |
| JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR | Neville Ford | Neville Ford |
| PROPERTY OFFICER | Richard Czabotar | Richard Czabotar |
| SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT | Eric Hardy | Andy "Bomber" Brown |
| CANTEEN MANAGER | Vacant | Nil |
| PUBLICITY OFFICER | Sid Czabotar | Gary Smith |
| COACH - MENS 1C | Vacant | Greg Thompson |
| COACH MENS 2C | Vacant | Alan Mills |
| COACH MENS 3 | Vacant | Nil |
| COACH WOMENS A | Clint Mills | Wendy Wales |
| COACH WOMENS A RESERVE | Nathan Germano | Trena Janczyk |
| COACH WOMENS B | Vacant | Trena Janczyk |
| COACH VETERANS | Maurice Giles | Maurice Giles |
| COACH U17 | Clint Mills | Dudley Evans |
| COACH U15 | David Klinck | Clint Mills |



Oh! The style??!! Gail , Alison and Chris turn it on

Social Club Report -2002

Socially RDHC has had a very successful year, with very good attendances at all major functions.(averaging 80 per function.). The best part of this attendance has been the spread of members from all teams and whilst all the old warhorses have been there, it is very pleasing to see the numbers of our younger members attending constantly increasing.

We tried some different ideas this year, with some success. The Derby Day and the first Karaoke Night, exceeding all expectations. The reduced pricing for bringing an additional person to some functions , was well received in most quarters, albeit there was some complaints that it was discriminating against single members. This was only meant to be an incentive to attract additional people to our functions, who in turn would support our bar bringing additional funds into the club, so I apologize to anyone who believes they have been discriminated against.

With regards to monies raised, it is difficult to give an exact amount for each function due to monies going into the bar but the following approximate amounts were raised separate to the bar

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Derby Day | \$1200.00 |
| Quiz night | \$1000.00 |
| Raffle | \$1500.00 |

Our functions and fundraisers would not have so successful without our sponsors, Big Brews Liquor, for our liquid refreshments and major sponsor of the Derby Day. Capricci's Restaurant, who did not only sponsor our weekly lucky member draw for both seniors and juniors but sponsored the Derby Day and the raffle. Michelle's Upholstery, Bob Jane T-Mart, Retravision, Sound Tax and Accounting, Sound Finance and Palm Springs Landscaping who sponsored the Derby Day and let us not forget Nice Buns Bakery and Warnbro Meats ,who helped with our BBQ'S and Beta Electric's with raffle prizes. So please remember our sponsors during the coming months and let them know that Rocky Hockey supports them during the off-season

On the down side it was disappointing not having a member from each team on the Social Committee, which reduced the amount of input into the type of functions members would like and this also made it difficult at times to pass information to the various teams. It also increased the workload of the social club members. Another disappointing area was the pre-function purchasing of tickets, this caused a problem with catering and identifying eligibility for fee refunds. These are areas the incoming committee will need to address as a matter of urgency, along with control of the BBQ and control of incoming monies going directly into the main account without going through the social club books.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who as helped with the Social Club, with special thanks to Bryan Taylor,(and Suzanne), Darren Bassett, Bill, Stephens, Greg Hislop, and Michelle Pene(a non playing member).



Andy (Bomber) Brown - Social Club President and his Number 1 helper Anna Brown

Under 15 Development Squad

For the under fifteens the 2002 season started in March. More than sixty kids came down for trials, hopeful to be selected for the development squad. We entered the first match against Willetton optimistic, where we enjoyed a 3-1 win. This win was followed by a series of convincing wins. The team had a good work rate. We had a very strong defence, a highly skilled mid field and a dangerous forward line.

Our only glitch so far in the season came against Wesley South, where we were under-manned and struggled to a three all draw. Since then the team improved, we won the challenge cup 5 zip. We traveled down to Busselton for the country carnival, which we won. We also played first division in the state championships, in which the kids only dropped one game.

I was impressed with the attendance for training with the team, it was easily the best in the club, with only a handful of people missing a session through out the season, usually for other hockey commitments.

"The Squad"

Brody McDonald, (goal keeper). Keeps out the good shots, lets in the easy shots. Good keeper, nice kid, just needs to learn to concentrate for seventy minutes.

Nicholas Lim, (sweeper). Nick is one half of the best fullback combination in the competition. Nick improves with every match, constantly puts his body on the line for the team, often leaving smaller forwards face down on the pitch. He is fit, fast, and strong and most importantly is starting to understand the game properly.

Asha Anderson, (high fullback) The other half of a fantastic defensive combination. Asha is the most reliable defender in the team. She has a very strong tackle and is a great tagger. She also has a fantastic work rate, which increases the teams offence as well as defence.

Danny Radburn, (half back). Danny has started in all of the games this season. He is strong with good basics. For a person who has only been playing for a couple of seasons he has a lot more to offer.

Reece Harris, (half back). At the start of the season Reece was struggling to get a game, however he always trained hard and improved his strength and skills, which in turn improved his confidence. Reece is now a very reliable defender and an important member of the team.

Todd Ford, (centre half). Todd captained the team. On his day Todd is a match winner, highly skilled, strong over the ball with a good knowledge of the game. Todd has had a steady season, he is our highest goal scorer. Todd is already an important member of the club and no doubt his stature at the club will even improve in the following seasons. Just remember to look at the score before signing the card, and leave the umpires alone.

Caitlin Wales, (midfield). Caitlin has huge potential, represented our state this season in which she performed strongly. Needless to say Cate is very important to the team and club. Her control and stick skills are fantastic. Even though she did not score this season she was influential in almost all the goals we did score. Hopefully, Cate will improve her strength and speed, and then I have no doubt Cate will be an exceptional player.

Lee "Fabio" Brown. (Midfield). He just keeps running. Lee has the best work rate in the entire club, he just doesn't stop. He has good basic skills, good tackling skills, and good shot on goal

MENS 1C

Where to start! Well, for most of us, it was early January with Pre-season with some gruelling runs and long triathlons. A special mention has to be said for Brett Webb and Owen Hale, setting an unbelievable pace, so early in the season; something we should all strive for. Unfortunately, Owen could not go on to play, with University commitments to take priority. Hopefully Owen will return next year.

To the season, what a start 8-0, 8-0! Shows what a good pre-season does for a team. We continued on hit the half way mark, with 36 goals for and only 1 against.

Bring on the Challenge Cup. We knew it wasn't going to be easy, as we were hit by a JTA team that pushed us all the way, and with an early goal going against the flow and we never recovered. At the end all we could say that it was a game of missed opportunities and one that got away.

Second half of the season went on like the first, with some unbelievable games from all in the team. We finished with only one loss in the regular season, 72 goals for and only 6 against, giving us the Guth Ardagh and automatic promotion to 1B's.

Well Done Guys and Coach Greg Thompson.

Team, starting from the back.

GREG HALDON (Pocket Rocket) – What a year! Not many keepers going around can brag about 5 goals out of 15 games. One of the best keepers in the competition. Still amazing us with his skill and keeping all of us in check. Watch out!

GREG THOMPSON (Coach) – Greg as always stopping the ball, player and everything else within arms reach. Also had the hard job of looking after us as well. What a great job getting us to where we are. Thanks from all the team.

CLINT MILLS (Cheezel) – Started to show everyone how good he can play, until struck down with another injury. Unlucky Mills. Oh, thanks for the Red Hair donations.

DAVE KLINCK (Big Dave) – Started at right half and did a great job, then moved to fullback and showed how good he's going to be. Any forward knows he is impossible to pass.

PAUL YOULDEN (Youldo) – Our main man, centre half. Ever reliable, and as strong as ever. Well done. Had a great year, my vote for best player.

DAVID ROCHFORD (Rocky) – Red Bull man. A guy who doesn't need wings, but a third lung would be great. Great team player, a great example, someone who shows 100% every game. A great second half of the year. Go Rocky! (That was to be said in an Indian accent)

EWAN GUNN (Huey/ Gogo gadget arms) – Just loved training with us all. Another one to show how it should be done. Starting at left half and going to striker later in the season. Scored some great goals. A great laugh.

TODD FORD (Pumpkin) – At only 14 showed some great ability. Has a good future. How's your nipples.

Now to the awesome forward line!!

ERIC HARDY (Rico) – Showed the more work given, the harder he would push. Another outstanding year. Never gives up, lifts the whole team. World's most creative fines master.

BRETT WEBB (Hot & Spicy) – Outstanding talent, with ability to burn. Showed us a glimpse of what's to come. Will do very well in 1B's. Some incredible goals, well done.

SHAUN FORD (Princess) – a welcome return after a stint at Uni. Another great talent, with silky smooth skills. Someone who could dominate at 1B level

BRYAN TAYLOR (Captain) – Bryan was GOOD!!!

A special thanks to all who played this year off the bench. You are all important part of the team, as the starting 11, with definitely some being part of the squad next year.

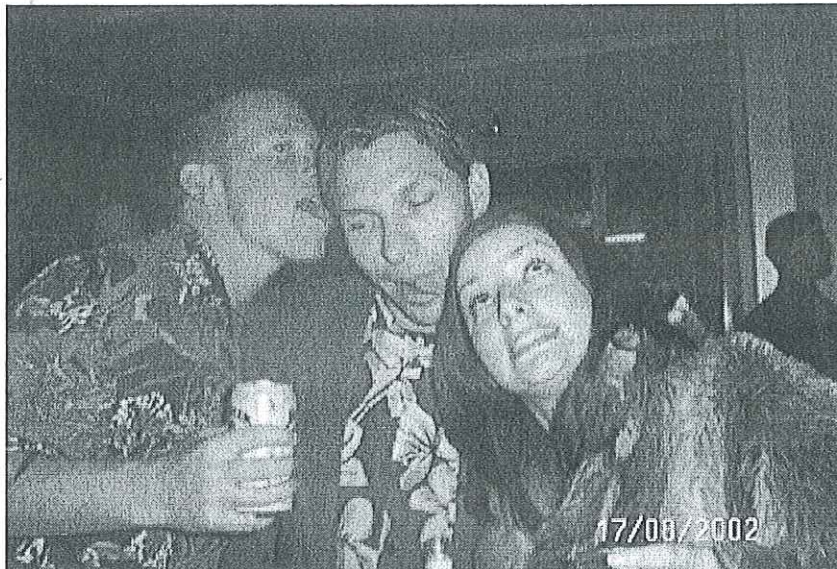
Lee Brown (watch this one), Nathan (Alphabet) Germano, Travis Goule, Peter (Molly) Molnar, Shane Reibling, Cameron McDonald, Michael (Rosce) Rose, and Mr Daniel (Creedo) Creedon.

A special thanks to Nev Ford, who did everything for us. Hopefully he'll be there next year. Nev was a great help and lots of fun. Also to all who supported us this year. Never have I seen so many loud supporters who give us all a huge lift, (Watch out bikies).

As a result of our successful promotion to 1B's, advancing should prove to be again a formidable challenge. With a good mix of young talent and established players, hopefully some success will follow us to next season.

Bryan Taylor
Captain

Editors note: The 1C's won their grand final 2-1 against JTA



Brian Taylor passing on advice from Clint Mills to Suzie

LADIES A GRADE

Overview of games.

Rockingham Ladies A team had a very interesting season this year. After a short pre-season and a new combination of age and experience, we lost the first game of the 2002 season. Ouch. Players began to gel in our next game, with Caitlin Wales and Chris Taylor both scoring goals (unfortunately we conceded three goals - doh!).

In our third game we were victorious, beating Mandurah 2 goals to 1. In this game Wendy Wales, our Captain, and Gail Taylor, our Vice Captain, both received green cards. Good to see them putting in some impressive effort and determination!

After a week's rest (the first of our six byes for the season), we lost to Midcity - an event not to be repeated. Kim Thompson also missed her first game due to injury (look after yourself Kimmy). We lost again in our fifth game, this time to Mandurah. Wendy gained another green card and our forwards were once again baffled by the invisible force field that protects opposition goals.

Yes, yes, yes, we lost the next two games as well - despite playing much better team hockey, with impressive calling, passing and movement off the ball (particularly by Sue Greenaway, Caitlin Wales and Cara Evans). Team morale was getting pretty low at this stage - so thank you to those club members who supported us at this time!

We seesawed the next seven weeks, with a win-loss-win-loss-win-loss-win sequence. In this time we beat Midcity twice (3-0 and 5-0) and beat Halls Head twice (2-1 and 2-0). In the first win against Midcity, Asha, Cassie and Sue all scored a goal. In the 5-0 Midcity win, Wendy had a knee injury so coached and cheered (luckily Kim and Chris Taylor were back from injury), Kylie Cutler stopped a penalty stroke and Sue Greenaway scored three goals! (Caitlin and Sarah got one each too.) The Midcity ladies were rather unhappy. With just five teams in Ladies A Grade, we had stolen their finals berth!

So that was the end of the first three rounds. One more to go. Not wanting to break a comfortable pattern, we lost the next game versus Mandurah then won the one after (Cassie and Sarah both scored). Maya Lees put in a fantastic effort in the Halls Head game - gaining compliments from around Mandurah Hockey Stadium.

We drew 0-0 with Irwinians in our second last game, with both teams baffled by the evil goal moving fairies. Happily, we played Midcity in our final game so finished the season with a win (and with Mahala back in goals for the game!).

Thanks to Phil, Ken, Greg, Millsey and everyone else who helped us out this season, (including that tall guy who used to come along and watch us do sprints before training??). A special thanks also goes to Wendy and Gail, our experienced and calming Captain/Vice Captains who encouraged and inspired us throughout this season (both on and off the field). Thanks. It's been fun!

The team was (in alphabetical order of course)

Asha (cool-calm-and-collected) Anderson

Cara (get-out-of-my-way) Evans

Sue (can-still-score) Greenaway

Sara (oops-left-my-sneakers-at-home) Janssen

Sarah (karaoke-queen) Jarvis

Maya (don't-hit-me-you-stupid-cow) Lees
Chris (where's-my-lollypop) Taylor
Gail (shouldn't-wear-those-undies) Taylor
Kim (photos-and-trees-don't-mix) Thompson
Caitlin (slow-motion) Wales
Wendy (don't-let-that-fat-mother-f^#*er-get-a-goal) Wales and
Cassie (not-without-my-hat) Warren.

Our heroes in goals were
Mahala (wish-I-could-play-on-the-forward-line) Mullins
and Kylie (lost-at-sea) Cutler,
with valued appearances from
Kahla Francis, Kirstie Gunn-Brockhoff, Jenny Curtis and Leah Marsh.

Green Cards

Wendy 2, Gail 1, Sue 1, Sarah 1, Caitlin 1, Cassie 1

Goal scorers

Sue 8

Chris 4

Cara 3

Caitlin 2, Cassie 2, Sarah 2

Asha 1, Maya 1



A few of the girls relaxing!

MENS 2C

Coach - Alan Mills

Players of 2002

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Darren Bassett | Mark Coppendale | Gavin Coulter | Folkert Janssen |
| Cameron McDonald | Bill Stevens | Daniel Creedon | Shane Riebeling |
| Nathan Germano | Todd Ford | Dean Lings | Peter Molnar |
| Mathew Botany | Lee Cousins | Ty Germein | Lee Brown |
| Chris Brown | Michael Rose | Travis Gould | Alan Albion |
| Luke Wales | Clint Mills | | |

Final Standings for the Season

| Team | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | For | Agn | Diff | Points | Percent |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| WILLETTON | 18 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 47 | 10 | 37 | 44 | 81.48 |
| ROCKINGHAM | 18 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 51 | 20 | 31 | 41 | 75.92 |
| JOHN XX111 | 18 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 57 | 24 | 33 | 39 | 72.22 |
| WHITFORD | 18 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 42 | 28 | 14 | 26 | 48.14 |
| NEWMAN | 18 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 31 | 32 | -1 | 23 | 42.59 |
| KNIGHTS | | | | | | | | | |
| PERTH SIKHS | 18 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 40 | 39 | 1 | 15 | 27.77 |
| HALE | 18 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 24 | 50 | -26 | 14 | 25.92 |
| CANNING | 18 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 13 | 102 | -89 | 4 | 7.4 |

Considering from most conversations I have heard at the club our 2c side has more than exceeded expectations this season. Basically we were suppose to finish around third or fourth on the ladder, so I think second on the ladder is not bad. Yes, we were on top for most of the season but whether it was a change of luck or what ever, I still say it was a damn fine effort all round from everyone. There was a distinct blend of players this year with a couple of 'old dinosaurs' right through to young 'whipper snappers' the U/15 & U/17 brigade. These young blokes were critical to the final position of the team. Not one of them seemed uncomfortable with playing 2's or 1's for that matter, showing exceptional skills and to think we have seen only a handful of these guys in seniors so far, the club really has some potential in the next few years at least.

Season Highlights or Lowlights (which ever way you look at it)

Round 1

Well it all started here against the Sikhs at home, they made a comeback to the 2nd grade this year. One interesting comment from one of blokes about a certain Sikh player as we are about to start, he asked the umpire if the player could remove what looked to be a bum bag around his waist. Now this fellah promptly replied and said "oh no I cannot remove it, for it is a colostomy bag" a few of us just looked at each other as if say 'what the' we couldn't say anything else and the game began. From what I remember about playing the Sikhs before, they really got critical of each other when the chips were down and yes they didn't disappoint, screaming at each in their native tongue. A fine result of 4 nil was racked up and we were on our way.

Round 3

Willetton had some crunching games with these guys the last couple of years, they knocked us out of the finals two years ago as well, and so we have a healthy rivalry. I was a bit worried initially for our young blokes, the Willetton players are a very physical side. In hindsight I shouldn't have worried at all as our young blokes displayed awesome skills and one who I won't name, but has a very short haircut, actually faced up to one of the Willetton players eye to eye in shall we say a fiery encounter. So after a lot of hard work we posted 2-1 win, which I might say, made my day.

Round 4

Another of the teams to cause us grief in the last few years is John XXIII, always a skilful side. Unfortunately the u17's were not available, but we nearly beat them, a 3-3 draw was the result. We had them 3-1 and let our selves down with a draw. One of the 'old dinosaurs' I referred to before was on fire in this game up in the forward line.

Round 7

At home against Hale, another side to come into the 2c grade this year, as always Hale have such a good name in hockey, a very big club. But maybe not all that big..... for as usual we are working away in our pre-game drills with five minutes to go, a head count reveals they only have five players. The umps stroll over asking for a delay, so after 10 or so minutes waiting for extra players we have to slow down fearing we will be buggered if they suddenly turn up a few more players. A further five minutes went by and it was decided Hale would forfeit, a win is a win, but at the end of the day you're there play to hockey so we had scratch match with the few Hale players. The other thing to consider was that we just had the general bye for the June long weekend so that was effectively two weeks without a game.

Round 8

I knew the forfeit against Hale and the bye would bite us, we played the Sikhs again. Well we did our best to throw this one away, such a good start two quick goals, ten minutes of sensational hockey, and then we went to sleep, 3-2 down at half time. Yes, rest of the first half was a shocker, Alan arrived just before half time from his game with the vets, he quickly assessed a few things, made a couple of changes. Eventually a 4-3 result in our favour, we fell over the line literally.

Round 10 (Challenge Cup)

I think we were in the fortunate position in that the regular round match was also against Willetton, so the big wigs (presidents) conferred and we agreed to play a winner take all match on Sunday.

There were a couple of noticeable absentees, one, our regular goalie for which we had a fellow from the vets who is certainly no stranger to 2's or 1's and the other was this 'tall blonde - very loud dude'.

The game was excellent, a really good hard game under pressure, it was played from end to end continuously, until finally, we scored that elusive goal with a few minutes to go. I must say that I rate this one as one of the best games I have had the honour of playing in, everyone played exceptional and yes, victory was very sweet.

Round 14

Our one and only 'turf' game for the year against Hale, I just wish to say from the moment we got out there it is great to play on that stuff..... This was quite a strange game in that it didn't really reflect the result, the first ten minutes or so was very fast, hard hockey. Some of the goals scored were sensational in teamwork and final delivery. A really good game on the turf netting a 9-1 result.

Rounds 15, 16 & 17

All three of these were draws, not good games, our form was down. In round 17, which was against Willetton "again", we scored in the last 30 seconds to make it a 1-1 draw. To say Willetton were dark about that was an under statement.

Round 18

What a way to finish the season our first loss to John XXIII 3-0, after the previous games resulting in draws I think this one was a long time coming.

Semi Final

Here we go again, Willetton just won't go away. Once again we seem to switch on for the big ones, played great hockey all game to finish 0-0 all at full time. Everyone without exception played really well. Extra time was played but still no result, so on to the penalty shoot out, unfortunately some one has to win and although I still think penalties is bad way to end it, yes Willetton slipped into the Grand final and we play John XXIII in the preliminary final.

It's a wrap

After everything has been said and done, this really has been a good season for the team, as listed above and every one of them has been part of it regardless of how many games played. The club has huge potential in the next few years with current crop 15's & 17's coming in to the senior ranks.

A couple of acknowledgments, firstly to Alan Mills, thanks for the great effort he has done with the team, been there through thick and thin, always made it to the games when possible. Secondly to the supporters, these include the regulars at the qualifying games and 1's blokes who also handled the bench at times, also to the great crowds at the Challenge Cup and the semi final, these supporters made a huge difference to the team.

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Nathan Germano on the town!

LADIES A RESERVE

A Reserve Ladies started off the season where they finished off. Top of the ladder.

We had a few draws early on but have maintained top position for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the season by 10 points or more.

We have won 13 games, drawn 6 and only one loss. We have scored 37 goals for and had 12 scored against us. A pretty good goal difference and a good indication of this team's worth.

We had chosen to train on Stan Twight rather than Mandurah Turf and we adopted the motto "if you can do it on grass, you can do it on the turf". This worked. We aimed to play all games like turf games, keeping the game short and sharp.

Early in the season it was a little unsettled with changes being made with positions and between A Grade and A Reserve to try and find the best combinations.

This sorted the A Reserve Girls soon became a formidable team. There were games throughout the season where we were down 2 or 3 goals and still managed to come back and draw or win. (Amazing what you can do when you have warmed up)

We lost a couple of players both to A Grade and B Grade from last years winning team, namely Asha, Kathy and Ally (only due to work commitments) and gained a couple namely Donna and Janette.

We have had a team list of 20 players throughout the course of the season to fill the gaps. Most weeks we have run with 12 players.

We are about to start our finals campaign and hope to be successful. We will give it our best shot. We have made it into the grand final.

I would like to thank Nathan for his assistance with training and games. He has made training nights so much easier for me, but not the girls. Nathan jokingly said he wanted to be assistant coach midway through the season at a game. I took him up on his offer and he has been an asset.

To all the A Reserve players: Thank you for your support and commitment through the season. You have been a pleasure to coach and have made me proud to be associated with your team. Your team spirit and camaraderie are what have set you above all other teams in this competition.

TEAM LIST:

JOY KLINCK; Captain. F/B. Guidance, leadership and communication have been invaluable this season.

ROBYN PALERMO; Vice-Captain. C/H. Now knows the three D's of Centre-half (Direct, Distribute and Dominate) and does it so well!

LEAH MARSH; Goalie. Came in midway through the season. Is a junior player and has adapted very well.

DONNA LINES: High F/B. Controls the middle, gives Joy heart failure and is the master of the professional foul.

KAHLA FRANCIS; R/H. Played some early A Grade games and then settled with us. Has played some great games and slotted in extremely well to her new position. Regardless of what she may think.

BRONWYN CAINE; L/H. Ever reliable, hard working and hard running.

KIRSTY GUNN-BROCKOFF; R/W. Improved out of sight. Has grown in confidence and has the speediest legs in the team.

SUE SULLIVAN; R/I. She may think younger legs should play inner, but when she's hot I think not. Has been solid in her position most of the year.

JENNY CURTIS; C/F. Great leading and communication. Inspirational and knows how to lift the team.

ELYSHIA BICKLEY; L/I. Played many positions early in the season. Once settled in Inner she has played beautifully. Will not go to Nyabing on semi-final weekend again.

JANETTE MCMAHON: L/W, R/W, C/F, R/H and L/H. Has great strength in attack and is solid in defence. Janette has been most valuable in her ability to play all positions.

DEANNA HOGAN: L/W, L/I and C/F. Has been playing awesome hockey.

KYLIE CUTLER; Goalie. Started with us and then got promoted to A Grade.

ALLYSON CANDLISH: H/B. Filled in for us and saved our butts on more than one occasion.

CARA EVANS; H/B. Played the start of the season when she was coming back off injury. We love having her.

CHRISTINE TAYLOR; Played one game at the start of the season before going to A Grade.

DONNA CARNEY; played a couple of games and never heard from her again.

MEGAN JANCZYK, LISA CURTIS AND RACHEL CAINE: These girls helped us out on short notice and did extremely well. As I stated in the B Grade report they are going to be valuable additions to the club.

It is with regret that I will not be coaching this team for season 2003 as I have other commitments I must fulfill. I wish them every success. To whoever may take on the coaching role, this would have to be one of the easiest and most enjoyable teams to coach. This was my 4th season with them and I will be sad to finish.

Trena Janczyk

Editors note: The ladies won their grand final against Mandurah on penalty strokes. Leah Marsh saved three strokes.

LADIES B-GRADE

B Grade Ladies commenced the season with large numbers and no coach. They started by joining in with A Reserve at training and once teams were selected, I couldn't let their enthusiasm and enjoyment wane, so took on the job as Coach with Rhonda Ford's assistance.

They played the first game of the season with 13 players and won 2-1 under Rhonda's guidance. A good start to the season.

We continued through the season with 11 wins, 1 draw and 8 losses. We had 21 players on the books this year. We have had weeks where we have scrounged for players and weeks where we have had 15 players. As a coach I am not sure which is worse?

We lost Arlene Yates with a broken wrist in round 3. Even though she had fallen and hurt it, it took another 10 minutes for pain to overcome her and for her to come off.

Over the course of the season we had Stacey, Dee, Mahala and Melanie out with muscle injuries. Sharron injured her finger in her 3rd game of the season and boy it was messy.

We introduced a new goalie early in the first round and thank you to Kathy for stepping up to A Reserve while Leah got used to Ladies hockey.

This team has improved immensely over the season and has been a pleasure to coach. They are keen, listen and attempt to do what is asked of them. What more could a coach want?

These girls finished the season 4th on the ladder and lost their semi-final 2-1 in a hard fought game against Mandurah.

TEAM LIST

PAULINE STUCKE; Captain. C/F, C/H, F/B and Wing. Won the contest for playing with most hangovers and probably the most positions.

JANET JERRAM; Vice-Captain. Left Inner. Second in the hangover competition.

KATHY KEEYS; Goalie. Great Kiwi Keeper.

ROBYN BAILEY; F/B Ever dependable

ARLENE YATES; Team Manager. F/B until injury. Certainly organised this team.

DALE YATES; F/B. Quiet achiever, I sometimes forgot she was out there.

DEBBIE PEKEL; R/H, L/H and C/H. New player this season and was an asset to the team.

ALLYSON CANDLISH; C/H. Ran her butt off.

DEE RULE; L/H, R/H, C/H, IN and C/F. Her skill and strength was missed in the semi final.

CHERIE FALLON; L/H. Great poke tackle.

STACEY FOX; L/H and F/B. New player this season. Found her niche as a defender.

DAWN PAGE; Wing. Worked hard, a tough year.

VONDA CARDI; Wing and Inner. Plays a great wings game.

MAHALA MULLINS; Forward. A determined forward, particularly close in against goalkeepers. Just has to control that rush of blood.

ROS EVERITT; Inner. Played until she was transferred away. A big loss.

SHARRON LAMPSHIRE; New player. Was just starting to grasp the game until she was injured.

LEAH MARSH; Junior goalie. Played a couple of games to get used to ladies and then went to A Reserve.

ROBYN PEASE; Only played a couple of games.

MEGAN JANCZYK, LISA CURTIS AND RACHEL CAINE; all junior players that helped us out over the course of the season. Certainly held their own and will be valuable future senior players.

Thanks must go to Rhonda Ford, Jenny Curtis and not least of all Ken Mullins for their assistance with coaching this season. Without their help I wouldn't have coped.

I wish this team every success for the next season. You are a great group of ladies who enjoys your hockey, knows how to have fun and will keep on improving. I hope the committee for season 2003 works hard to find you a coach and give you the support you deserve.

Trena Janczyk



A few of the girls hamming it up at the Karaoke Night

MEN'S A RESERVE

Our season started on a warm Sunday afternoon, with a sprinkling of players from the twos and ones. However, it was not enough (along with a lack of pre season training) and we went down 4 – 2 against a team that has been promoted from B Grade in 2001.

We went on from there and showed a bit better form in the following weeks with six wins and a draw in the next seven games.

Our defence was starting to become rock solid with Leigh McDonald and Brad Ball at full back and Mark Coppendale and Russell Caine at Half Back, we had only one goal scored against us in a seven game stint. We had four different goalies in this period and all were handling the job more than adequately.

Our forwards were performing well and scoring goals consistently. With Gavin Vagg running all day as an inner and solid cameo performances from players such as Peter Baggio, Lee Brown, Chris Brown, Travis Gould and Ty Germain. Lee Cousins and Kris McDonald were providing solid contributions in the forward line and all was going well.

We then came up against Mandurah, who turned the hockey field into a rugby pitch, Mandurah got to a 2 – 0 lead but our young team held in there. We followed soon after half time with 2 goals in a minute, including a ripper from Michael Rose, which went past their goalie head high. Mandurah upped their tempo with their tackling (not all of the hockey variety) and ability to influence the umpires ran away to a 5 – 2 win. Who could forget Tim Paynter (aka. Mullet) performance as roving goalkeeper in this game.

The next week we traveled to Pinjarra with quite a few players out and having to fill the team with some under 17 players, we were down to the bare eleven. This did not perturb our team against a solid Pinjarra outfit and our team came away with a very good 3 – 1 victory. All our under 17 guys showed the way in this game. Alan, Lachlan, Clayton, Christian, Josh and Russell combined well with the “older” players to score our best victory of the season. However Lachlan needs to give up “baiting” the biggest player in the opposition if he values his future as a goalie.

These under 17 guys were almost scarred for life after the game when they sat at the sideline to watch the Pinjarra Vs MidCity B Grade Women's game, we had to get them out of there quickly.

Our next game was on a cold and wet Saturday at home with a 4 – 1 victory, the highlight being a hat trick from Lee Brown.

The last round started with our team clearly on top of the ladder and a very courageous come from behind 2 – all draw against MidCity.

We then started a string of four losses in a row. With the unavailability of several players in these rounds we were unable to put the score on the board. We tried hard in all games but were just not good enough for a win. Halls Head and Pinjarra beat us in lackluster performances, however the games against Mandurah and Kwinana were tight.

We went into the game against Kwinana with a young team again, but performed admirably. Russell Caine shone at full back, in particular a great diving save on the goal line. Our under 15 goalie, Brodie MacDonald stepped up and performed very well, Alan Albion also had a very good game on the half back line. We welcomed back to hockey Neil Partington this game, and

while Neil will agree it wasn't his best game, it was great to see him with a hockey stick in his hand again. Thanks Neil.

We then came up against Mandurah who managed to umpire while playing (again), but nevertheless we tried hard but found ourselves 2 – 0 down at half time. A bit of a switch at half time saw Brad in the forward line and with a great running (well sort of running) goal got us back in the game. We ran out of time for a 2 – 1 loss.

Having to win the last game of the season to assure us of a double finals chance we came up against an eight player, bottom of the ladder, Irwinians side and struggled to a 2 – 0 win.

We played a second semi final against Pinjarra on a Saturday night. In a fast, hard fought game, Pinjarra scored the first goal early in the second half. With Leigh McDonald keeping Pinjarra's dangerous centre forward quiet all night and Lachlan having a good game in goals, we were able to push forward and finally secure our first short corner of the games. When Brad slammed home a nice head high shot (not dangerous says umpire Folkert) it was 1 – 1. The game intensified from here in until Pinjarra got a fast break with a couple of minutes to go, Lachlan made a great save but scrambling and urgency by the other defenders was not quite enough to stop a Pinjarra goal. Pinjarra won 2-1 and while we were disappointed, it was our best performance in two months.

Now to a Preliminary final against Mandurah and who knows...

Overall we used about 45 players this year so it was a bit of a struggle with team consistency and balance and in the end it showed. Special thanks to the under 15 guys who not only filled in but excelled, Brodie, Lee, Nick, Caleb and Brad Rose.

Special thanks to the under 17's guys who played during the year, Lachlan, Allan, Jay, Christian, Clayton, Michael, Warren, Josh, Luke, Robert and Sean.

All these guys played with great attitude and skill and hopefully they will all stay around and make the future of our club very bright.

Our more regular players Included captain Leigh McDonald, Brad Ball, Mark Coppendale, Gavin Vagg, Leigh Cousins and Kris McDonald, Russell Caine and Greg Hislop. By - Greg Hislop.



Neil Partington just can't believe what he's hearing

VETS OVER 40 DIVISION 3

The year started full of promise. There were lots of guys at training; the players were enthusiastic and full of confidence. We trained well, had a good team spirit, but sadly, things went a bit egg-shaped when it came to winning games.

Maurice was our Captain this year, and he did a very good job. The training sessions were interesting and fun. He encouraged the team all the way, and always made positive comments, the way it should be.

The typical game for us was dominating in the field, having a great deal of possession. The passing was usually short and crisp. We found it very hard to score goals, although it was not for a lack of trying. We had plenty of shots, but very little luck. The number of times Swanny and Manny hit the post! Then the opposition would get a break or two, and score a goal, winning the game! Who can remember the number of times we said that we had snatched another defeat from the jaws of victory...

Graeme had a good season, when he was on the field – he suffered badly with injuries this year. So did Noel, and PJ, and Maurie, and Swanny....the list goes on. I guess it has something to do with age....and fitness.

Molly joined us this year, and was an absolute star! He kept like the champion he is, and encouraged the rest of us to greater effort and more determination than we knew we had. His voice could be heard by the forwards, the halves, the backs, the spectators...good on you Mol! The opposition wondered why we had him in goals at times....he was the fastest runner in the team, even with pads on!

Millsy was his usual solid self – strong on the ball, and the opposition. He had a good season. So did Hawkeye – he's not as fast as he used to be, (but face it, who of us is)?, but he made up for it with his skill on the ball and his never say die attitude. Gary Smith had a good year too – missed a few goals, but got some good ones off the post – typical left-wingers goals. I think he stole one or two from other players on the line. Is that fair?

Swanny hasn't lost any of his speed even injured, he flew down the sidelines on many occasions, catching the long passes that we were sure would go over the back line. And not too many shots off the back line either – he put the ball back onto the spot on many occasions. He did bounce the odd ball off the top bar though. Maurice was very skilful all year, and distributed the ball nicely. Derry was a welcome addition to the vets squad. His enthusiasm and continual running showed us what we should all be doing. He lost some weight during the season, must have been all of that running.

PJ was moved around the field a lot – wing, halfback, full back – the only position he didn't play was goalie! Manny M joined us too, and covered several positions but preferred the forward line. Nifty Nev was good for the team too this year, solid defense, hard at the ball, hard on the pads – a good example of how the game should be played – well done Nev.

We had assistance from Peter Johansen and Gary White during the season, thanks guys. You fitted in well. Hope I haven't missed anyone out, sorry if I have. So the season came and went – we had several wins, but not enough to get us into the finals, damn it. It was a rather frustrating season, but the skills are there, and it looks good for next season. Hope everyone has a great year, and see you again next season!!!!!! Noel Turner-Captain

VETS OVER 40 DIVISION 5

Another Season has passed and the body has aged some more, but like true veterans we went out to battle with weary and broken bodies. If you looked at the results you probably thought the team was made up of the easy beats. This season we played 18 games drew two games and lost the rest.

The results don't look to good, but winning is not everything although it does help. Despite the losses, I believe this was one of our better seasons. I am proud to have been selected the Captain of the team with Gary White as the Vice Captain. I couldn't wish for a better bunch of blokes to play with. In the whole season there was no bitterness and animosity. Everyone played fairly at all times and to the best of their ability as limited by the quickness of their mind and the slowness of their tired and worn out bodies. It amazed me that week in week out we cantered out and put our bodies on the line. No questions were ever asked how the team was cycled off and on the field players. All knew that I respected their bodies and would protect them against themselves. The wonder of veteran's hockey is that we can still play into our forties, fifties and beyond. Although not winning a game we gave the top teams a scare in the last few weeks going down 3-1, 1-0, 1-0 and 2-1. Our high-spirited performance on the field was also matched at the social functions held by the club and those who went to Narrogin will probably never watch the Full Monty again (after their effort second best is not good enough).

The team consisted of:

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| Sid Czabotar | Goalie | He is there because he can't endure Captain running on the field anymore and can't bear to give up hockey. |
| Peter Johansen | Full back Forward | A younger member of the team who returned to the club this year and played well in defence and attack. |
| David Amm | Full Back Half Back | A good and steady defender who for a major part of the season commuted away very second week with an electrifying monotony. |
| Peter Janczyk | Full Back | As always a dependable in the back line with an arresting style of play. |
| Gary White Vice Captain | Full Back | A player with a bit of speed to get him around in the back line with an instructional consistency. |
| Richard Czabotar Team Manager | Left Half | Mr. Dependable who can be counted on to come to the rescue when needed to sew things up. |
| Victor Cooke | Centre Half | Joined the club from up north after many years of lay off. Good and strong in the centre with good calculating skills. |
| Andy Bomber Brown | Right Half | Joined the team this year and played with great enthusiasm showing off his lumbering style. |
| Trevor Macdonald | Forward | Another new starter in the club after years of not playing who tried his heart out in an economical fashion. |

Vets Carnival – Narrogin - 2002

Carnivals are always popular in the Vets competition – there is always lots of fun, fellowship and stories, which are remembered fondly for years to come. (Will anyone ever forget Alan Mills taking a dive onto the road at Bunbury)? I'm sure the Narrogin carnival will be one of those.

The bus trip is always a highlight, unless you have to drive! Graeme did the first stint, but had soooo much trouble with 2nd gear, was relegated to the back of the bus around half way. (Good trick Graeme)! Noel took over as driver for the second half – foot tapping to “Sink the Bismarck” shook up a few cans I'm guessing! Being threatened with a wet back unless you stop the bus is a common theme – perhaps drinking on buses should be banned? Kerry with her wine bottle and straw showed initiative – well done! But perhaps it would have been better if she spilt a bit more – she was pretty well inebriated by the time we got there, but then, so were lots of people.

We arrived in Narrogin at about 10pm, meeting up with those who had driven their own cars down. Collecting in someone else's room is always a good idea – no cleaning up, being able to leave and go to sleep before dawn is good, and if you pick the right room, you can always get some snacks to wash down the grog. (Thanks Anna, Jenny, Kerry, Lyn).

Narrogin has a brand new turf, and had only had a few training runs on it before the carnival. Rockingham played in the first match on the new turf – we lost 2-1 to UGS. Other scores for the weekend were Raiders, 3-2 loss, Narrogin1, 4-0 loss, UGS2, 4-0 loss – can anyone remember the other scores? Does it really matter?

Some of the hockey highlights:

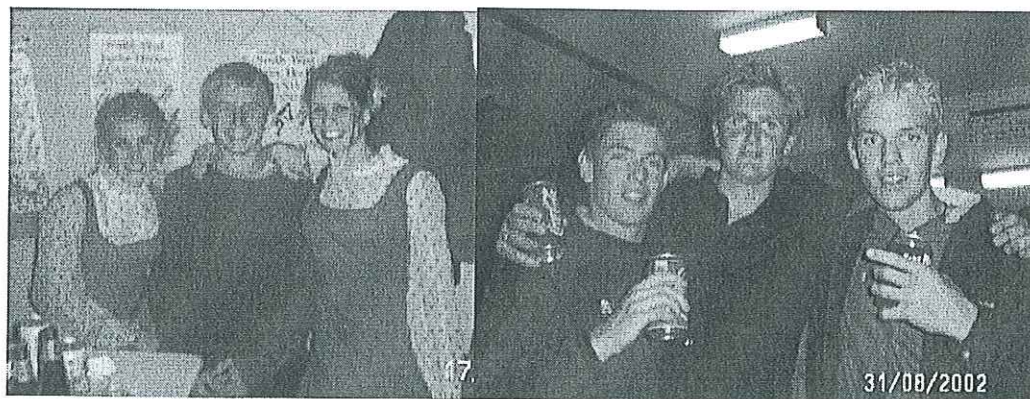
- Manny S said “I will pass you the ball in the circle” yeah, yeah.....
- Kim – 2 great opportunistic goals from the right wing
- Maurice's “Plan C” – pass the ball to one of our own players!
- Molly – as usual, very strong in goals
- Richard played with a broken toe all weekend – legend!

There were lots of injuries over the weekend, apart from just muscle soreness – some to remember were: Manny – knee, Gary White – knee – (expected more Gary), Graeme – arm, Bomber – mouth – (didn't quieten him down though), Noel – foot, groin, Maurice – feet, plus lots of other bumps and bruises.

Charlie volunteered (was coerced?) – into being the bus driver for the remainder of the weekend, and we all appreciated his tolerance and good humour, not to mention his good driving! The ladies sussed out somewhere for dinner on Saturday night – the Cornwall Hotel. So we all hopped on the bus following the last game on Saturday to check it out! Well, it passed the 3 hour quick test, so we went home for showers, and reconvened for dinner.

Turns out, it was Karaoke night. Hmmm. The Narrogin folk were very tolerant of the Rockingham players and supporters, making us feel very welcome. In fact, I heard later that they want us to come back again....I wonder why? Rockingham were not backward in coming forward for acts, Dave Amm was a big surprise as a singer and dancer of repute, an untapped talent! Hawkeye and Nev led the cheer squad and earned us all lots of free drinks. It's amazing how a few drinks lubricate the joints and the vocal cords. Manny was very good value too – he would get people up with the promise of a duet, then leave them to do a solo...good one Manny.

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| Ron Curtis | Forward | A sea change for him as new hockey player in the club well known for his energy storage and unchecked release. |
| Ricky Synnot | Forward | Played all over the forward line in his last season with the club and motored around the field. |
| Jim Hogan | Forward | Always played his best when on the field, hampered by injuries but always in the Rolls Royce class. |
| Charlie Cain | Forward | Another electrifying player who breezed in and out every two weeks often seen puffing in and out on the sideline. |
| Kim Mc Donald | Forward | An explosive player in the forward line who with his younger legs gunned himself over the field. |
| Kevin Cox | Forward | Unfortunately was cooked up an injury early and was out for most of the season. Bit of a shame, as we needed a few "did you see my goals" proclamations. |
| Russel Fry | Forward | Unfortunately was injured early in the season and out for most of the season. |
| Colin Stevens | Forward | First time player who tried out in the last month of the season and keen to get into it next year. |



Some of the club's potential for the future -Caitlin Wales, Todd Ford, Asher Anderson, Shaun Ford, David Klinck and Brett Webb.

The next classic was when the DJ asked for 5 Rocky players to come up. Well, some folk feel more comfortable doing things with others rather than by themselves, so there were plenty of volunteers. The fab 5 were, Molly, Manny, Noel, Graeme, and the extrovert of the group, Bomber. The music started...there were no words on the screen! It was Full Monty music!! Too late to back out, it was a race to see who could get it off first. A tie between Bomber and Molly I seem to recall. Noel used most of the tune time to take off his shoes and socks, Bomber got down and dirty with a belt, Manny strutted his stuff, Graeme showed us all why he is President and Molly gave the impression of having done this before..... There was someone taking photos – too bad there was no film in it – der!

Some hockey was played on Sunday but we don't remember much of the detail, headaches were nursed, injuries were sustained, and we all dragged ourselves home for a well earned rest! Thanks to the organisers, thanks to the wives and supporters and thanks to Charlie for getting us home safely. Bring on the next carnival.



A few of the Vets giving their all at the Karaoke Night clothes on this time!

Geraldton in My (Bloodshot) Eyes

By Daniel Creedon

To me, Geraldton was the best team building activity I have been involved in since joining Rockingham Hockey Club 5 years ago. Being stuck in a dorm with 13 individual "hygienically challenged" hockey players for a weekend, you very quickly get to know a lot about each of them – some things you wish you hadn't.

We started off on the Friday night hopping on the bus at the clubrooms. A bunch of blokes going away for the weekend to "bond", PARTY, have a good time and maybe play some hockey in between. Brian Taylor was the only one who brought beer for the bus trip, (thanks Brian). However, it didn't take long till we'd stocked up with all the necessities: BEER, food and I think one of the more mature team members even brought us some interesting reading material. Suffice to say the bus trip up was successful in 3 of the 4 weekend goals..... Apparently!?

After a long haul, we were all very happy to reach our destination. On the Saturday, we played two very good games, well most of us, we did have a princess that didn't play in the second game because apparently she had heat stroke. I think we were all sort of realizing this team had potential this year; and that bloody preseason wasn't all for nothing. We got to meet some really nice blokes up in the bush and they looked after us pretty well, they even offered to take us out Saturday night and we accepted, however, I don't think we needed much coercing. That night seemed to go on for a long time. I can't really say what everyone did. 1. Because what happens in Geraldton stays in Geraldton, and 2. Because I don't really remember what I did, let alone anyone else. However I do remember a few drunks terrorising the streets walking back from the club; I think they were locals.

Sunday morning was not pretty. Needless to say, we didn't play quite to the level we had seen the day before. It was a fairly embarrassing game, yet still fun and an opportunity to try a few moves. The bus trip home, didn't quite have as much energy in it as the one on the way up, just about everyone was worn out. The only highlights on the way home were that the bus broke down and it happened in a town where the pub was shut; not the best of luck. In the end every one was very happy to get home. We were all very appreciative of Nev & Greg who had coordinated the trip and volunteered to drive home when the rest of us could barely keep our eyes open.

All in all a great trip was had by everyone. Regarding the team bonding, whether it worked or not, I think the evidence speaks for itself; our win – loss ratio this year is a good place to start. Rocky Hockey should therefore try and organise another trip next year – if it goes ahead I'll be the first to volunteer



Daniel (Creedo) Creedon and entourage

AND THE TROPHY WINNERS ARE –

| <u>GRADE</u> | <u>F&B</u> | <u>R-UP</u> | <u>T-PLAYER</u> |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Under 15 | Lee Brown | Todd Ford | Asha Anderson - Coaches award |
| Under 17 | Cameron McDonald | Darryl Lees | Allan Albion |
| Men's 1C | Brett Webb | Paul Youlden | Greg Halden |
| Ladies A | Caitlin Wales | Sue Greenaway | Sara Janssen |
| Men's 2C | Shane Riebeling | Daniel Creedon | Dean Lings |
| Ladies AR | Deeana Hogan | Elyshia Bickley | Bronwyn Caine |
| Men's AR | Brad Ball | Mark Coppendale | Brad Ball |
| Ladies B | Allyson Candlish | Dee Rule | Allyson Candlish |
| Vets 3 | Derry Smith | Neville Ford | Peter Molnar |
| Vets 5 | Ron Curtis | Peder Johansen | Sid Czabotar |

Scitec Club Person Award:

Trena Janczyk

Sid Czabotar – Presidents Club Person Award:

Neville Ford

Congratulations to all winners!! See you all next year.

