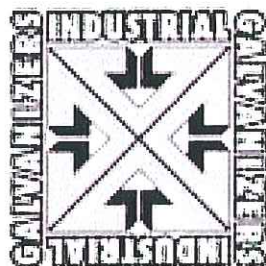
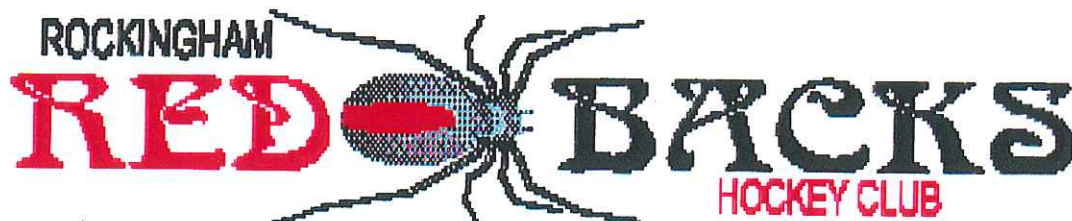


YEAR BOOK 2003



**WENDY WALES
ROCKINGHAM VOLUNTEER
SPORTSTAR 2003**



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EDITORS NOTES

Greetings Salutations and Hello!

The 2003 Season is over. Where has the season gone?

This is my first year as the PR man. I didn't do too well and missed my objective of producing 6 Newsletters and was unable to get any articles into the local papers. This is my aim for next year. But to that I must receive your input. I will certainly scrape up dirt scuttlebutt and stories on our club members. Don't be afraid to ring me, send me your stories or your photos. In particular I need team reports on a weekly basis so that our club can be recognised in the Rockingham Community.

Thank you all for your contributions and in particular your input to this Year Book. It is an important part of our Club History.

Please remember our sponsors and tell them you are from the RDHC to show them that their sponsorship is valued.

My apologies to the Men's 1 B and 2B as well as the Ladies A team for no photos as I didn't get to any of your games.

Don't forget our Website www.iinet.net.au/~megasmit/ This Year Book and lots of photos will be on the web after this week.

At your Service

Sid the Dockers Supporter



THE EDITOR AT THE COMPUTER WE PRINT TOMORROW

PRESIDENTS REPORT - SEASON 2003

This year the **Redbacks** could be called the "Quiet Achievers". Although we haven't had our name up in lights like last year, we have gone about our business and achieved considerable success, thanks mostly to some very determined efforts.

The Committee

Your committee again worked tirelessly and had to confront some especially difficult issues in 2003 – as usual, you probably weren't even aware of many of these matters and that alone is a great compliment to the way the committee has been able to go about its business. I would personally like to thank them all for displaying great club loyalty and for being able to make the tough decisions – anyone can make easy decisions, but it is the hard ones that determine the effectiveness of a committee. Your 2003 committee has been very effective.

Financials

It is never easy to create revenue when top teams are struggling. With the Ladies A going through a period of transition, and with the Mens 1Bs and 2Bs playing away virtually every Saturday afternoon, it was expected that over-the-bar revenue would be down substantially this year. This expectation proved to be correct and although there were some very persistent efforts by our resident barflies we were actually down over \$3,000 in bar revenue this year – we need to look at ways to boost this in 2004.

A fantastic donation by Alan Mills and Neville Ford, in the form of their \$2,300 coaches fees, has helped to boost the Lark Hill Facilities Fund and I wish to thank them both sincerely on behalf of the club. Their continued loyalty to the club over a long period has been unquestionable. On the subject of the Lark Hill Facilities Fund, I expect that in the next couple of months the incoming committee will again be able to put some money away from the end of year cash balance.

Unfortunately this year we again handed over operation of the canteen to the Juniors Association because we could not get someone to volunteer as Canteen Manager. Although the Juniors kindly donated \$200 to the **Redbacks** as a gesture of thanks, this still has probably cost the club around \$1,500 in potential profits. I hope that in 2004 we can fill this position.

The bottom line of the financials is that we made a profit in 2003 and are in a reasonably healthy state, but we need to build on this to ensure we are adequately positioned for Lark Hill.

Sponsors

The mark of a good sponsor is one that comes back again and again. We have been lucky enough to have our 3 premier sponsors, *Big Brews Liquor*, *Edison Mission Energy* and *Westate Finance*, all have sponsored us for 3 years in succession. This is a measure of their commitment to the **Redbacks**, and it is also a measure of the value we can offer to our sponsors. So far we have been able to reward our sponsors by advertising their businesses (through our web site, newsletters etc) and I hope that all members will continue to use and promote their services wherever possible.

A new key sponsor this year has been ASP Ships who were introduced by two employees who are also club members – thanks to Bill & Jamie. Other sponsors in 2003 were Industrial Galvanising, Navcom Piping and Kwinana Insulation. In total our sponsors have provided over \$4,600 in support.

Social

I won't pre-empt Eric Hardy's report but from the pre-season car rally to the off-the-cuff casserole night a couple of weeks ago, we have had some terrific events. The electronic quiz night went over really well and proved to be a great fundraiser. This years raffle is again a beauty with terrific prizes, so hopefully it will be fully subscribed and will also be a key contributor to our income.

Suffice to say the social events have again helped to support us financially and I thank the social committee and everyone that came along and enjoyed themselves for getting involved in the club.

On the Field

At first glance some might say we didn't do too well with our Mens 1s, 2s and Ladies A struggling – but a closer look shows that in fact the club has never done better.

At the start of the season we set a couple of tough goals:

1. retain 1Bs and 2Bs
2. expose as many U17s and U15s to 1B/2B competitions as possible

We not only achieved these goals, but we actually did better than expected. The Mens 1Bs won 6 games and drew 1, and at one stage were competing for the four – never before has Rockingham performed so well at this level. In fact we actually sacrificed 3 very winnable 1B games to ensure that our 2Bs were also successful – they eventually won 5 and drew 3. This is the first time in the history of the club that we have been able to maintain 1Bs and 2Bs for a second year.

Most importantly though is the fact that in achieving our second goal we have helped build an incredibly strong future. We introduced 9 U17s to 2B hockey this year with 5 of them also tasting 1Bs - it is doubtful that any other club offers their juniors such great opportunity. In the past we have lost a few players to other clubs in the hope that they can play at the highest level – often though the other clubs relegated those players to the lower grades. From now on the juniors will be far better off playing at home with the *Redbacks*.

Similarly, the ladies have also promoted a large number of juniors into the senior ranks. The Ladies A team, which again had its fair share of young talent, coupled with Mother Trena's B team, which had an average age almost in the single figures (slight exaggeration), demonstrates the opportunities that are being created for our up-&-comers. The abundance of this junior talent coming through enabled us to field 4 ladies teams for the first time. It also clearly shows how well the Junior Association is doing in developing such talent. Clearly Rhonda and her team should be congratulated.

The on-field results will be well documented in the various team reports but with 7 out of 11 teams in the finals summarised as follows

1Bs & 2Bs – secured 1B/2B again for 2004. Selection of young players put the coaches in a difficult position this year, particularly early in the season when to comply with our two aims they selected

players that may not have otherwise been the best 11 for that game. This was not always popular, but was the right decision.

Men's AR – made the finals, but were unfortunately knocked out in the semis. Have struggled for numbers all year. Fortunately the U17s often provided the numbers enabling us to put a team on the paddock. Remember guys a 40c phone call on Thursday night would make life so much easier for your captain and for your teammates.

Ladies A – have made the preliminary final, albeit in a 4-team competition. However, a lack of depth has under-pinned a less than ideal performance on the track.

Ladies AR – top of the ladder AGAIN, but blew it in the semi. After winning the preliminary final this team were runner up to Mandurah. This team year after year continues to excel.

Ladies B Black – on top of the ladder and won the grand final. Although numbers have been a problem, this team has stayed well clear of the rest of the ladder all year.

Ladies B Red – 2nd on ladder and won in the preliminary final only to lose to the black team. This is a great effort for such a young team.

U17B - top of the ladder AGAIN for the third year (every year they have been in the competition) and they drew in the grand final. They won the Challenge Cup and Garth Arduth trophies again this year and although the Grand Final was a draw they became premiers because they were on top of the ladder.

U15A – promoted to As this year after consistently being too strong in B division for a number of years. Unfortunately though the step up has been tough. There are some great kids coming through, so if we can hold the grade we should be stronger in 2004.

Vets 3 - 2nd on ladder and into the preliminary final. Unlucky not to win the Challenge Cup but deserve to be grand finalists, however were eliminated in the preliminary final.

Vets 5 – everyone had a great time! Had a couple of wins this year and lost so many by just a goal. An improvement on 2002 and who knows what 2004 will bring.

Disappointments

There have been a couple of issues that have been more than a little disappointing this year. One that probably needs to be mentioned, because it is unfair on the club as a whole, is the poor attendance at MHS turf training.

Due to the loss in 2001 of Garden Island as a training venue, we have had to pay out over \$10,000 this year in turf fees. Although a considerable portion of this has been due to game fees around \$4,000 has been due to training expenses at MHS. All members share these costs and there is a fair expectation by other club members that those who are privileged to be subsidized for this facility will at least make the effort to use it. I accept that when we are not winning it is much harder to stay committed but remember, *“when the going gets tough....”*

The Future - Lark Hill

It is getting closer. We expect to be sitting down with the project engineers and council in the next few months and the aim of that meeting will be to identify the facilities that are needed to support the synthetic turf (i.e. lights, fencing, clubrooms, meeting rooms, change-rooms etc). Rest assured we are aiming high and so far the plans and feedback from the council are extremely positive for hockey. Fingers crossed we will be playing on our own turf in 12-18 months.

There will be four new grass grounds provided at Lark Hill – hopefully these will also become available at the same time as the turf, but that is dependent on whether the council elects to use roll-out fields or to plant the field as seed, in which case the grass fields will not be ready for an extra year.

With our own turf and with the strong junior development I have already spoken about, the future of hockey in Rockingham is at least as good as anywhere in WA. What other clubs can boast a turf, a 350 strong junior competition, a 70,000 population source etc? Meanwhile some of our surrounding associations are struggling to field sufficient teams to make their own competitions viable. Consequently I realistically expect to see an increase in membership over the next two years as others begin to realize what the *Redbacks* have to offer.

It is now up to all members, as ambassadors of your club to promote the benefits of the *Redbacks* to other potential members and especially to sponsors. I ask you all to get involved in YOUR club and to help us grow.

Graeme Creedon
President

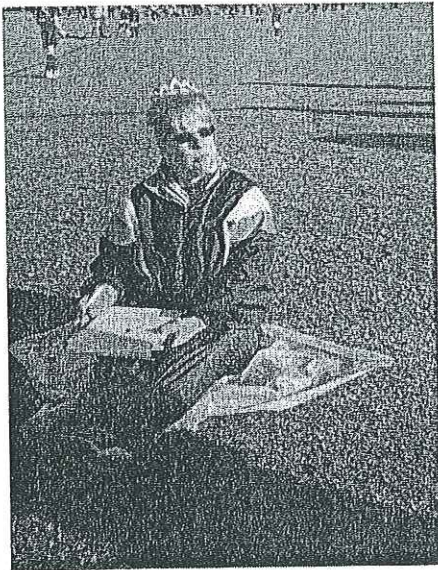


THE PRESIDENT, NOEL AND FRIEND

CONGRATULATIONS WENDY

ROCKINGHAM VOLUNTEER SPORTSTAR OF THE YEAR 2003

Congratulations to Wendy the legend Wales on being awarded the Rockingham Volunteer Sports Star of 2003. Our Patron Mark McGowan stated that Wendy won her award against stiff opposition. This trophy which is the envy of many and is a prestigious award acknowledges the effort Wendy has put in the game, of which she is extremely passionate about. This has been shown in her over 30 year involvement with hockey as a player, Captain, Vice Captain, Club committee person best and fairest on numerous occasions both within the club and the Peel Competition, Junior hockey coach, Umpire and junior hockey development.



PRINCESS WENDY



WENDY THE LEGEND

Wendy started her hockey in the little wheatbelt town of Kukerin starting at the age of 11 years young and now after 30 years plus she is a 40 ish youngster. Wendy is married to Steve and has two children Caitlin (who now plays for North Coast Raiders) and Luke who plays for the RDHC under 15s.

Congratulations again Wendy. We are all proud of you.

TREASURERS REPORT

The books of the Club were closed on the 2 September 2003 with a cash balance at bank of \$6353.43. And assets of \$52,339.45 (which includes our floodlights valued at \$25,746.45 that are now fully paid).

Our investment fund received a boost this season with the Coaches donating \$2,300.00 of their \$2,500.00 coaching fees back into the investment fund bringing it up to \$5,300.00 invested this season, a very healthy Investment Fund closing at \$15,898.22 as at 31.8.03. Thank you to Alan Mills and Neville Ford.

Our Club Members and Friends have again supported the Club to a positive financial state in 2003. Even with fewer functions this season, our thirst not only for wins on the field carried over to our Clubrooms and a healthy Bar Takings for the season. The collection of fees by Joy the Clubs registrar shows a outstanding job done by Joy with a amount of \$20,602.00 being collected, and a very small amount yet to come, all of which is needed to help with the ever increasing amounts required to run a successfully Club, as our liabilities this year have increased with higher turf fees just being one example. Whilst these figures are not as healthy as the previous year they do not reflect the proceeds of our yearly raffle, as it is not included in our figures and would certainly help boost our bank balance for season 2003.

In closing I would like to thank all the committee members for their patience and support of me in Season 2003, and wish all members of Rockingham Redbacks a very Successful and Profitable Season 2004.

Anna Brown
Treasurer



BARBARA , ANNA AND LYN

TREASURERS REPORT

Current Assets

Cash at Bank	\$6,353.43
Investment Account	\$15,898.22
Bar - Float	\$300.00
Bar - stock	\$909.40
Social Club Hats in Stock	\$62.50
Uniforms in Stock	\$613.00
Outstanding Invoices	\$771.90
Outstanding 45's Club	\$155.00
Cash in Hand	\$683.00

Value in Hockey Equipment (See Note 1)	Total	\$25,746.45
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Fixed Assets

Floodlights	\$26,973.00
Total Assets	\$52,719.45
Current Liabilities (Rebates)	\$380.00
Total Liabilities	\$380.00
Net Assets	\$52,339.45
Members Equity	\$52,339.45

Note 1:

Hockey Equipment including goalies gear, balls and training equipment. Approximately valued at \$3000.00



A FUN DAY AT THE CLUB

OUTGOING AND INCOMING COMMITTEE

POSITION	INCOMING 2004	OUTGOING 2003
PRESIDENT	Graeme Creedon	Graeme Creedon
V P - WOMEN	Wendy Wales	Wendy Wales
V P - MEN	Peter Janczyk	Andy "Bomber" Brown
SECRETARY	Rhonda Ford	Rhonda Ford
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Bronwyn Caine	Bronwyn Caine
TREASURER	TBA	Sue Sullivan/Anna Brown
REGISTRAR	Joy Klinck	Joy Klinck
BAR MANAGER	Jeff Hawkins	Jeff Hawkins
JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR	Gail Taylor	Neville Ford
PROPERTY OFFICER	Neville Ford	Richard Czabotar
SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDEN	Joy Klinck	Eric Hardy
CANTEEN MANAGER	Nil	Nil
PUBLICITY OFFICER	Sid Czabotar	Sid Czabotar
COACH - MENS 1C	Not yet filled	Alan Mills
COACH MENS 2C	Not yet filled	Neville Ford
COACH MENS 3	Not yet filled	Nil
COACH WOMENS A	Not yet filled	Wend Wales
COACH WOMENS A	Not yet filled	Trena Janczyk
COACH WOMENS B	Not yet filled	Trena Janczyk
COACH VETERANS	Maurice Giles	Maurice Giles
COACH U 17	Not yet filled	Clint Mills
COACH U 15	Not yet filled	David Klinck



SOME OF THE COMMITTEE AT WORK AND PLAY

SOCIAL CLUB REPORT – 2003

Well we had some fun times this year trying a few different things to get people involved in the club.

The first function held involved trying to work out how to roll a ball that is flat on one side and a weight on the other. Lawn Bowls was certainly a bit of fun and gave some of our members a taste of a sport that is just around the corner for them!

Next we had a car rally that had us end up at a BBQ area in the middle of nowhere. Most of us found our way there relatively quickly (not as fast as Rocky who had a few blue flashing lights on his tail I'm sure). A couple of our lady members decided to don their stack-hats and turn a one hour journey into 4 hours and 45 minutes, while one of our Vets cars got stumped on the first clue and didn't make it to the end much sooner.

We had a night for the punters, hiring a bus and heading up to the Casino. A few of the Vets had leave passes without a chaperone, we wont tell how much they spent! A couple of the Men decided a few early drinks and then sober up by the end of the night so that they could play hockey the next day was the plan. I guess some things seem good at the time.

David the human microphone Rochford, Karaoke extraordinaire, ran our Karaoke night. As usual this night brought out the best (and worst) in peoples singing ability. It appeared that the idea is a few drinks early in the night and by the time it is your tun to sing the only people who are worried are the ones listening. On a serious note, FUN was the main word and everyone had some, well maybe not the surrounding residents of Hennessy Ave.



ERIC , MANNY AND DAVE

The Quiz Night was a great turnout, raising quite a few dollars for the club. We had a go at an electronic quiz night and with good result; a good leveler as they say hey Millsy. Thank you to all the

people who donated prizes; I'm sure everyone would agree that the prizes this year were second to no other year.

Along with the BBQ's, alcohol, hats, alcohol, shirts, alcohol, casseroles, alcohol, raffle, alcohol...the social committee were kept very busy this year and I thank them all for their effort.

It was great to see all the usual faces at the year's functions, but it would have been much better if we got to see some new ones. If your excuse is that you don't like the functions being held then I am sure Joy would love your input for next year.

Cheers!

Eric

JEFF HAWKINS

Congratulations Jeff for twenty-five continuous seasons in the RDHC (in all he has played 412 WAHA games as well as numerous Pre-season and Carnival games. He started his hockey career in Harvey in 1962 and has played for the following teams, RDHC (1s, 2s masters and Vets), Harvey (as a junior), Navy (in NSW, WA and Victoria) and seniors for Darwin RSL. Jeff has held the following positions in the Club as player, Captain, Vice captain, Bar Manager, assistant Bar Manager, assistant coach to Wendy the legend in the juniors. He is married to Pat and has one son Michael who also plays for our club. Jeff is thrilled to see the success of the Junior Development Programme. He has in the passed been Clubman of the year and was honored with a life membership in 2001.



CLUB NEWS FROM THE 2003 SEASON

Trena turned 40 this year.

Who is one of our most decorated and respected senior women's hockey player, who was heard to say, "I never Chuck". I believe that after Treenas fortieth birthday she was heard talking to George on the porcelain telephone and spent most of Sunday in Bed and vowed to never drink again.

Bronwyn wants everyone one to know that she is not the old mother chook watching over her spring Chickens in her ladies team.

How's this for dedication. Recently our Social Club President Eric Hardy was in a car accident and thankfully was not seriously injured. It is good to see that Eric Hardy is OK, albeit still with a very stiff neck. While waiting to be cut out of his car by the jaws of life Eric had the temerity after this near tragic car crash following a game at Shenton Park to call his team manager (Neville) from his mobile.

Bomber Brown joined the real old farts recently and celebrated the BIG 50 with a PARTY at his place. It was a great do with the only thing spoiling it was the "Bombers (Essendon) decorated Birthday Cake". Oh well each to his own.

As we age we forget, don't we Noel and Sid. Which one of you stayed home watching the footy thinking the team had a bye, while the team was out on the field winning. Not to be out done, which one waited at 1:45 p.m. at Stan Twight waiting for his team members to turn up for a game at 2:00 p.m. at Melville.

One of our up and coming young hockey players is very keen to score goals. In a recent match a great pass was made to the top of the circle and under enormous pressure a forward picks up the ball smacks the ball at the goalie who kicks the ball to the top of the circle to a certain exuberant and excited hockey player who swoops on the ball like an eagle and slams the ball into the back of the net and can't understand why the Umpire calls a short corner. Nice one Todd we all make mistakes and shoot for goals at the wrong end.

Congratulations Todd for being selected to umpire the U15A's finals and grand final. He umpired 3 in total and only missed one due to illness. This is wonderful for a youngster to commit to umpiring and do at well at a top level. Well done Todd!

Did anyone notice that Richard dyed his hair brown because he didn't want to look grey like his brother Sid.

Finally talk about bad luck poor Daniel Creedon who injured himself playing hockey, driving and camping (stay away from camp fires) and still managed to get a game in or two.

MENS 1B & 2B TEAM REPORT

It's very hard to believe that we're at the end of another season already. It only seems like last week that we at the beach starting our pre-season training.

When Alan and myself said that we would coach I knew that it wasn't going to be easy. The last time Rockingham was in 1Bs we struggled to win any games at all and toward the latter part of the season it was hard to keep the motivation up.

This season the 1Bs got off to a flying start and after round 6 they had 4 wins under their belt. One of these win was against Suburban, a Goundry Cup side the previous year. A very dominant Redbacks won 4-0 in what could arguably to be the best game ever played by a Rockingham side. 4 rounds later Rockingham showed Lakers that the new boys weren't to be taken lightly, winning 5-3. Both of these sides finished in the top 3.

The 2Bs were having a much harder time. While they were playing some outstanding hockey, could only manage 1 win and 2 draws for the first half of the season. Rockingham took it right up to 3 of the top 4 sides that finished in the top 4 at the end of this season. They lost by 1 goal against Harlies, Suburban & Modernians.

By far the best game the 2Bs played was a 0-0 draw against Suburban. This game gave not only the 2Bs but also Alan and myself a lot of heart that this was the grade the 2Bs should be in. Because of the 1Bs great start it soon became clear they would hold the grade. This enabled us to support the 2Bs at the selection table. I would like to thank all the squad for their support when it came to the difficult job of selections, especially the 1Bs that played 2Bs. The only highlight from both sides in the second half of the season was that the 2Bs had three convincing wins against John XX111, Riverside & Blades.

This year we had horrendous run of injuries, both on and off the field. We had several muscle strains and 3 car accidents, 2 of which were serious. The serious crashes where both after hockey and both Ricko & Daniel were hospitalized missing some games. Daniel was not only in one crash but also fell into a campfire on a bye weekend and missed more hockey. To add to our selection problems we had players unavailable because of job changes & players going on holiday. The player turn over was very high for both sides. In the 1Bs, twenty-six played of which five were U17s & three Vets. The 2Bs were even higher with thirty-eight players used of whom nine were U17s & four Vets.

During the season we used ten U17s in the 2Bs and five of these went on to play in the starting 11 of the 1Bs. All of these young players were a resounding success. Todd Ford has been playing seniors for two seasons and again showed he can play well at this level. Lee Brown's work rate was enormous in the 2Bs. Allan Albion & Warren Sexton had a dream start in their 1Bs debut by scoring a goal each. Shae Belton also showed a lot of promise and was rewarded with a start in the 1Bs. The remaining four U17s also played very well and we look forward to seeing more of them next year. With all these young players coming through our Club is in a strong position in 1B & 2Bs in the next few years. But it must be realized that these kids have some way to go at this level and with hard work by both the senior players and the kids themselves they will make it. Also it must be noted that there are not many clubs that give so many young players a chance to play at such a high level of hockey. I would like to thank the Vets that help fill the teams during the year. They did their bit to secure the 2Bs. Also I would like to thank all the squad members for their support & encouragement throughout the year.

On behalf of the 1Bs, 2Bs & myself a special thanks must go to Alan Mills who put his hand up to coach when we didn't have one. Without Alan we would have found this year very hard. This is the first time in Club history that we held both grades, well done Alan.

Neville Ford

MENS 1B'S & 2B'S COACH REPORT 2003

In December 2002, the RDHC coach for 1's & 2's had not yet been appointed. At a BBQ, after a few drinks, Allan Mills suggested to the president he would coach with a couple of conditions attached. Neville Ford was persuaded to share the responsibility and had the support of Brian Taylor the probable captain for the new season. Graeme ensured the conditions happened and a pre-season program was put in to place.

The following **Goals** were set:

- a. To maintain 1B's grading
- b. To maintain 2B's grading
- c. To encourage as many youngsters to play these grades as possible.

Before the season even started, many in the club believed that we would "Get Killed" in these grades and would find our selves back again in 1C grade next season. The same guys are the 1Bs that held these grades in good style. We had a terrible second half of the season with injuries, yet we held our own in nearly all games. No! We did not win most of them, but we were extremely competitive in all games and despite our list of injured players we were able to play with the same consistent teams each week. We go into next season full with confidence.

It is important also, on behalf of our entire club to thank and recognise the support and sacrifice our 1B's made half way through the season by going along with the selectors and ensuring that the 2's stayed safe in that grade. With **OUR TURF** not far away it is extremely important that we start that season with 1B's & 2B's.

Our squad this year was made up of players from 15 to 50 , the experienced players around the 28-35 (not so much the 50 in this grade) are extremely important to the success of our teams over the next couple of years to impart their experience to the large group of exciting young players coming through, such as Todd, Lee, Gavin, Alan, Shae, Danny, Warren and Nic.

I have had personal satisfaction in coaching this squad this year I would like to thank Neville for sharing this responsibility with me; he is a tireless worker for our club and without his support this year I would had lost what little hair I have left, and the squad may not have had the success it achieved. I also want to thank each member of the squad, a tremendous bunch of guys and as stated, to achieve all our goals from the start of the season is very pleasing and these goals would not have been achieved without everyone's support.

Alan

MENS 1Bs CAPTAIN'S REPORT

What a year! You don't realize what you are getting yourself in for when you start. We must all have short-term (alcohol) memory loss, or too young to realize how long and hard playing in 1B's is.

A quick thanks to Alan and Nev for coaching us. Thanks to Nev for doing a team report, so I've got a quick list of our team for the year.

- Greg Halden	- Eric Hardy	- Jamie Keane
- Greg Thompson	- David Klinck	- Todd Ford
- Daniel Creedon	- Warren Sexton	- Paul Youlden
- Shae Belton	- Shaun Ford	- Alan Albion
- Ewan Gunn	- Luke Wales	- Shane Reibeling
- Alex Swan	- Bryan Taylor	- Peter Molnar
- Brett Webb	- Gavin Cutler	- Nev Ford
- David Rochford	- Lee Brown	- Clint Mills
- Robert Taylor	- Chris Brown	- Maurice Giles

MENS 1B PLAYER PROFILE

Greg Halden:	What can you say about Greg, but WOW! Every team wanted to have him. All I can say is thank God we have the best keeper in the grade.
Jamie Keane:	A new member of our team, lightning quick and a solid hit. A great defender. Loves to train.
David Klinck:	Dave had a good year, injury robbed him from having a great year. Great team man, time to take the next step.
Daniel (Creedo) Creedon:	Well, what can you say! Burst appendix, burnt hands, car crash and still managed to take the next step and play for the 1's.
Paul Youlden	Paul only played half of the year, and funny enough it was the same time the team started to drop down the ladder. Paul is all class, hopefully he will play next year.

Shaun (Princess) Ford:	Loves to play at the higher level and really loves the challenge, if he can stay on the field. Great talent.
Ewan Gunn:	Gogo gadget arm returns. Ewan just loves to play and always has a good word! (Ha! Not) Funnyman of the team.
Shane Reibeling	Continued his good form, from last year and again showed us all how good he can play. Shane just never gives up. Thanks Shane for taking the opposition's best player every week, gives us lazy buggers a break.
Brett (Webby) Webb:	Mr. Webb, the running machine even with a dud hammie. A great player and a goal scoring machine (0).
David (Rocky) Rochford:	Great start to the year, putting some great goals away. He never gives up, a great team leader for the younger guys. Go Rocky!!! Go Rocky!!!
Todd Ford:	Todd, well what can you say, great potential just needs to find a challenge to push him along. Slow start to a great finish.
Greg Thompson:	Greg came into the team at the end of the season and showed everyone, just keep trying and you will be given a go. A player every club needs, hope to see you next year.
Eric Hardy:	Still able to push everyone throughout the season, showing everyone the standard needed to be reached to be competitive in the 1B grade. Another solid year, even a solid car crash.
Clint Mills:	As always-awesome stick skills and knowledge of the game. Only downfall, inheriting his father's knees. Good one Alan!
Chris, Nev, Maurie: Rob, Molly & Alex:	A special thanks to our aged challenged fill ins, showing everyone they still have what it takes.
Alan, Shae, Wazza: Luke, Gavin & Lee:	All these guys are under 18 and fitted into 1B's perfectly. No other club play younger guys and we have so many with loads of talent. With a little bit more experience they will give the club a bright future.

Hope to see you all next year.

Bryan.

MENS 2B PLAYER PROFILE

Allan Albion:	Shows great potential with a terrific shot and deceptive pace, was stolen by the 1's mid season and showed enough ability to become a regular next season.
Darren Bassett:	Started early in the 2's before the wealth of junior talent limited his opportunities, if the rest of the squad displayed Darren's determination for the ball we would have finished much higher on the table than we did.
Shae Belton:	Another junior with enormous promise, like others was promoted on merit and never let that opportunity slip, a valuable contributor who was sorely missed after promotion.
Lee Brown:	Outstanding form in the U17's was not always carried over into the seniors, but when it was, Lee tore sides apart. Will excel in 1B's when determined to fight for a place.
Chris Brown:	Too old, too slow, too aggressive and too good to leave out. Another who shows the kind of desire for the ball that is required to succeed at this level.
Mark Coppendale:	Lightning fast, Mark plays with great heart. Proved an outstanding halfback when moved late in the season.
Gavin Cutler:	Solid and dependable, Gav can play in a variety of positions. A leader on the field who will spend a much greater deal of his time in the 1's as time goes by.
Todd Ford:	Mr. Enigma, like Lee Brown, Todd has the potential to play at any level. Is unstoppable when switched on, if only we could find that switch on.
Neville Ford:	A hopeless player with no ability at all. Should never have played at this level or any other level. (this comment supplied by Shaun and Todd Ford).
Ty Germein:	One of those players whose contribution is only realized when they aren't available. Sorely missed.
Lee Harnden:	Dusted off his stick and found he could still use it well. Like Ty created a big hole to fill when called away.
Dean Lings:	The most consistent and dependable defender we had all season. Dean plays above and beyond the role week in, week out.
Leigh McDonald:	Solid Contributor who never gives in. Has a thirst for the ball that is admirable.

Jake Mitchell:

Gutsy and brave Jake hung in when those around had thrown in the towel. Pulled of some amazing saves and placed his body on the line regardless of the score. A great pick up!!!

Shane Reilbling:

Another rocket on the field with immense stamina. Took his chance when presented with an opening in the 1's and never let it go. Their gain, our loss.

Greg Thompson:

As feared by our players as he was by the opposition ("what do you mean trap it!!!! I never saw it!!!!!!"). Put many a dent on the back of the net with some thunderous short corner strikes. Immense presence on the field and was missed when playing 1B's.

Luke Wales:

Terrific bloke and team player. Always gave more of himself that was asked. Scored some great goals despite limited opportunity and was missed at the end.

Special Thanks:

There were many, many others who participated through the year, 38 in total comprising of U15's through to Vets, but a special mention must go to those U17's who played. Clint has done a remarkable job with these young blokes and should be applauded. Danny Radburn and The Sexton boys are outstanding talents that show great promise for this clubs future. Also to those 1B's who won games for us after solid games for their own sides, or played short on firepower themselves (possibly gave away a finals berth) to see their mates in the 2's and the club survive in this grade.

GRADES

Allan	ALBION	1	2	U17
Shae	BELTON	1	2	U17
Chris	BROWN	1	2	
Russell	CAINE	2		U17
Daniel	CREEDON	1	2	
Todd	FORD	1	2	U17
Shaun	FORD	1	2	
Maurice	GILES	1	2	Vet
Greg	HALDEN	1		
Lee	HARNDEN		2	
David	KLINCK	1		
Dean	LINGS	2		
Clint	MILLS	1	2	
Peter	MOLNAR		2	Vet
Neil	PARTINGTON		2	
Shane	RIEBELING	1	2	
Caleb	SEXTON		2	U17
Alex	SWAN	1	2	Vet
Robert	TAYLOR	1	2	
Luke	WALES	1	2	

GRADES

Darren	BASSETT	1	2	U17
Lee	BROWN	1	2	U17
Paul	YOULDEN	1	2	
Mark	COPPENDALE		2	
Gavin	CUTLER	1	2	
Neville	FORD	1	2	Vet
Ty	GERMEIN		2	
Ewan	GUNN	1	2	
Eric	HARDY	1	2	
Jamie	KEANE	1	2	
Nicholas	LIM		2	U17
Leigh	McDONALD		2	
Jake	MITCHELL		2	
Shane	OLDE		2	
Danny	RADBURN		2	U17
Dave	ROCHFORD	1	2	
Warren	SEXTON	1	2	U17
Bryan	TAYLOR	1	2	
Greg	THOMPSON	1	2	
Brett	WEBB	1	2	

MEN'S A RESERVE TEAM REPORT

The Men's A Reserve Hockey Team has had an interesting season of hockey. We played in the Mandurah Hockey Competition where we played different teams from the surrounding area. These teams are Kwinana, Mandurah, Halls Head, Mid City, Pinjarra and Frederick Irwin. It is a great competition to play in, which is just great fun as well as quite challenging.

Our team has had a mixture of different players throughout the season with most of the players being there every week. Sometimes we needed to recruit players from other sides such as the 2's, Vets, 17's and even the 15's. Although it may seem a tough game for the likes of the 15's I can ensure all players took it in their stride and played their very best.



This season saw the team make it to the finals. Not bad going considering we sometimes were running on the bare minimum of players. Unfortunately the first game against Pinjarra was not successful with the team going down 6 - 0. The experience for some of the younger players to play in finals hockey at a senior level is well received and the guys take it onboard and learn as much as they possibly can to gain the extra experience for their hockey career.

At the start of the season I was voted in by the committee to lead a team of players through a great season of hockey. This job has certainly been an honor and the experience I have had throughout this year has been fantastic. It is quite rare to lead a bunch of dedicated players in such a challenging game. To all the people in my team thanks for a great season and lets hope we make it further next year.

My thanks must also go to the committee for all their help and trust they have put in me this year. A special thanks to Kim McDonald for all the time he has put in for me ringing around chasing players.

We'll see you all in the 2004 season.

Kris McDonald
Men's A Reserve Captain

UNDER 15 A TEAM REPORT

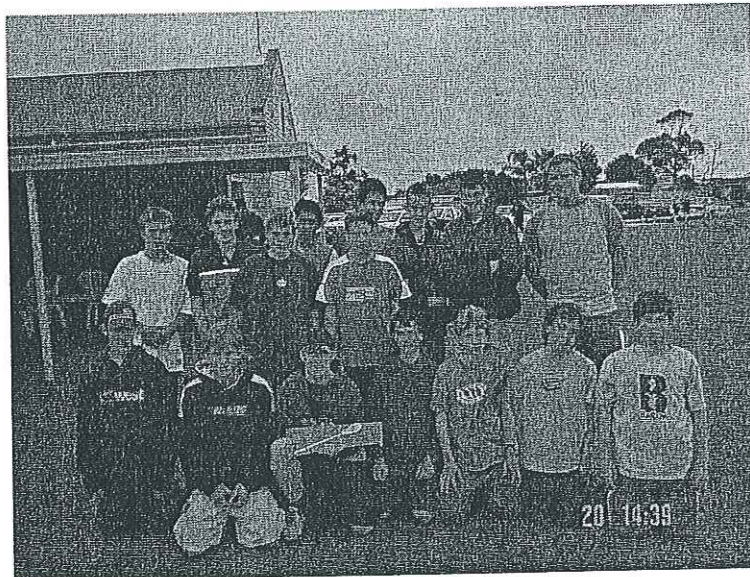
The year started well with a squad of over 30 players nominated for selection for the 15A development team. From this squad a core of 17 players were selected for further development. Following the success of last years U15s, the boys had some big shoes to step into after being promoted to 15As. The boys entered their first 2 games very positive and keen to do well, but alas were found wanting by the pace and skill of the opposition.

The step-up from grass hockey to the turf was not proving as easy as the boys thought. As the skill level of the boys developed so did their competitiveness, losing 2 games by only a goal. Sunday 17 August 2003 will be long remembered by the coach and spectators, and I am sure the boys with a convincing 4-1 win. An unnamed source, coach's mum, stated that you would have thought the boys had won the Grand Final from the smile on Dave's face. This proved to be the only win in what can only be described as a true development year for these young men, with access to the bowling turf a huge bonus in helping to improve the boys skill level.

This year's squad were relatively young compared to other teams, with some players still eligible for U13s, but with the experience gained this year and another year of growing, things look positive for next year. The year proved to be a long battle, but in saying that, every week being able to step off the field with their heads held high the boys did the club proud. These are the players of our future. The improvement from the start of the season to the end was amazing, things are definitely looking good for the future of the club with the skill level and hardwork shown by the boys.

Well done guys.

Dave Klinck and Jim Hogan



UNDER 15A AT THE JUNIOR WINDUP

On the Coach

Dave stepped into the breach this year with huge shoes to fill, with last years team doing him no favours by being promoted to 15As and then 3/4 of the team going up to U17s. Dave took up the challenge and this young man with enormous skill has taken a group of young boys from good grass hockey players to better turf players. Dave's efforts were rewarded when 6 of the players were selected in the Regional Team and handled themselves well in the tournament, a great achievement. Dave's approach with the boys, help to develop a great team spirit with the boys always keen to get to training or the game, and no matter what the result always encouraged each other and had a smile after the game. As a spectator each week I watched the development of these young boys who liked hockey into young men who thoroughly enjoyed their hockey, win lose or draw. An excellent achievement Dave, well done.

Jim Hogan

UNDER 17B TEAM REPORT

The team started the season confident of being graded in U /17A for the first time in Rockingham's history. We were required to play two grading matches, needing to win both of them. We won the first match against rivals Old Aquinians 2-1 and drew against North Coast Raiders 2-2. Unfortunately it was decided that North Coast had out played us and they were promoted, leaving us in under seventeen B south, again. (Raiders finished fourth in 17A, obviously we would have been competitive)

These grading games proved to be a good pre-season for the boys and we started the home and away season winning our first five matches easily until drawing against Victoria Park. This was a bit of a wake up call for the boys and we thought about our game style and made a couple of changes. The following two months the boys played with a lot more commitment and played a smarter brand of hockey easily beating our oppositions, only conceding a couple of goals. When we played Vic Park again we played with a couple of players missing and a couple others quite crook and went down 1-nil, it was disappointing to drop a game however I think that the boys were a little more comfortable going into the finals without being undefeated.

Even though we did not beat Vic-Park during the season we were left on top of the ladder by a clear margin and with a huge goal difference. This meant that we were awarded the Guth Ardagh flag to go along with the challenge cup already achieved. It also meant that we were to play Vic Park in the second semi-final. We were confident of redeeming ourselves because this time we would be playing on turf and with a full squad. Unfortunately the boys started the first half much like the Eagles and Dockers finished their seasons, extremely poorly. Luckily for us Lachlan carried on his good form in goals and we only trailed one-nil at half time. Disappointed with the commitment and discipline for a final I pulled the boys into the far corner of the field, hoping that it would be far enough away from the parents for their half time brief.

After receiving a serve at half time the boys came out and played the sort of hockey that I expect them to. They were hard at the ball, desperate yet composed and used their skills well. Within ten minutes we were up 2-1. Against the play, Vic Park scored a goal to level things up. From here on it was a real arm wrestle, we were still playing on top of them however they scored through a short corner. With only a couple of minutes left in ordinary time we were awarded a short corner. With nine players on

the top of the D, Alan Albion scored an excellent goal in the top right corner via a flick to level things up. I was really happy with the second half and tried to encourage the boys to take the same commitment into overtime. They were knackered however they kept on running and trying and eventually scored through another short corner with less than thirty seconds left in the second half of overtime. We won 4-3, well done fellas.

The team played WASPs in the Grand Final and was dominant for most of the game. Both teams had their opportunities to score but at the end of full time, the score was locked in at 1-1. Neither team scored in the golden goal overtime period and the premiership was awarded to Rockingham as they were on top of the ladder. Well done fellas on winning all three flags.

All of these boys played seniors through out the year. It was good for their own personal development however it was also vital for the club, not just to expose sixteen, seventeen year old guys to good hockey but also because we needed them to hold the grades, especially 2B's. Sometimes these boys were driving up to Perth on a Saturday night just to play for fifteen minutes so that one of our seniors could play in 1Bs and 2Bs, thanks very much for that.

These boys really did support the seniors this season and I think it was disappointing from a club perspective that we did not get any support at any of our games from any of the seniors that were not parents, with the exception of Graeme and Neville. I think that it is something to think about for next season.



UNDER 17 B SOUTH PREMIERS 2003

U17B TEAM PLAYER PROFILE

Warren Sexton:	Warren really stood up as Captain this season. He has played right half this season and played it well. He is skilful and is learning the game very quickly, always an avenue out of defence and always an option in attack. Good season Warren.
Lachlan McDonald:	Lachy has had an unreal season. There are not many keepers that will only concede 6 goals for an entire season. Just as important he is probably the most well liked player in the team and is very important for team spirit.
Nicholas Lim:	Nick has played in the back line almost all season and is a big reason why we did not concede many goals this season. If you have ever seen Nick play he is not clumsy, he deliberately Knocks people over, no one gets into his D. He has an unbelievable work rate and is extremely hard at the ball.
Danny Radburn:	Danny is another player who is continuously improving. As a defender he has good speed and is a good tackler. Once he improves his tagging he will be an extremely valuable defender.
Russell Caine:	When Russell is on song he is a very solid defender. He is strong and quick as well as being willing to put his body on the line for his team. Once you stop being so critical on yourself Russ you will realise how much potential you have.
Josh Taylor:	Josh has had a much improved season. Playing mostly out of left half he has been a real find. He has good basics and is constantly improving his decision-making. Good luck next year Josh.
Lee Brown:	In my opinion Lee is the best player in the grade. With the exception of the semi final he has been our best player in every game, controlling the match from center half. Hopefully you keep on playing for Rocky because I am sure that next season you will be a regular starter in the 1Bs.
Shae Belton:	Shae is easily the most improved player in the side. He has good basics, a good work rate and is also deceptively hard at the ball. I have a lot of time for you Shae and I hope you keep at it because you are going to be an extremely valuable player for the club.
Sean Atkinson:	Sean is the quickest player in the club (sorry webby). He is sometimes a little inconsistent however in the close games he has always stood up, often being asked to mark the oppositions best player. If you could just learn that you have to slow down when you have the ball to control it, you will be unstoppable.

- Rob Allen: Rob hurt his leg at the start of the season however has come back strongly. Spending most of his time out on the wing he has been responsible for a lot of our goal scoring opportunities and for earning several short corners. He is also a very good clubman with the best interest of the team always at heart. Good on ya Rob.
- Calab Sexton: Calab has spent all season in the forward line, even when he was playing as a defender. However he has scored a goal in every game except for two and been partly responsible for why we have had such a solid season. Calab you are the cheekiest bloke I know but I like you and hope that you keep at it.
- Todd Ford: We all know how good Todd can be. Playing either forward or back he always has an influence on the match and is capable of winning a match from his own stick. Todd really stood up in the semi scoring two goals, hopefully that will be repeated in the final.
- Allan Albion: Alan has as much potential as anyone else in the club. He is skilful, quick, strong and hockey smart. Alan you have had a good season mate and when you play well the whole team plays well.

I would also like to thank Chris Brown, Neville Ford and Graeme Creedon for their help through out the season. Also I would like to thank the parents of these lads who have all been up at most games, it means a lot to the boys.

Most importantly I would like to thank the team manager Kim McDonald. Kim has worked hard all season to make sure that the boys are well prepared for the games and are focused. He is well liked and respected by the team and I am sure they appreciate his efforts as much as I did. Thanks very much Kim.

Just to sum up. Thanks very much to the team. You are a good bunch of fellas with a lot of potential and of huge importance to the future of the club. I hope that I was not too hard on you through out the season and that you guys enjoyed yourselves, a successful season.

Cheers, Millsy

VETS OVER 40 DIVISION 3 TEAM REPORT

Well, what a season it has been!

The pre-season started 6 weeks earlier than usual with the possibility of the Vet's going to the Narrogin carnival, (sadly didn't happen). Nevertheless with the season underway with the first game against OGMHC at Lilac Hill. Ten, fitter than they would normally be at this time, took the field, yes, only ten, because it was also, apparently the beginning of the football season as well. Whilst the ten keen and eager players were thrashing it out on the field, one was sunning himself at Shark Bay on holidays and another was relaxing on the couch watching football oblivious to the fact that hockey had started. Nice one, Noel! Well, the guys had a convincing win for the first game.

The season continued to march on and game 7 was a do or die effort as far as participation in the Challenge Cup was concerned. We had to play Melville, currently second on the ladder, with 16 points, and us third, with 15 points and a game in hand. A draw against Melville meant we would have to win the next game. Well 2 o'clock came and we only had 11 players. Manny M (fullback) and Molly (**goalkeeper**) were nowhere to be seen. Melville gladly lent us a keepers helmet so that the game could at least start. Ron Capps volunteered to be the sacrificial lamb and went into goals with very little protection. Five minutes after the game had started, Manny M thankfully arrived and his warm-up was short lived because Manny D twanged a hamstring and had to come off. Halftime came with us looking down the barrel at 3-1 the wrong way, a loss meant no Challenge Cup. Just before the second half was due to start, who should front? (A very welcome Molly, who commented "aren't we playing at 3:30?") He whisked the pads on and the second half was underway. Within two minutes Melville cracked another goal in (not good!!). As quickly as Melville got that goal the Redback Veteran machine fine tuned and got firing, slotting away four goals for the remainder of the game. A great effort from the team to come back from 4-1 down to 5-4 up. This win perched the team nicely on the top of the ladder with 6 wins, 1 loss and a game to go before the Challenge Cup.

Challenge Cup

Dramas a-plenty, with dead set foul weather, only one WAHA umpire and an opposition that were not very keen to play. On the other hand we were very keen to play, having had the bye the day before and having traveled 55 Km's to get there. Yes we were keen. Our opposition, Hale, dug their heels in and would not even entertain the idea that we had a badged umpire (good on ya Millsie) who had volunteered to officiate. We were going nowhere fast and time was slipping by. I toddled off to the P.H. Stadium to hopefully locate an umpire, instead I found the WAHA CEO who came down to our ground and laid down the law to Hale, play or forfeit, quite simple. Hale still didn't want Millsie to umpire so we located a chap watching another Challenge Cup to do the umpiring.

The game finally started at 4 o'clock an hour late. Both sides played very good hockey and at full-time the score was nil all. Seven and half minutes each way (golden goal rule), still nil all. By now it was too dark to go to strokes on our field, so WAHA cranked up the lights on PHS 2 for us. Sixteen strokes were taken before we conceded the game to Hale 6-5. After all the fuss at the beginning, it must be mentioned that the game was played with true spirit and sportsmanship. And a special thanks to the chap dragged in to umpire, he is in fact an opposition Vet's 3 player for Eastern Blades, who did a wonderful job umpiring.

As the finals started to creep up, we found ourselves with the real chance of consolidating second spot on the ladder, and, as before, it was Melville that was really the only team that could upset us. The second last game against Melville was a cracker, nil all at half time. In the second half, that veteran's machine kicked in again and 5-0 was the result, and we had second spot sealed. As I complete this report, regrettably we have lost the second semi final, 2-1, a hard fought game against our nemesis this year, Hale. We have also lost the preliminary final to Melville 2-0, we just couldn't get our game going.

The season for the Vet 3's has been a remarkably successful one, playing 16 games, winning 12, drawing 1 and losing 3. To achieve this with injuries and at times short of players is a great effort from all involved. Thank you all very much and see you next season.

Derry Smith
Captain

VETS OVER 40 DIVISION 3 PLAYER PROFILE



Ron Capps: Ron returned to the club a couple of weeks into the season after being away for a few years and brought to the side a positive and supportive influence. Ron is a strong halfback that made life difficult for opposing wingers.

Graeme Creedon: Graeme put in a solid performance all year playing both left and right halfback. He never gave in and certainly let the opposition and umpires know that, which cost him a couple of spells behind the goals. (Soft decisions on behalf of the ump's I thought).

Ron Curtis: Ron had a good season after being pinched from the Vet 5's for a specific job of annoying the opposition with his great tagging ability. It wasn't long before he slipped into playing good hockey for us and scored numerous goals. Unfortunately, Ron sustained an injury towards the end of the season and missed the remaining few games.

Manual DaSilva: Manny, our resident centre forward, scored a lot of goals and probably could have scored a lot more if we had passed the ball to him everytime he called for it! Manny can turn on a ten-cent piece, which caught the opposition out most of the time.

Kirsten DaSilva: Kirsten, back to hockey after a short 30 years spell, was another player seconded from the Vet 5's. Kirsten displayed he has skill and eased back into hockey this season, scoring goals much to the delight of the Vet 5's supporting us from the sidelines chanting "Kirsten! Kirsten!"

- Neville Ford: Neville was really missed by us this year, due to coaching commitments with the 1's and 2's. Neville played a couple of games with us and showed that he still possesses skill and that tenacious element that wears opposition players down. Nev assures me he will be back next season.
- Maurice Giles: Maurie hates (tongue in cheek) a game of hockey. It was not unusual for Maurie to play three games of hockey on the weekend and give 100% in all of them. He is a skillful forward/halfback and scored a lot of goals as well as setup many. Maurie coached the Vet's again this year and did a splendid job. Training was always enjoyable and our performances on the field are a direct result of this. Thanks Maurie.
- Dave Grov: Dave came to the club this year and is a keen hockey player. Dave was thrust into all sorts of positions from halfback to anywhere in the forward line, not an easy job particularly if it's all happening in one game. Dave's commitment is unquestionable and towards the latter stages of the season has become a valuable forward. Dave was initiated into the Redbacks on the last game of the round when he copped 5 or 6 stitches to the forehead ten minutes into the game.
- Jeff Hawkins: Hawkeye was playing good hockey until struck down by illness/injury. Certainly a blow to our cause, nevertheless, unable to play, he still fronted up to the games to help on the sidelines. Thanks Hawkeye.
- Bill Maybury: Bill became our resident emergency goalkeeper throughout the season and had to don the pads when Molly needed to rest a strained muscle. Bill kept very well in this game making some telling saves which we finally won 5-0. Good on ya Bill!
- Alan Mills: Alan was another player really missed this year due to coaching commitments with the 1's and 2's, but when Alan did play, boy did the opposition know it, with his thumping tackles and never afraid to touch up the opposition with a couple of shirtfronts. (Never on purpose, just couldn't stop!)
- Emmanuel Minissale: Manny slotted into right fullback and was one of three "Rock of Gibraltar's" in our backline. Manny was solid and kept the opposition forwards honest week, in and week out. Manny copped a few injuries throughout the season but never left the field or missed a game. To quote Manny after sustaining a ball to the ankle "the rest of me is f....d, so what difference is this going to make?" This is just an example of his commitment to the team.
- Peter Molnar: Molly, our Vice-Captain, our goalkeeper, is another "Rock of Gibraltar". When it comes to goalkeeping, Molly is as miserly about giving goals away as the taxman is giving you an extra dollar. Molly can always be heard on the field as he barks out positive and constructive comments and always puts in solid performances.

- Derry Smith: Hmm, just a hockey player who thoroughly enjoys getting together with his teammates for a game of hockey each weekend.
- Gary Smith: Gaz holds down that left wing and picks off goals as they present themselves. On occasions Gaz found himself playing inner, which upped his workload. (all that running backwards and forwards!) This never phased him and he was responsible for setting up good attacking play.
- Alex Swan: Swannie is our speedy right wing who gave the opposition defence a hard time trying to keep up with him. Those runs into the circle followed by a shot at goal are a hallmark of Swannie's game and boy, when he gets onto a shot the ball stays hit.
- Noel Turner: Noel, our left fullback and another Rock of Gibraltar. Noel has incredible reach and easily pokes the ball away from opposition players, he just frustrates them to the nth degree. A great skill Noel possesses is the reverse stick hit on the run, particularly when it is a line drive. On the subject of run, Noel is one player you do not want to be in front of when he's coming through. He's a bloody steam train!

VETS OVER 40 DIVISION 5 TEAM REPORT

This season has seen the team improve immensely from the previous year, having three wins and a draw for the season but unfortunately it didn't keep us off the bottom of the ladder.

The season started with an abundance of players, with several players coming out of retirement (Marty Cappleman, Peter Stirling), back from injuries (Kevin Cox, Vic Cook) and a couple of new players (Bill Maybury, Kirsten DaSilva)

Unfortunately our abundance of players did not transfer to the field in the first couple of games with us receiving sound thrashings, albeit decreasing as the season progressed. Whilst not winning a game in the first round, we held our own, generally losing by a goal in the dying minutes of the game when our fitness would let us down.

The start of the second round saw us have our first win in two years against a depleted Newman Knights side (unfortunately for Ron Curtis he still had not been in a winning Vets E side as he was promoted up to the Vets C's for that game). You would have thought we had taken out the grand final with the amount of jubilation that was forthcoming. The round continued with another win, many close loses and one flogging against Melville.

It was at this stage when the ravages of the season started to take effect, with serious injuries to Kevin Cox, Marty Cappleman and Vic Cook and with some of our players requiring R& R mid-season and tripping off all over the world, PJ, Dave Ma, Peter Johnson and Gary White, we were struggling to put a team on the paddock. Somehow we did with guest appearances from Alan Mills, Dudley Evans and

the recruitment scoop of the year of Terry Watson from Mid City and with many members stepping up to take the place of some of the more experienced players that were absent.

Some very good hockey was played by the team, particularly when we played our short game out wide we cut the other teams apart. Comments were made by other teams (over a Beer) that they could not understand why we were not higher up the ladder and that they were in for a tough game when they played Rockingham. Another favorable comment was the hospitality that was shown to visiting teams.

Finally a thank you to all team members for the effort they put in, the camaraderie that was shown and given and the help they gave me

Andy "Bomber" Brown
Captain Vets "E"

VETS OVER 40 DIVISION 3 PLAYER PROFILE



Bill Maybury:

Whose forgettable wit was only surpassed by the number of goals he saved. A valuable asset to the club.

Sid Czabotar:

Our purple Telly Tubby, who started the season as a dashing left wing finishing as our most senior full back.

Peter Janczyk:	Arrested many attacking moves by the opposition combined with many raids in the forward line.
Richard Czabotar:	As solid as a rock and dependable as ever dashing left half.
Vic Cooke:	Slow in speed but quick in tactics, stopped many attack at center halfback.
Dave Amm:	Started the year as full back but decided R & R(work related indeed) was required mid season and came back and played as a solid right half.
Trevor MacDonald:	Became a thorn in the opposition side, as is skills improved throughout the season.
Jim Hogan:	A goal sneak, who ran all day, with a 110% effort.
Kevin Cox:	A devastating forward, whose lack of support and injury deprived him of many scoring opportunities.
Peder Johannsen:	A solid and dependable player, who decided R & R was required midseason. He found a very good paddock whilst he was away.
Kirsten DaSilva:	As the season progressed, so did his silky skills return. The only player with his own personal cheer squad.
Gary White:	A bit of a pinch hitter, being asked to play in many positions, unfortunately decided the world stage was better to play on.
Alan Mills:	Made some guest appearances and filled an important gap in our forward structure. Looking forward to him being more permanent next season.
Terry Watson:	The recruitment scoop of the season. An excellent defender, with many skills and much experience to offer the club.
Marty Cappleman:	Came out of retirement and starting to find some form when injury foiled his comeback. Will be better for the run next season.
Col Stevens:	Did not get much of a run this year due to work commitments.
Peter Stirling:	Came out of retirement and made a couple of early appearances. Just starting to find some touch, when work commitments interfered.

LADIES A TEAM REPORT

The 2003 season for Ladies A grade was quite challenging. Thanks must first of all go to Greg Thompson for the time & effort he has put into coaching us.

We certainly had our ups and downs throughout the season, but with a team that consisted of only 6 of the original team from last year & 6 others who either stepped up from A Reserve or came from other clubs, we always knew it would be a year to re-build.

Even though it's fair to say that the team struggled we saved our best to last when we won our first semi-final against Irwinians (a team that we had not beaten all year). Unfortunately we were not able to continue our "winning form" & lost our next final against Mandurah. I would like to thank the girls for continuing to give their best effort at all times & also for maintaining a positive attitude.

Our team consisted of:

Asha Andeson, Elysha Bickley, Paula Cameron, Rona Craig, Kahla Francis, Kelly Haywood, Deanna Hogan, Sarah Jarvis, Maya Lees, Christine Taylor, Gail Taylor & Cassie Warren.

Ashleigh Bennell, Allison Candlish, Sue Greenaway, Sue Sullivan & Kim Thompson also stepped in to help us out when we needed them – Thanks to all.

Gail Taylor (Captain).

LADIES A RES. TEAM REPORT

It has been another very successful year for our team finishing on top of the ladder. We had a slow start to the year hanging out around the bottom for a few weeks. As the match fitness picked up so did our results and we never looked back. A huge thanks to Brad for his time and effort this year, Brad always has something to teach young and old alike, PLEASE Please come back next year Brad, from all of us.

We had a great mix this year from Kimmy's running legs to my (Joy) running mouth, my legs don't work! Sue G's great ball control, Sue S, silent but deadly out on the wing. As always our Jen was Mrs. Versatile and still does it so well although this year she had a partner in Lauren, our youngest team member who played many positions and gave it her best shot, well done Lauren. Our halves, Janette, Aly and Robyn were hard working week after week with Wendy up front can still turn any defender inside out, she just does it a bit slower! Leah had a good year in goals. My mate Donna, ever the listener and so reliable. We lost our new teammate Kelly halfway through the season, sorry to see her have to leave, hopefully she will return after she's done making babies. And a BIG THANKS to Jay and Kristie for filling in for us during the year, hope to see you girls again next year.

The team made the Grand Final next week after winning our Prelim 5-1 and was hoping to make it three in a row. The Grand Final was played against Mandurah in wild conditions with occasional driving rain. Rockingham dominated and controlled most of the game, however could not penetrate and score despite numerous shots at goals and short corners. Mandurah won the game by scoring two

runaway goals against the run of play and we scored once. Kim Thomson won the Grand Final best player award.



LADIES B GRADE "RED" TEAM REPORT

Once again Thanks to Brad and all the girls, it's an honour to be your Captain.

Highest Goal Scorers:	Sue Greenaway	23 Goals	Kim Thomson	15 Goals
	Wendy Wales	14 Goals	Sue Sullivan	13 Goals
	Jannette McMahon	10 Goals		

Joy Klinck

At the end of season 2002, there were many discussions on the future of Rockingham District Hockey Club ladies and the number of talented young players that needed to be developed for senior hockey.

It was decided to invite these young players to join the club and form a young B grade ladies team to enable these girls to develop together and get some experience in senior games. Well, what an experience they got! The first six weeks were spent picking them up off the ground and patching them up!

Due to the amount of hockey some of these girls were playing (three games per weekend) it was decided to forfeit two of the double-header games early in the season. Our first game was on the turf against our other B grade team. We lost this game 2-1 but the team showed huge potential.

We went on to win 10 games, draw 6, lose 2 and forfeit 2. These results saw the team finishing the season in second spot behind the Rockingham Black team who incidentally, was the only team to beat us through the season. An extremely pleasing result considering we did not train as a team and the initial idea of putting the team in was for exposure and development for senior hockey. Even more pleasing when you are made aware that eleven of the girls were 16yrs or younger.

Four senior players, Rhonda, Bronwyn, Mahala and Sarah assisted in guidance and support on the field. These ladies were a huge asset to the team with their talking and encouragement on the field, and I sincerely thank them for their assistance and perseverance throughout the season.

The girls soon learned to stand their ground and ride the bumps of senior hockey. Combine this with their speed and skill and it is no wonder they did so well. They just need to switch off the verbal sledging and take it as a compliment.

In the second semi final, we again met our nemesis and lost that game 2-0. The girls rallied in the preliminary final and to their credit, rebounded, and won 2-0. The team played Rockingham Black in the Grand Final and unfortunately was beaten 3 goals to 2 goals. The girls had an excellent game but were beaten by a more experienced side. Kameika Andeson won the best player in the Grand Final award.



LADIES B RED

I would like to congratulate all of my B grade RED ladies on an excellent year of hockey. Regardless of the loss in the grand final, it is a win for Rockingham Districts Hockey Club. The future of our ladies teams is looking very bright!

Highest Goal Scorer: Mahala Mullans 10 Goals

Trena Janczyk

THE PLAYERS

RHONDA	51	BRONY	42	MAHALA	30
SARAH	30	JESSICA	16	LISA	16
RACHEL	15	MEGAN	14	HANNAH	13
JAYMIE	13	KATHRYN	14	KAMEIKA	12
NICOLE	14	CASEY	12	JASMINE	14

LADIES B GRADE "BLACK" TEAM REPORT

We were known as Rockingham Black. A quick dictionary check will define black as being both wicked and threatening, among other things. I think we were either one or the other or both at some time in the season.

We started the season very well in terms of performance but despite this we struggled to field a complete team each week. This hit crisis point when some decided Hockey wasn't really their sport and others felt the need to go gallivanting around the world. We were top of the ladder and were talking about disbanding. Has this ever happened before?

Fortunately those that remained rallied round and found some stray fellow Hockey players that could see what a wonderful opportunity it would be to be part of such a 'winning' team. At least I think that was why they joined ranks. Or maybe it was because they just enjoyed a game of Hockey. Anyway we were very grateful for their support.

We found ourselves finishing the season minor premiers and were quite impressed with ourselves. We won the first preliminary and are straight into the big one. At time of writing we are looking forward to meeting our arch rivals and fellow club members the "red" team in what will be a 'on the edge of your seat' final.

Well done girls on a great season. I hope you enjoyed yourselves.



LADIES B BLACK PREMIERS 2003

Pauline, Vonda, Janet, Ashleigh, Karen, Gillian, Monica, Michaela, Sandy, Suzie, Helen, Lorraine, Jesse, Kellie, Leanne, Kodie and Ameleah.

Highest Goal Scorers:	Ashleigh Bennell	14 Goals	Vonda Cardy	10 Goals
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Your pseudo coach (card filler-inner)
Sue

AND THE TROPHY WINNERS ARE -

Rockingham Volunteer Sporstar 2003:

Wendy Wales

Ladies A:

Fairest and Best

Gail Taylor

Runner Up

Asha Andeson

Team Award

Chris Taylor/Kelly Heywood

Mens 1B:

Fairest and Best

Shaun Ford

Runner Up

Bryan Taylor

Team Award

Daniel Creedon

Ladies A Reserve:

Fairest and Best

Kim Thomson

Runner Up

Sue Greenaway

Team Award

Joy Klinck

Mens 2B

Fairest and Best

Lee Brown

Runner Up

Clint Mills

Team Award

Dean Lings

Ladies B1 Red:

Fairest and Best

Kathryn Allen

Runner Up

Hannah McDonald

Team Award

Bronwyn Caine/Mahala Mullans

Ladies B1 Black:

Fairest and Best

Ashleigh Bennell

Runner Up

Karen Nelson

Team Award

Mikayla Potts

Mens A Reserve:

Fairest and Best

Chris Brown

Runner Up

Kris McDonald

Team Award

Greg Hislop

Vets Division 3:

Fairest and Best

Derry Smith

Runner Up

Maurice Giles

Team Award

Peter Molnar

Vets Division 5:	Fairest and Best	Peter Janczyk
	Runner Up	Bill Maybury
	Team Award	Sid Czabotar
Under 17B:	Fairest and Best	Lee Brown
	Runner Up	Allan Albion
	Team Award	Lachlan McDonald
Under 15A:	Fairest and Best	Tom Hunter
	Runner Up	Brandon D'Silva
	Encouragement Award	Luke Baggio/Luke Sexton
Peel Hockey Association:		
Ladies A Reserve:	Fairest and Best	Kim Thomson
Ladies B Grade:	Fairest and Best	Ashleigh Bennell
	Runner Up	Karen Nelson
Ladies A Reserve:	Fairest and Best in Grand Final	Kim Thomson
Ladies B Grade:	Fairest and Best in Grand Final	Kameika Andeson
SCITEC Club Person Award:		Alan Mills/Kris McDonald
Sid Czabotar - Presidents Club Person Award:		Alan Mills/Neville Ford

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

Congratulations Mark McGowan our Patron who became a first time father recently



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