

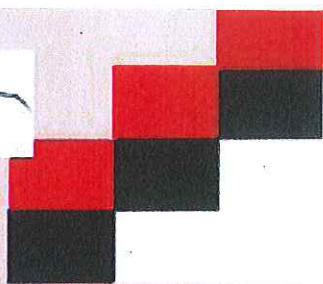
ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

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YEAR BOOK 2009



President's Report



The club reach another milestone this year becoming a full year club where we hosted our first summer season competition for club members. This was an outstanding success and would not have been possible without the efforts of the first summer committee. I am looking forward to this year's competition as are all club members.

At the beginning of the winter season, we hosted the Japanese Women's Tenri University side who played against our Ladies side. This was a spectacular event and the Ladies gained much from the experience. The Redbacks Ladies 1's this year represented the club in Willow Bridge League. This is the highest level of hockey that our Ladies have played at in the clubs history, and although we did not win many games, we showed that we are capable of playing at this level. This was a big step towards fulfilling one of the long term goals and objectives in the clubs strategic plan. The board is very proud of the Ladies as they have risen to the challenge and represented the club well, and they should be proud of themselves too. The Ladies 2s have also had a very successful year and played finals, while the Ladies 3s have had a solid, enjoyable year.

I have seen many teams playing this year and I would like to commend all teams on their professionalism. I would like to specially mention the U13 and U15 boys and girls for the way they have represented the club. When I was at the Bunbury carnival a state selector made specific reference to me about the professionalism of our U15 boys which was also reflected towards all of our junior teams. This year, we had a number of junior members make talent squad and regional sides in U17's, U15s and we expect our U13's to also do well. The Regional U15 boys were well represented by Rockingham and the South Metro team went on to win the competition. The U15 girls had 2 players from Rockingham and was coached by Matt East and managed by Brenda Woods. This team also went on to win the competition. This recognition reflects positively on the club's direction of coaching and development of our young players.

The Men's teams have done well this year with an extra team being added to the metro competition. This meant that ours Men's 4s was nominated into a higher grade and they have done well as they are playing in the finals.

With regards to our strategic plan and the long term goals and objectives, there has been significant progress. Having teams playing at the highest competition grades for Men's, Ladies and Junior teams was one of our main objectives. We have this year had U13s play in A grade, Ladies move to Willow Bridge League and with Michael Nobbs coming on board as our senior coach; the Men's 1s are clearly focused on the long term goal of promotion to AHG competition. Next year there are clear opportunities for our U17, U15 and U13 boys all to be playing A Grade. The girls also have the opportunity to play A Grade in U13s and U15s.

With regards to becoming financially secure through active membership and local sponsorship, the board has had to tackle a number of significant issues this year. Some of these included registering for GST and the economic down turn. A new model was put in place for fee's which worked well, and the GST made no impact on the cost of fees, which were kept unchanged. We also managed our budget and expenditure closely to ensure that the economic down turn did not affect us. I can report that the clubs financial position is very strong.

With regards to developing a sustainable local competition – we have not done as well as what we would have liked. Although the junior committee worked tirelessly, this was not reflected in the numbers required. The board has already taken action in engaging Jamie Dodd to conduct a research project and provide options for a sustainable recruitment program. This will be a focus over the summer season.

This year we have seen the benefits of our coaching strategy with a number of U17 players coaching local competition and at Bunbury Carnival. We have also seen one of our coaches coach a regional side with great success and all of our junior metro coaches have had successful seasons. Junior umpiring development has been very successful with a number of younger members training as umpires throughout the year through our green shirt program. I have personally seen the results of this program having been given the opportunity to learn along side the junior members.

A focus for the incoming board needs to be on junior recruitment, and putting in place a paid position to assist the facilities director in running the day to day operations of the club. This is necessary as the work load has become too great, and we need to support the continued growth of the club.

I would like to thank Mark McGowan for being our Club Paton for the 10th year in a row. This is highly appreciated.

To our sponsors, it's been a tough year with the economic down turn and we appreciate your loyalty and support through this period. We look forward to a continuing long and prosperous relationship.

To the board, this has been a big year which has presented its challenges and rewards. I'd like to thank you personally and on behalf of all club members for your dedication, passion and commitment to making our club what it is.

I would also like to thank each of the committees, coaches, managers, umpires and all those that assisted in some way throughout the season. Without your support we would not have a successful club.

Next winter season will be the club's 30th Anniversary which is a very important milestone in the history of the club. It will give us the opportunity to recognise what we have achieved as a club and to celebrate this.

Finally, I'd like to thank all members for their support throughout the winter season.

See you at Summer Hockey!

Gordon East

President

Rockingham District Hockey Club.





Vice President's Report



Hi All Club members,

Here is an overview of what has happened this year.

1. Bar.

This season saw the bar fully operational for the first time at Lark Hill. And oh boy what a huge success we have had. You will notice from the Treasures report we made some good profits. It is important to remember the bar area is a major source of income for the club.

We managed this season to put 20 more people through RSA training and as well 5 members have become approved bar managers. This allows the club bar to be staffed more regularly as well as allowing the bar to open on more weeknights during the season. It also allows teams with trained staff to operate the bar. Thanks to everyone for their support.

The bar manager's reins will next season be handed over to the capable hands of Steve Dymond from the Men's 3's.

2 Social Committee.

A big thank you to this year's Social committee, headed by Mary East, and supported by Jess East, John Canella, Chris Martin, Carol Pavitt & Brian Jarrick. It took us a small time to get a social committee organised but when we did the main focus was on allocating teams organise and run separate functions. This worked well and next season's committee should keep working towards that goal.

Mary has done a fantastic job organising functions for both juniors and seniors this year. Thanks to all.

3 Marketing and Sponsorship.

I have covered Sponsorship in another article but on behalf of the board I wish to thank all sponsors for their support this year and am looking forward to another good year next year.

This season there has been a more concerted effort to promote the club via:

- a) The Club website--- Jess East took on the responsibility this year and transformed the website into one of the best going around.

Well done Jess and a big thank you for doing a great job this year, much appreciated

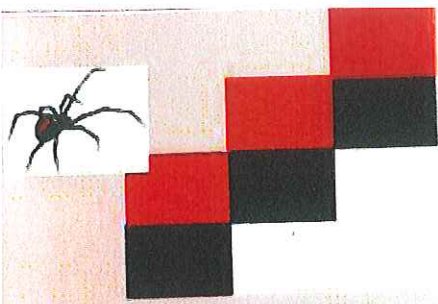
- b) Coverage in local press ---- I wish to thank all Team managers, Coaches - particularly within the Men's and Ladies 1's teams. The coverage with the local papers has been fantastic particularly with the exposure of photo's a highlight.
- c) Newsletters and Year book ---- A big thank you to Jess East for doing this year's yearbook... Another challenge is to have a monthly newsletter next season but we need people to do them.

On behalf of club members I would like to thank our Club President Gordon East on what has been a tough and challenging year for the club as we embark on our new journey at Lark Hill. It's not easy being a president, as you have to juggle, home life, issues within the club as well as the every day running of the club. Well done Gordon!

Finally the end of this season brings about my time to stand down as Vice President. It has been very enjoyable and I would like to thank everyone for their support

Manny Minissale

Vice President – Sponsor Officer – Bar Manager



Treasurer's Report



FOR PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2008 UNTIL 31 AUGUST 2009

As mentioned at the last AGM our finances were fast approaching the requirement to register for GST. As of 1 January 2009 we were registered and commenced completing BAS Statements on a monthly basis. I would like to thank Colleen Watson and Robyn Palermo for assisting me with the setting up of MYOB for this function.

As per the attached reports, as at 31 August 2009, income for the financial year was \$230,139.75, with the total expenditure being \$180,545.45. The cash balance as at 31 August 2009 in the General Cheque Account was \$66,980.60.

Outstanding invoices as at 31 August 2009 was \$9,985.75.

The balance of the Investment Account is currently \$29,341.39 and is due to mature on 5 January 2010.

Total Equity in the club, which includes all monies, equipment and belongings, was \$150,007.76.

Allyson Candlish
Treasurer

Rockingham District Hockey Club

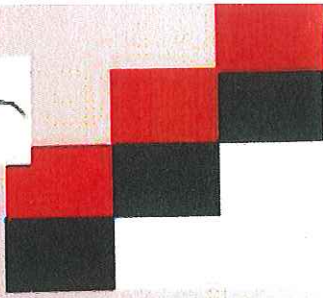
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Balance Sheet

As of August 2009

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Assets		
General Cheque Account		\$88,980.80
Cash Floats		\$716.00
Undeposited Funds		\$2,793.80
Early Release Term Deposit		
Term Deposit	\$29,341.39	
Trade Debtors		\$9,985.75
Plant & Equipment		
Plant & Equipment at Cost	\$32,443.13	
Office Equipment	\$2,325.00	
Furniture & Fittings	\$7,867.81	
Total Plant & Equipment		\$42,435.94
Total Assets		\$152,253.28
Liabilities		
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	\$3,392.01	
GST Paid	-\$1,146.49	
Total GST Liabilities		\$2,245.52
Total Liabilities		\$2,245.52
Net Assets		\$150,007.76
Equity		
Retained Earnings		\$18,153.38
Current Earnings		\$49,594.30
Historical Balancing Account		\$84,260.08
Total Equity		\$150,007.76



Sponsorship



Hi All,

2009 was another great year it has been from the Sponsorship for the club.

The following Sponsors joined us and continued to support RDHC in 2009.

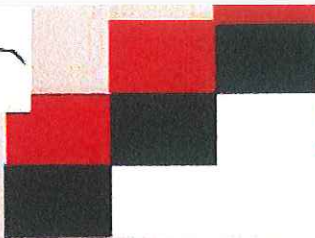
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This year we were also awarded from Woolworths \$5000 towards Junior development and healthy eating promotions. My thanks to Wendy Wales on achieving this for the club

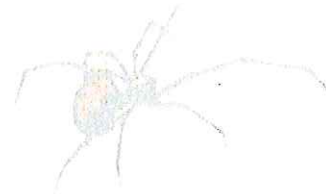
Total contribution including donations and services amounted to in excess of \$40,000 for 2009.

Finally it is important as club members that we support these sponsors as much as possible as to get them to become regular sponsors they require a return for their investment, so please use the businesses as much as possible.

Manny Minissale
Vice President
RDHC



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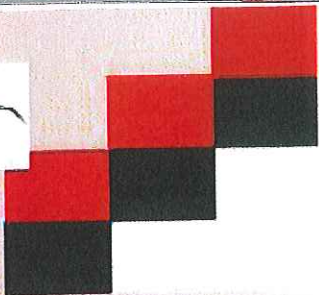
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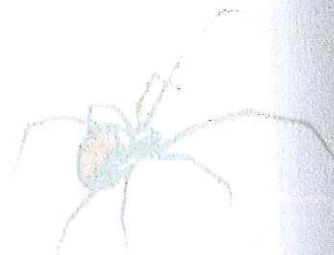


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Facilities Report



2009 Season over...wow what can I say! We have had a very busy season to say the least.

We are finally settling in and starting to feel comfortable in our clubrooms and facilities.

There are still some things that need sorting out, one of which is the scoreboard and this is an ongoing saga with the supply company going into liquidation, the Council now has to find someone that knows how to fix it.

Last year saw the first time we had summer hockey and overall it was a great success. I would like to thank Leon Wende, Lisa Hill and Mel Simpson for the tireless assistance with running this. I wish the new committee all the success for this coming season.

Pre – season found us taking down fences and digging up grass for the concreting at the bottom of the grandstand steps. This certainly has made life much easier. Thank you to Manny DaSilva and Palm Lake Landscaping for their assistance with this. Also thank you to the guys, mainly from Vets, that came and set up the clubrooms for the 2009 season. Your assistance was greatly appreciated and we had quite and enjoyable day.

A huge, huge thank you to Neville Ford (alias McIver) for sourcing all the supplies and equipment (scaffolding etc) and the hours of work involved for the repairs and additions to the clubrooms, not just when we moved in, but ongoing throughout the season. Also, a huge thank you to Neville for the design and construction of the dividing net used for summer hockey.

I would also like to thank Rhonda for taking on the roll as canteen manageress this season. She has done this voluntarily and spent countless hours at the clubrooms during the week getting deliveries and on weekends cooking delicious hamburgers etc. This has made the club a large amount of money for the season. Bronwyn Caine (Rhonda's able assistant) also spent many hours assisting in the canteen for no reward.
To these two ladies.....Thank you very much.

It was pleasing to see over the course of the season, many players taking care and responsibility for the turf. As members of the club it is your turf and we need all members to step up and care for it by enforcing the rules re; food, shoes, blood spills etc. The one little gripe that I would have is those that feel the need to jump the fence. This is not acceptable. Remember those that do, can and will be held responsible if any damage occurs and through the season, the Board has approved suspension from playing. We are introducing a new key system next season so there should be no need for anyone to jump in to the facility.

Next season, well.....I have taken this job on again only on the proviso that I can have a paid assistant to work during the week and some of the weekend. We have now become a business too large not to have an administrator working for us and only relying on volunteers. This will cost the club a large amount of money; however I feel it will be money well spent.

See you next season
Trena Janczyk



Social Committee Report



2009 was the 1st full season for the social committee at the new Lark Hill Sportsplex clubrooms. The main objective for the social committee for 2009 was to provide an environment where all members and their families would feel welcomed at any game or function at the club.

We had a very successful events calendar this year that catered for Junior, Senior and family events. The calendar included:

- Mexican Taco Night Disco
- Quiz Night
- Family Pasta Night
- Casino Night
- Bad Taste Op Shop Ball
- Junior Windup
- Senior Windups.

At each event this year we were very fortunate (even in these tough economic times) that our valued sponsors continued to support each function with many great door prizes. These included an iPod touch, dart boards and vouchers from local businesses, to name a few.

On behalf of the social committee I would personally like to thank Manny for his support and guidance.

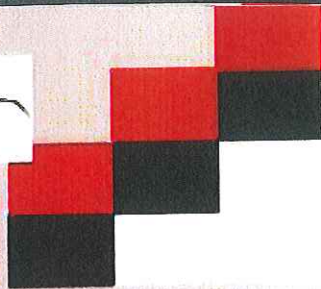
I would also like to thank the managers of each team for promoting every function.

Thank you to the board for their continuing support throughout the year.

Next year, the club celebrates 30 years. I am very pleased to say that there are a number of volunteers who have already put their hands up to assist in the 2010 social committee. These volunteers include Chris Martin and Carol Pavitt, volunteering for a second year in a row, along with PJ, Gary Smith, Doug Waghorn, Kevin Cox and Brenda Woods. If you would also like to assist or be involved in the 2010 social scene we would love your creativity and ideas!!!

"Be part of your club next year and join in the fun."

Mary East
Social Committee Co-ordinator



Coaching Director's Report



Introduction

The coaching objectives for the strategic plan are essentially to provide the best coaches available for all players at all stages of their development.

To this end, this season we have seen some successes, some encouraging work in progress and some areas we need to develop.

Successes

2 years ago we introduced a policy for Metro Junior Hockey, where we identified talented coaches and matched them up with Metro teams, not for a single season but for a number of years. This has already shown clear benefits.

Derry Smith last season's coach of the year, helped his 13 boys into A grade, for the first time in the history of the club. Donna McKeown, has an all conquering, grand finalist group of 15 boys, that she will hopefully take to A grade at 17's next year. Finally Matt East, still a youngster himself, has led a talented group of 15 girls to successive finals action and was coach of the winning regional 15's side. We hope this success will continue with Alan Sadler's 13 Girls, who are not only in the league for the first time ever, but are in the Grand final too. Well done to all.

At local level, it has been great to see so many young players step up to coach for the first time, not forgetting of course the wily experience of a number of more senior local coaches, passing on their acquired knowledge.

At senior level we are fortunate to have not 1 ex- Olympian, but 2, coaching our elite sides. Michael Nobbs and Edny Vanden Broek have added considerable depth to our coaching knowledge and we hope to leverage this in years to come. Greg and Lee have combined well to organise the lower men's sides and I know that Dave Klinck has put in a sterling performance, with the Ladies 3's and taking over the Boys 17's when Cam McDonald decided to become a soldier.

Work in Progress

Too few of our coaches hold any relevant coaching qualifications and those that do may need refreshing. We can now assess our coaches within the club and have attempted to run some in season courses which has proved difficult with the considerable time commitments that we all have. Therefore, for 2010 there will be a number of courses run off season, with the intention to have all coaches qualified midway through 2010.

Development Areas

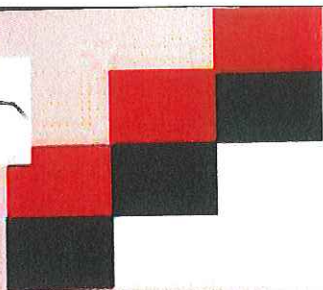
At senior level we need to confirm our coaches far earlier in the pre-season and we need more people, particularly from the ladies to put their hand up to coach.

There has been a lot of positive comment concerning the Minkey and Grad training programme introduced last year and it is clear from feedback that we should introduce a similar programme for the older juniors. To this end we shall be busy over the summer trying to develop a coaching manual that all coaches can use at each stage of the player pathway.

We have also been less than successful at leveraging the skills of our men's and ladies first team players when coaching the juniors and lower sides, and I hope this is something we can develop for the coming season.

Finally, a big thank you to everybody who has helped out this year, whether as a coach, or parent helper, the club grows stronger because of your investment.

John Wright
Coaching Director



Umpiring Director's Report



The 2009 hockey season saw Umpiring Byes reintroduced at the request of the broader hockey community in WA. This didn't seem to cause many problems for us, although we had to provide several umpires for other club's Umpires that did not show up to Rockingham Turf games.

The introduction of a couple of new rules saw the start of the season be a little bit contentious, but most would agree the new rules have allowed the game to flow more freely and speed up some aspects. Obviously there are some amongst us who will always "*like it the way it was*". Bring back the *Side line Roll in* and *Off Side*...

Our development of Junior Umpires continues via the Green Shirt Umpiring program thanks to the effort put in by Allan Sadler, thanks Allan!

The Green Shirt program is an initiative by the Dept of Sport and Recreation Nationally to recognise those taking part or participating in officiating activities. Each of our 9 Green Shirt Umpires participated in coaching sessions and were given Green Shirts to ensure they were visible as umpires in training. Well done to the 9 that passed their assessments.

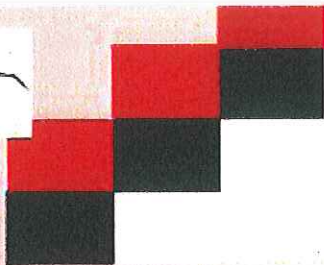
Thanks must also go to the Umpires who helped out at Junior Games each week. You may not have been thanked each game, but I am sure that your efforts have not gone unrecognised by both the players and the parents. Without your support, there would not have been a game. Thanks once again!

To the Senior umpires who filled in where and when needed, thanks very much for helping your fellow club members in their Umpiring time of need. Thanks must also go to Graeme Creedon for umpiring the Vets O50 Div 2 team all season. This deserves a reward of its own!!

To the Team Managers and Coaches, thanks for ensuring that we had the umpires organised for our Umpiring Bye Fixtures. This is not always an easy task, but one that you completed to a very high standard.

2009 was a pretty uncomplicated Umpiring season. 2010 will see the Willow Bridge Teams having to have 6 x Beginner Qualified Umpires by mid season. This shouldn't be a problem for us as we have quite a few very competent Umpires in this group anyway.

Mark Tate
Umpiring Director



Webmistress's Report



At the beginning of the year when I was asked to take over as Webmistress for the hockey club website I only had some idea of what I was getting into. What I knew was the tip of the iceberg, and I very quickly began to see how demanding a job it is to collect, edit and publish content which not only promotes the club, but also shows the great passion its members hold for the sport they love.

Over the last year there have been many exciting changes to the club's cyber image. This started with a new face lift for the webpage, moving away from its red background and embracing some new spider figures. With the addition of a news page, any articles from the local papers could be put online for all to see.

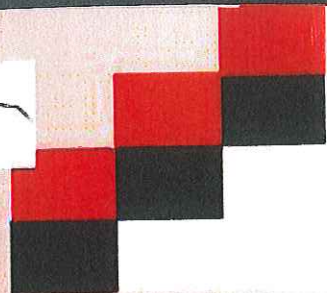
Since the start of the season the number of hits on our website have increased from 8232 to just under 32 000 in a month.

When the junior and senior clubs amalgamated to come under the same banner we realised that our communication to junior members was not as good as we would like it to be. Due to this, we joined the social networking generation at a place where they were already communicating with each other - and a club myspace was formed. This has allowed junior members to keep up-to-date with club social functions, special training clinics and games throughout the season. I hope to see many more juniors joining our club myspace next year and even some senior members!

Check out our website at www.rockinghamhockey.org.au

and join the myspace community at <http://www.myspace.com/rdhc>

Jessica East
Webmistress



Junior Director's Report



This year we had 218 juniors from Minkey through to u/15 level registered with the club. Thank you to all committee members for their hard work and dedication and a special thanks to those who have already put their hand up to help again next year. There were many highlights for the year.

Metro

A successful year with 4 of 6 teams making finals. U/13 girls were introduced to the Hockey WA competition for the first time. The Under 13 boys played in A Grade and all other teams in A reserve. The under 15 girls won the Challenge Cup pennant and the u/15 boys won the Challenge Cup and Guth Ardagh pennant going through the fixtured season undefeated.

The u/17 girls got knocked out in the first week of finals and the u/15 girls got through to the preliminary final. Our u/17 boys missed out on finals by a goal difference of just 2 goals.

Both the u/13 girls and u/15 boys are in their respective grand finals with results not known at this time.

Carnivals

One of our u/11 girl's teams were runners up in Bunbury and our u/13 boys were runners up in championship division at the Bunbury carnival and won the championship division at the Mandurah Carnival.

The u/17 girls won the B Division state champs with some help from some of our u/15 girls.

Other Highlights

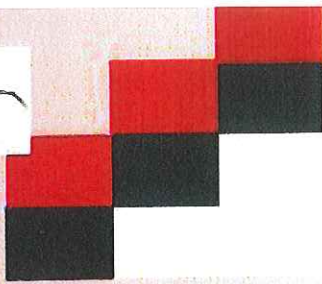
We have a great group of families this year that supported the majority of the club events throughout the year. The Junior Windup was sensational, with nearly all of our juniors turning up for trophy presentations, disco and sausage sizzle. It was magnificent to see the club rooms absolutely overflowing with people on the night. Well done to all the people that helped out on the night and throughout the year.

Glenn Hasson



Junior Trophy Winners

Local Comp Awards	Recipients
Minkey Participation medals	All Minkeys named medals
Grads Participation medals	All Grads named medals
U11's participation trophies	All U11's named trophies
U11's Team Sportsmanship Award	Cougars
U13's Fairest & Best each team	Stingrays – Alex Collings
	Cougars – Kristen Henshaw
	Charger – Khloe Willmott
	Raiders – Jack Durrant
	Demons – Hannah Woolmer
U13's Fairest & Best each team	Stingrays – Krysta Chambers
	Cougars – Michael Beavan
	Chargers – Matthew Leaver
	Raiders – Fransien Snyman
	Demons – Quentin Smith
U13's Coaches award	Stingrays – Anne Bartle
	Cougars – Jonathon Cornwall
	Chargers – Jaydon Cannella
	Raiders – Jack Parker
	Demons – Hannah Woolmer
U13's Team Sportsmanship Award	Chargers
U15's Fairest & Best Girl Overall	Drawn – Kayleigh Fletcher
	Hannah Simpson
No Girl's runner up due to draw	
U15's R/Up Fairest & Best Boy	Corey Mitchinson
U15's F & B Boy Overall	Tim Carlton
U15's Overall Coaches awards x 2	Joshua Keen, Nicholas Long
Junior Umpire Encouragement Award	Nicholas Long
Metro Awards	Recipients
U13 Girl's Fairest & Best	Winner: Kristen Henshaw Runner Up: Jessica Collard
U13 Girl's Coaches Award	Fransien Snyman
U13 Boy's Fairest & Best	Winner: Rhys Hill Runner Up: Brayden Henshaw
U13 Boy's Coaches Award	Matthew Leaver
U15 Girl's Fairest & Best	Winner: Tiana Allen Runner Up: Kayleigh Fletcher
U15 Girl's Coaches Award	Lauren Muir
U15 Boy's Fairest & Best	Winner: Jake Williams Runner Up: Glen Beavan
U15 Boy's Coaches Award	Joshua Henshaw
Perpetual trophies	Recipients
U13 Girl's Regional Players 2008	Tiana Allen, Kayleigh Fletcher, Hannah Simpson
U13 Boy's Regional Players 2008	Jordan Fee, Shaun Gallop, Matt Hasson, Brandon Phillips
U15 Girl's Regional Players 2009	Kayleigh Fletcher, Ashleigh Woods
U15 Boy's Regional Players 2009	Josh East, Jordan Fee, Matt Hasson, Tom Leaver, Brandon Phillips, Jake Williams



Under 13 Boys



7/8 A Grade

The 2009 season started with the U13 Metro boys being promoted from A Reserves to A Grade division in the competition. This was always going to be a challenge for the team as not many had played in the metro competition before let alone A Grade.

Our first game was a baptism of fire, meeting Wolves the premiers from the previous year and still with the same team, we lost 10 nil. Players got shuffled around and a basic idea of what was required had begun to develop.

In the next two rounds we steadily improved as players became more familiar with the level of the game and their positions. We were still on the receiving end from the opposition but nowhere near that of the first game. We were becoming more competitive, even training had moved into another gear.

Round 4, our first home game, we welcomed Melville, a long term A Grade side. With players settled into their positions, the game was off to a cracking start, our boys had jelled, with short sharp passing, we had quite a few attempts to score goals except Melville's goalkeeper had other ideas, early in the second half the incessant pressure became too much and we scored our first goal for the season. The score remained the same until near the end of the game when Melville got a short corner and converted with 39 seconds left on the clock. This was heartbreaking for the coach because the boys really deserved to win.

The Bunbury Hockey Carnival weekend fitted in between rounds 4 and 5. What a weekend this was, having nominated for the Championship division the team and I looked at this weekend as a developing and learning opportunity. Well, the boys played very well all weekend only losing to our nemeses, Wolves, twice. The second time was in the Grand Final. We were runners up in the Championship division, a great effort by all!

We next met Fremantle and the boys continued the same style of hockey as the previous weeks. (Coach was smiling!) We went one goal up and then near the end of the game Fremantle got a short corner. (Here we go again!) The boys held out the attempt and we had just won our first game. (Coach was now very happy)

For the next six rounds we were very competitive, winning one, drawing one and losing four, except for the Wolves game, we only lost by one goal and could easily have won them all. During the latter stages of these rounds we lost one of our fullbacks to a broken arm, which showed how vulnerable we were in the last three rounds as we shuffled players around to try and bolster our defense, whilst not sacrificing our attack or midfield, this was very difficult indeed.

Mandurah Carnival came and once again the boys played very well which was in stark contrast to the effort the day before against Fremantle. Nevertheless, they clean swept everything before them and took the Championship flag. Great effort guys!

The Team

Rhys Hill – our goalkeeper, one of the best in the comp, great talker, very quick and agile,

Joshua Lambert – a solid fullback who has really developed his game this year.

Noah Simpson – a solid fullback who willingly moved to the fullback line early in the season to help the team, then broke his arm later and was sorely missed.

Shaun Gallop – a skilful player who can play anywhere, he is fit and never stops.

Lars Carlton – a nuggetty little halfback who loves to get in the face of the opposition, and has also developed well this year.

Quentin Smith – a skilful halfback/forward that can deliver the ball to his teammates.

Cameron Shaw – an athletic halfback who has really come a long way since the beginning of the season with his skills.

Michael Beavan – a skilful player who has been moved all over the field this year to help the team.

Jakob Cockayne – has worked hard on developing his skills and running this year.

Matthew Leaver – a skilful pocket dynamo that can turn on a pinhead, turned many opposition players inside out.

Alex Collings – played most games as a striker, skills improved every week and once he found the goals he was always in the hunt for them.

Brayden Henshaw (Capt) – a skilful forward/halfback that can open up a game and tackles back hard.

Jack Durrant – has developed well this year and loves hockey, although he has had to compete with a significant growth spurt which always impacts on co-ordination.

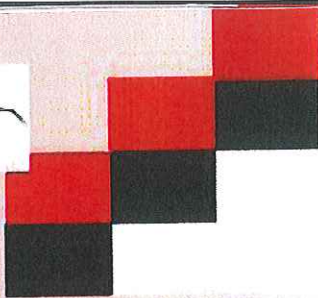
Jordan Klopfer – has really come a long way in skills and running, towards the end of the season showed some classy skills during the game.

Thomas Mincherton – always willing to help the team at short notice when we needed players and made a positive contribution when there.

All in all, this has been a very good season, which may not be reflected on the scoreboard but the ongoing development of these players will certainly produce the dividends to the club in years to come. Thank you to the parents for their commitment and to every player for theirs.

Derry Smith (Coach)





Under 13 Girls



7/8A Reserve

Coach: Allan Sadler

Wow..... What a season!!

For the first time, in the history of the club, we nominated an Under 13 girls team in the Perth competition. Initially the team nominated for Girls 7/8B; however, HockeyWA in their great wisdom and the power of 'Turf', allocated the Club a position in 7/8A Res.

The teams' induction to the Metro comp was an interesting experience for all. The girls proved that they could match skill and possession time with any team on the field, however, putting that white ball into the back of the net proved quite elusive. It was at the Bunbury carnival where the extra games helped with the teamwork, increased their confidence as players and also taught them how to score goals. On return from Bunbury the girls became a force in the Metro competition. From an opening losing streak of 4 games, the girls came back with 4 straight wins.

Mid season, the girls set themselves some realistic and some optimistic goals for the remainder of the season. These were:

1. Don't allow the opposition to score
2. Remain undefeated for the rest of the season
3. Make the Grand Final

Unfortunately, the first two goals, were not achieved, partly because one of the parents took a quarter of the team away to Queensland for a holiday, when we were fixtured to play the top two sides in the competition. However, the girls Grand Final realisation became a reality on the weekend, but the fairy tale season had an ugly step mother result, with the teams losing to University 3 – 1. The number of spectators that came to support the girls in the Grand Final was amazing. Sitting down on the bench the only supporters you could hear were from Rockingham, even though the scoreboard was not reflecting in our favour. I appreciate the turnout and I am pretty sure the girls did as well.

This season has been a remarkable one with a lot of positives for our club.

1. Firstly, the parents of the girls have been fantastic. They ensure their girls get to the extra training sessions and to the games on Saturday which is part of being in the Metro competition. It is through the support of their girls that makes it easier on the coach.
2. Secondly the girls. They are an excellent group of ambassadors for our club. They play hard and they play fair. I was lucky this year, having a player base

totalling 16 players. Between other sporting commitments, family responsibilities and injuries. I was able to field a competitive side each week.

3. Our junior player base is alive and well, with the performance of this team. With four of the girls being selected for the second round of Regionals. Congratulations to Chloe Collard, Jessica Collard, Taylor Collard and Fransien Snyman After a competitive second round I am proud to say that Taylor Collard was selected for the South Metro Regional side.

We are all looking forward to a great year in 2010.

Award winners for this year are:

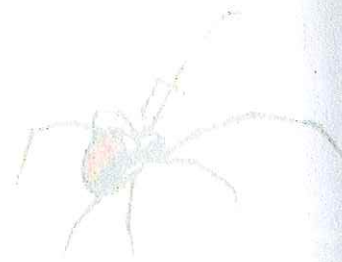
Best and Fairest:
R/U Best and Fairest
Coaches Award

Kirsten Henshaw
Jessica Collard
Fransien Snyman





Under 15 Boys



9/10 A Reserve

2009 has been a very successful year for the Under 15 Boys. At the time of this report we are a week away from playing off in the Grand Final having finished on top of the A Reserve competition and winning our semi final match.

The boys have been undefeated throughout the season with an amazing 56 goals for and only 7 goals against. They have been awarded the Challenge Cup pennant and the Minor Premiership pennant and we'll be looking to complete the trifecta with a Grand final win.

Another highlight for the season has also been having 6 boys chosen for the South Metro Regional Team, a team that went on to win the Regional competition. These players were: Joshua East, Thomas Leaver, Matthew Hasson, Jordan Fee, Brandon Phillips and Jake Williams. From this Jake and Matthew were also chosen for the Under 15 talent squad.

But it should be noted that none of this success has happened by accident. For me this team has been, by far, the most talented group of hockey players I have ever coached. They have all worked very hard from pre-season and throughout the season for their success and they have well and truly earned it. More importantly it should be noted that it is not just hockey talent that has got this group to where they are but the fact that they have become a formidable team. Each and every player has played their part in making the team the success that it is and they should all feel very proud of what they have achieved.

For my part I wish to thank the boys for their efforts this season and their parents for creating such wonderful kids and letting me be a part of their success, I hope they have enjoyed this season as much as I have. Thank you to Glenn and Michelle Hasson who have been my Team Managers for the season and to Tim Price who came every week to umpire for us.

We are all looking forward to the Grand Final with the hopes of bringing home another flag for the Rockingham Hockey Club.

Coach – Donna McKeown

Captain's Thoughts on Players. (Josh East)

Adam "The Barracuda" Barrodeen Wing - Has the awesome ability to score a goal anywhere in the attacking "D".

Glen Beavan Centre Forward -Great forward positioning and skill provides great goal scoring ability.

Timothy Carlton Inner – Great overall skill. The “utility man!”

Jordan “Fi Fi” Fee Goalie – Great skill and hand eye co-ordination. Willing to take on any player.

Brent Foley Wing – A good team player, always there to lead and support forward attacks.

Tim “Flash” Gordon Full Back - Great positioning and ball control. Stops most opposing attacks.

Matthew Hasson Wing and defender – Has excellent strength and speed that drives the attack and breaks down opposing breakaways.

Joshua “Chook” Henshaw Right Half Back – Plays his position very well, feeding the ball to our forward line. Strong attacking half back.

Jacob Lassig-Dyke Left Forward – Runs well with the ball and is a strong attacker. Great speed and skill.

V.C. Thomas “Tommy Gun” Leaver Center Half – Can hit a ball with accuracy and has great vision - the ability to find options anywhere on the field.

Brandon “Buddha” Phillips Left Half – Strong on his left side and has an uncanny tackling ability. Set up many left side attacks.

David “Pricey” Price Half Back – Plays with great passion and puts in continual maximum effort. A great supporting player.

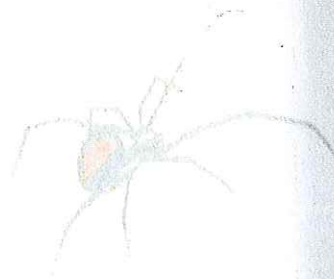
Jake Williams Inner – Good ball control at speed. Excellent left side abilities and powers through opposing defence.

Donna McKeown Coach – Has the ability to bring the out best in each of the players in our team.





Under 15 Girls



9/10 A Reserve

This year for this bunch of girls has been absolutely awesome. The team challenged for A Grade but narrowly missed out to North Coast Raiders losing 3 – 2 at the stadium at the beginning of the season. As unfortunate as this was, the team re-grouped and started to think about the coming season ahead of them in the A Reserve competition.

The season started off strong with solid wins of 4 - 0 against Melville, 3 – 1 against OGMHC and 5 - 0 against Whitford. It was good to see the girls get solid wins like this as it did send a message to all other teams that we were here to win and to win well.

The next few games were challenging for the girls as we lost two really good strengths in Ashleigh Woods and Simone Jacobs, who went up to support the 17s side. Simone rejoined the team later in the year and the affect that she had was noticed by all players and parents. This made things a lot easier from my point of view as it gave the team another midfield player.

Throughout the year the girls played to their strengths extremely well. With runs coming from the likes of Kayliegh Fletcher and Tiana Allen we were unstoppable! No team knew what we were doing and the unpredictability of these two players worked really well ... most of the time☺. It was a massive upset for the team when so close to the end of the season Kayliegh sprained ligaments in her knee. She was out for the rest of the season.

Kayliegh's injury was one of many that were scattered throughout the season. Mellissa Allen injured an ankle which put her out for about a month and she was missed out on the wing. Hannah Simpson was also out for about a month from an elbow injury. Sarah Watson was also out for 6 weeks with sharp pains up her ankle and leg. All these players had big affects on the team as holes started to form and opposition started to attack through them.

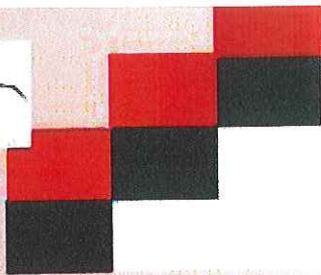
The end of the season was the most challenging part of my personal coaching career. It was a hard task to move people around with out upsetting the balance of the team. This was noticed with us not finishing the season the way that we would have liked. The girls needed to win 1 out of 3 of their final games to finish on top of the table. Unfortunately this didn't happen and they finished second to UWA.

The first final was on Sunday the 5 of September at 8:30 in the morning up at Shenton Turf against UWA. This game was tough on the girls, narrowly missing shots and losing 1 – 0. UWA coach commented on the girl's game play and how they never gave up. "Your girls always give us a good run for our money!" he said.

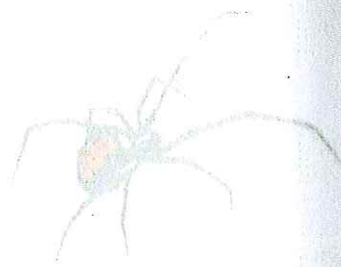
So this week we play Wasps and all going to plan we will get to that grand final and bring home another flag.

I would like to thank the girls for a wonderful season at 15s. I would also like to thank Dave Grov for managing the team and all the parents for their support and ideas on game day. These were much appreciated. Good luck for the future and remember WINNERS ARE GRINNERS.





Under 17 Boys



11/12 A Reserve

Coach: Cameron MacDonald, Dave Klinck

With a really good showing of numbers to the pre- season trainings and a lot of flashie skills being shown by the boys it was looking like a strong year ahead. With the first five or so games not looking too special in play or on the score board it was time to pull back and improve the basics of the game. After a couple of hard trainings and some position changes, things improved a lot and we were beginning to build a strong line up towards the half way point of the season.

After the mid season break things kept progressing well with the boys winning more games in the second part than they lost. Giving the boys a game focus to work at seemed to be the difference and the boys were starting to learn hockey can be an easy game if you just do your part. With the ladder very tight all year it saw the boys going from second bottom at half way point of the season to equal four by the last game. The final game was between fourth and fifth and if Rockingham were to win by three goals it was finals for the boys.

Final Game: With a few words of truth from myself to make sure the boys could do what was needed, the game was off to a flyer with the boys scoring two goals with in the first four minutes. After a lot of attacking play and good build up, the score did not change til the last ten minutes of the game with North Coast scoring two goals in two minutes. So with the score two all it was looking unlikely that we would be playing finals hockey. With a couple of final runs at goal we put a well worked team goal away to lead by one at the end.

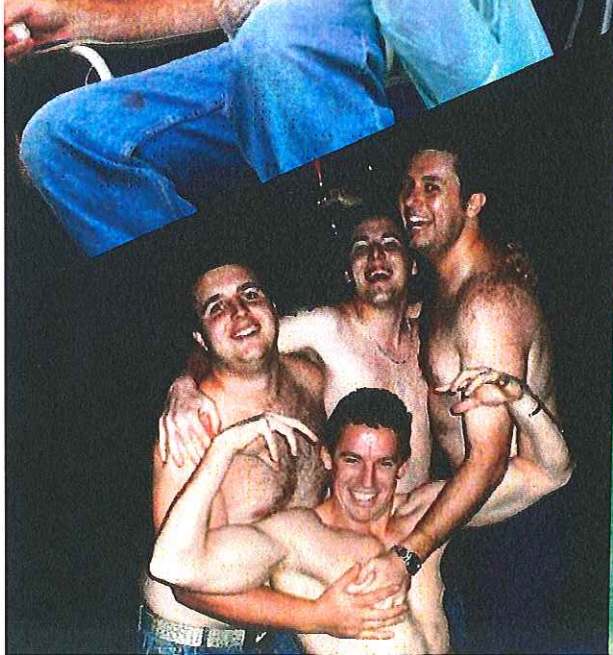
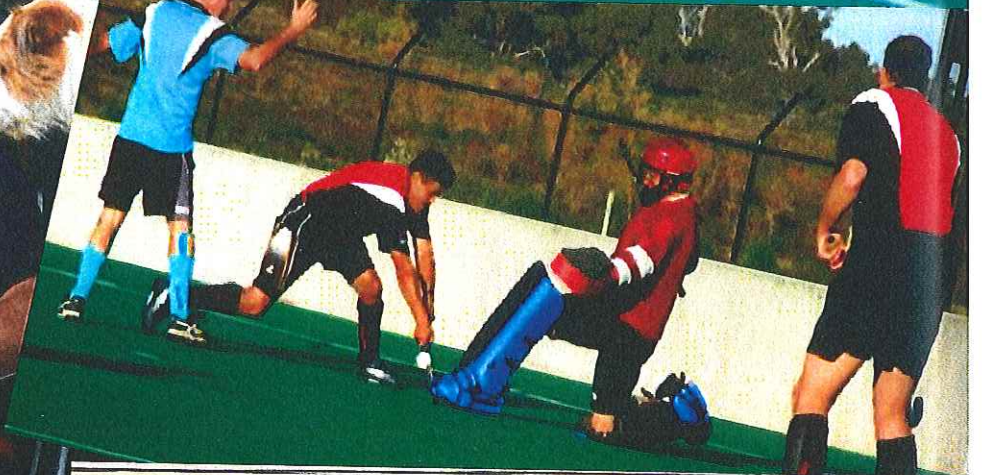
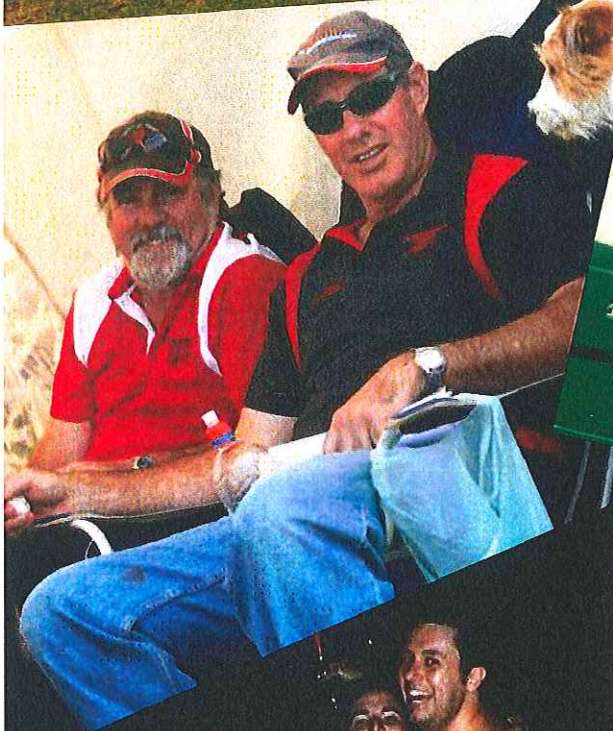
If you looked at where we were at the half way mark it was hard to see a strong finish to the season but the boys started to play smart hockey and make the right decisions when needed. So I believe things are looking very good for the future of mens hockey at Rockingham with the talent we have to come in. Also a very hard to beat under 17's team for next year.

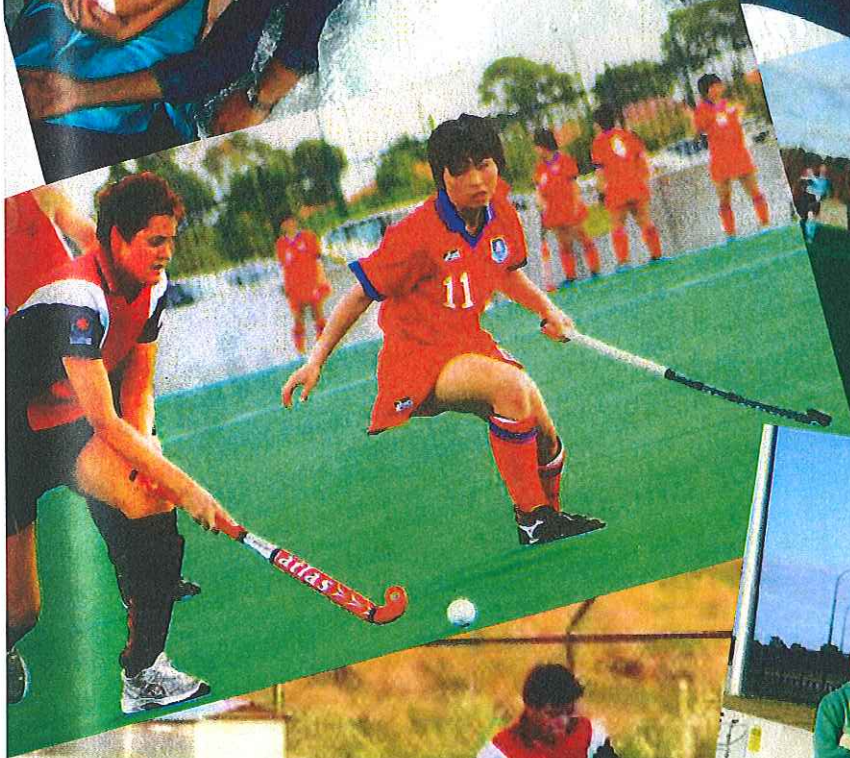
Cheers for the hard work and trust in my game plan boys.

Hope to see most of you at pre-season in three months

Dave Klinck....



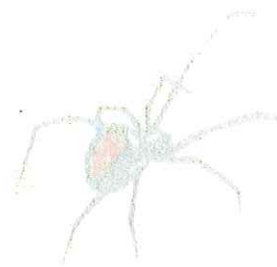








Under 17 Girls



11/12 A Reserve

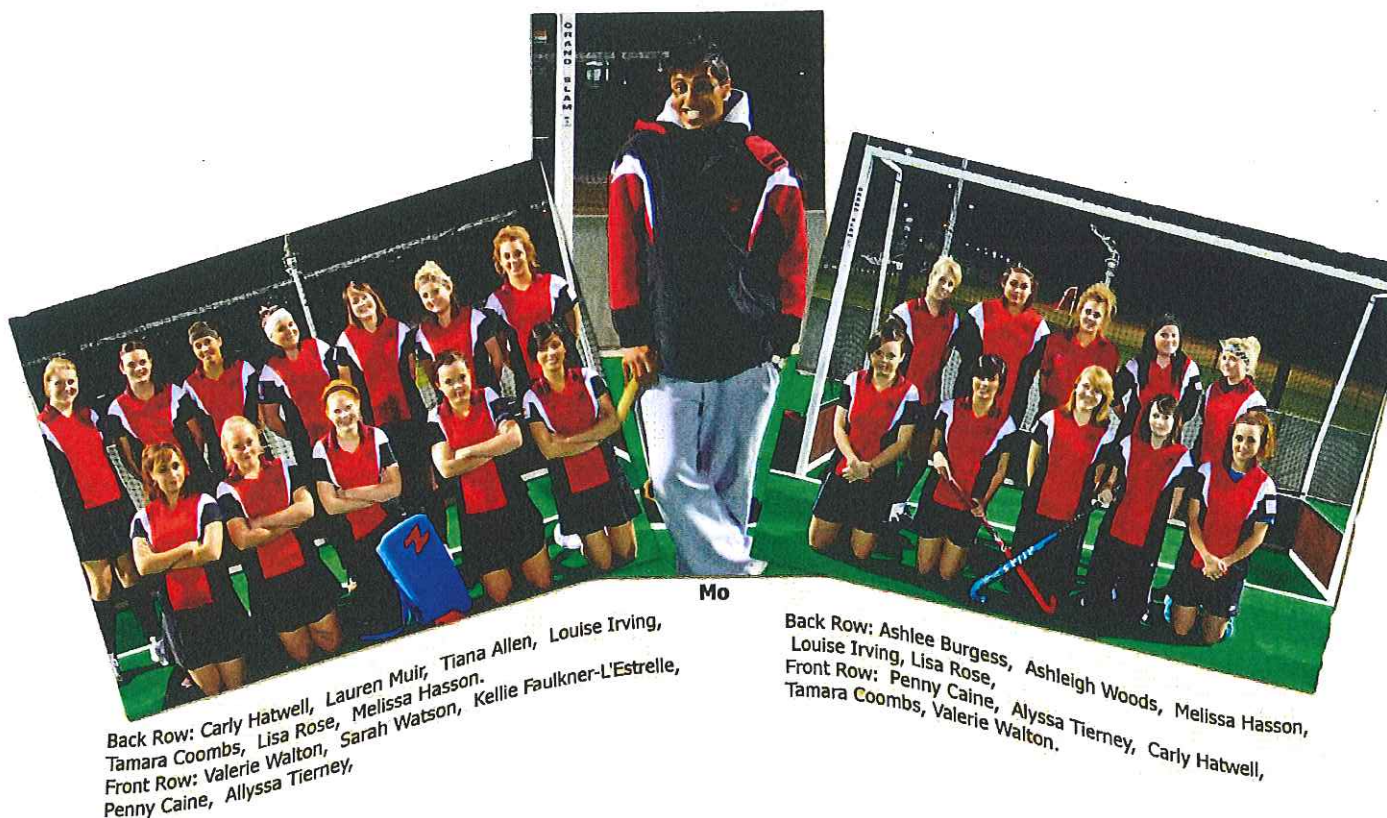
The under 17 girls had a successful year despite many difficulties with numbers each week due to a lack of registrations and injuries.

We started the year well by winning the B Division State Champs, going on to make the finals, only to be knocked out in the first semi.

Thanks to all the u/15 girls that helped out each week. We would not have won states or made the finals without you.

Three girls were regular starters for the ladies 1s team this year. Well done to Lisa Rose, Val Walton and Melissa Hasson.

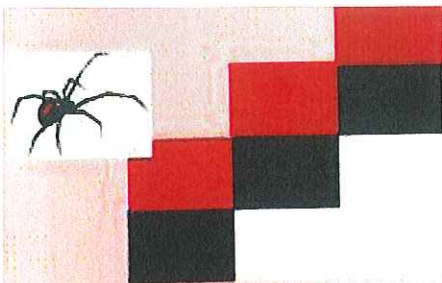
We also had 4 coaches and would like to thank Mo Rahman, John Wright, Glenn Hasson and Donna McKeown for coaching us, Michelle Hasson for being our manager and Donna McKeown for also umpiring most of our away games.



Back Row: Carly Hatwell, Lauren Muir, Tiana Allen, Louise Irving,
Tamara Coombs, Lisa Rose, Melissa Hasson.
Front Row: Valerie Walton, Sarah Watson, Kellie Faulkner-L'Estrelle,
Penny Caine, Allyssa Tierney,

Mo

Back Row: Ashlee Burgess, Ashleigh Woods, Melissa Hasson,
Louise Irving, Lisa Rose,
Front Row: Penny Caine, Alyssa Tierney, Carly Hatwell,
Tamara Coombs, Valerie Walton.



Senior Director's Report

The season that has just finished has been reasonably successful with 3 Senior teams making the finals. We had 4 teams promoted or playing at a higher grade than last year with 3 of these making the finals.

The Teams that made the Finals

Mens 4s

Finishing 3rd and winning Semi and will play in Preliminary Final.

Ladies 2s

Finishing 4th but lost Semi.

Vets 50s

Finishing 4th but lost Semi.

The Other Teams

Mens 1s.

Finished 5th and were only 1 point out of the Finals. This was a little disappointing after the good start to the year.

Mens 2s

Finished 7th but avoided relegation.

Mens 3s

Finished 6th but were competitive after going up a grade.

Men's 5s

Finished last and only drawn 2 games. This new team struggled for numbers over the last couple of games.

Ladies 1s

Finished equal bottom with 1 win & 3 draws. They will need to fight to retain the grade.

Ladies 3s

Finished 5th. Slow start to the season but were able to win a couple of games later on.

Vets 40 Div 2

Finished 7th. Lacking a little depth.

Vets 40 Div 4

Finished last. Drank lots.

I believe that the 17s should be under the Junior Committee as per Hockey WA Competition Structure. The Junior Committee has a closer relationship with members from this team as they move out of Under 15s. However, there is a cross over between the Junior & Senior Committee which has worked well this year. The 17s this year were run by Junior Committee with some input from myself.

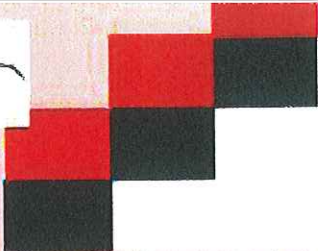
Boys U17s

Finished 5th. Missed out on finals on goal difference.

Girls U17s

Finished 4th but lost Semi

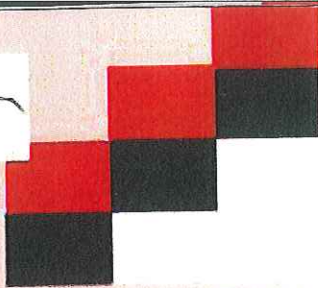
Neville Ford



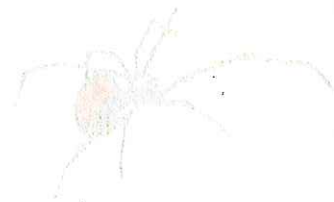
Senior Trophy Winners



Team	Fairest & Best	Runner Up Fairest & Best	Team Award
Ladies 1s Willow Bridge League	Roberta Walton	Kim Thompson	Roberta Walton
Ladies 2s Provisional 1	Christie Suggate	Sue Lomax	Sue Lomax
Ladies 3s Provisional 3 Gold	Deeana Hogan	Renee Broadhurst	Jennifer McDonald
Mens 1s Willow Bridge Cup	Brett Webb	Bradley Thompson	Damien Porter
Mens 2s Promotion 2	Brodie McDonald	Dave Klinck	Brodie McDonald
Mens 3s Provisional 2 Black	Gavin Cutler	Brad Ball	Steve Dymond
Mens 4s Provisional 3 Gold	Dave Chapman	Callum Maclean	Lee Cousins
Mens 5s Metro 3 Gold	Andrew Phillis	Tom Crosse	Andrew Phillis
Vets O40 Division 2	Maurice Giles	Bill Maybury	Bill Maybury
Vets O40 Division 4	Allan Sadler	Robert Wallace	Peter Mitchell
Vets O50 Division 2	Peter Janczyk	Ray Higgs	Ray Higgs
Girls 11/12 A Reserve (Under 17s)	Lisa Rose	Melissa Hasson	Tamara Coombs
Boys 11/12 A Reserve (Under 17s)	Mark Foley	Timothy Price	Mark Foley



Willow Bridge Cup Men's 1s



Firstly I would like to say a few thank you's to the club. I was introduced to the club by John Wright who saw the potential of a very progressive club that has the potential to achieve a significant presence in Western Australian Hockey. To John I thank him for this opportunity. To the board, the support you have given the senior team has been wonderful. The success of the team and the club is only as good as the strength and ability of the management team. To Neville you have made the job of coaching a lot of fun not only for me but also the team. The 2's game you played and the Nev walk you developed was an inspiration for all of us, especially your sons.

Well another season has ended. We haven't quite achieved what we set out to do but we certainly put the effort in and gave it a good try. We had a number of new players this year, James Dodd, Mohammed Rahman, Ollie Bond, Brad Thompson, Damien Porter and Alan (Razor) Alderson.

The season or should I say the pre season started before Xmas when we went down to the club to play games through the summer break. It was and will be continuing over the summer break for the boys to continue develop their skills.

Our goalie (Lachlan McDonald) aka Georgy was as usual a typical goalkeeper, somewhat eccentric and at times brilliant. He would be at every training session early to demonstrate to me how good he was/is as a forward just in case I need help.

Bradley Thompson came from Peel and has developed into a fine defender, very quiet and I am looking to further improvements in him next year.

Razor (Alan Alderson) a really fine Fullback built in the mould of the old tough defenders; he played NHL for NSW and played alongside the great Aussie FB Ken Wark. He is a great player for our club and as he will be playing more games for us next year. His presence in our quest for finals will be vital.

Mr Versatile (Bryan Taylor), the only position he didn't get to play this year was goalie. A great performance overall and a great help to his teammates and myself. We all hope to see him on the field in the A grade team next year and maybe a chance to play in goals as well.

Macca, (Daniel McDonald) very quiet deceptive left half sneaked into and out of the A-grade team this year and gave his best. A solid season and I would love to get more from him next year.

Paul Youlden, the old man of the team Mr Dependable, a very good season filled with class. He gave the team a year of good solid games and should have been an inspiration for the younger team members with his work ethic and desire for success.

Ollie (Oliver Bond) "Speedy Gonzalez" too fast for the rest of team. A solid season playing a number of positions. He has a lot of potential and with a good pre season we should see some special hockey skills.

Toddles, (Todd Ford) has come back from his injury in the later part of the season and showed glimpses of his mercurial best. It will be good to see him next year with a solid pre season under his belt

Shaun Ford (Mr Chaffing) showed us why wearing skins is so important. He is oozing talent and just needs more hard work next year to deliver a great season of goal scoring for us.

James Dodd came from the UK and filled the center half slot. It was a steep learning curve for him and he started to settle into the position in the later part of the season. Good solid performer for us.

Mo (Mohammed Rahman) never got to show us what a good player he had the potential to become. He had a mixed season but hopefully he returns next year with renewed enthusiasm.

Damien Porter my assistant had a good solid year and threw himself into the coaching role with enthusiasm. A difficult job coaching the two's as they didn't show the same enthusiasm that the one's displayed. With the young under 17's and others coming through we should see a much reinvigorated side next year.

Ryan Hentschke our inside forward had a solid year but was most pleasing was his desire to continue to learn and strive to be the best he could. A pleasure to coach this year

Tom Tom (Tom Hunter) all arms and legs and very fast. A lot of raw talent and we have not even seen the close to the best of what Tom Tom can produce. He is just starting on a very good career.

Brett Webb, our captain and without doubt our Talisman. He gave his best this year and is still a very rough diamond. Hopefully he takes up the opportunity to play overseas this year as he will come back a very different and better player, as long as the girls don't keep him.

To sum up thanks to a whole lot of people who have the dream to make Rockingham a very special club.

Michael Nobbs.



Willow Bridge League Ladies 1's



The start of the season for the Ladies 1's was much like being thrown in the deep end, this year having moved from Promotional 2's into the Willow Bridge League. It was a major learning experience for all those who played. One of the key issues the team encountered was the speed, fitness and sheer skill required to play at this level. Our pre-season and fitness conditioning was not what was needed to play at this level, although a number of our players proved themselves throughout the year. This meant that we struggled in the first half of the season.

In the second half of the season the team showed how competitive they were, narrowly missing matches which slipped away in the last minutes. We also built up a team with much young talent and hopefully they will give it a go again in the next season as they started to come to terms with the commitments of how to play and training at this high level of hockey.

Next season the team needs to commit to a strong pre-season, attending training and developing a frame of mind to support them throughout the competition. We need to increase the strength of our playing group and with the facilities at Lark Hill the opportunity exists to do so by attracting past players and new players to the club.

This season has been a building block for the foundations of high level hockey being played by ladies at Rockingham.

A special compliment must be made to the excellent management skills of Jenny McDonald. Without her there would not have been a Rocky representation at the top ladies level this year.

The Team

Roberta Walton (Bert)

Keeping with the tradition of great ladies goal keepers we found Bert. She makes saves she has no business making. Ask any shooter in the league and they tell you, "She's one of the toughest to beat, day in, day out."

Helen Durand

Helen burst onto the Rockingham hockey scene back in January where her high level of fitness showed up a lot of the players in the men's teams. Helen also possesses an energy that is the envy of a lot of her team mates. With great energy and great desire, Helen is a valuable asset on and off the field.

Sharn Meekel

The word unique is tossed around a lot these days but our Sharn, with her ever present smile and fantastic attitude, truly fits that bill. Happy to always put others first, thus content to put her feet up on the bench, Sharn is a delight whenever we can get her out of her own little world. "Oh no the ball's coming!"

Kim Thompson (Kimmy)

Welcome the prodigal daughter. Her welcome return to Rockingham added a strength and drive to the Ones. Always focused and unyielding, she has been a great role model for the girls.

Melissa Hasson (Melsie)

One of our young forwards. Strong, aggressive and fast in attack. Mel seldom missed a training session even if unable to train she was there to help out.

Lisa Rose

Another fit young player who can go a long way. Always gives 100%. Happy to show all those older ladies that sometimes, years of experience are no match for youthful enthusiasm

Kameika Anderson

Our own pocket rocket. Always plays a solid game, chases back hard and is a pleasure to watch in full flight with the ball on her stick.

Lauren Osborn

Lauren came to us with a wealth of experience she had gathered from playing top level hockey in England, her high level of skill and great work off the ball made her someone a team could rally behind. Sadly Lauren only played half a season with us, having to go back to England to show them how to play Rocky hockey.

Megan Janczyk

Had an injury plagued season. Was a valuable player who worked hard on the ball. Unfortunately Megs missed the final games of the season. Band-aid companies will always be in business while Megs is playing.

Valarie Walton

Another injury prone player. Surprised herself playing different positions but preferred up forward.

Hannah McDonald

Hannah's great strength is in her versatility, be it crunching forwards at full back or attempting shots on goal she always gives her all. Hannah is always the first to knuckle down when the going gets tough.

Sarah Shaw (Beans)

Arguably overlooked at the beginning of season, Beans proved herself to be a dependable half back over the course of the season. Her ability to be where she was needed, before she was needed strengthened the team's structure. Hopefully we will see Beans all next season.

Ashleigh Woods

Missed vital games due to a hand injury. One of our under 15s, who has a fantastic career ahead of her. Ability to read the ball is impressive for a girl her age.

Tiana Allen

Another under 15 player who rose to the level required to play Willow Bridge. Fast, skilful and innovative Tiana provided a spark in the right hand side attack.

Lauren Muir

Yes only 15. Surprised herself in her ability to mix it with opposition. Only played the last few games of the season but we are sure to be seeing more of her next year.

Asha Anderson

Asha was our "Ringer" stand in player. While she only played a few games she was strong and fast, and showed that she had lost very little of her skills. Perhaps full time next year? We can only hope.

Chelsea Pickford

New to club and only played part of season but a valuable player who brought experience to the team. Hopefully we see more of Chelsea next year.

Stacey Jarrick

Excellent full back was a reliable addition to the team when required. Stacey's eye for the ball and her ability to read the play surprised many an opposition attack.

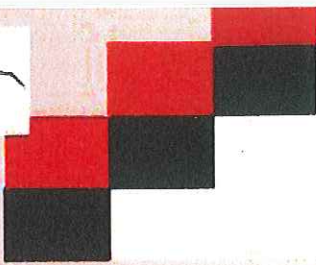
Nicole Gallop

Oh where did she go?

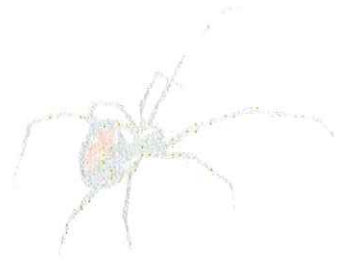
Our thanks to the following players who all played a part in the beginning of something great for our Ladies Hockey; Sarah Cooper, Danielle Hartshorn, Kim Jeffrey (navy lady), Ally Candlish, Emma Ross (Peel), Sarah Jarvis, Carlize du Plessis, Louise Irving, Wendy Wales.

Jennifer McDonald
(Team Manager)





Men's 2s



Promotional 2s

Coach: Damien Porter.

Captian: Dave Klinck.

The season started off with 3 wins from the first 4 games thanks to a strong line up led by the Wrecking Ball.

Unfortunately, things didn't continue down this track with numbers dropping from all areas of the park. This tested the boys over the next few weeks, with a bit of bad luck and lack of consistency it was hard to see the boys pushing for finals and a top four finish.

So it was time to push the young boys up into the team to build for the future. Which proved very promising with over half the under 17's team playing several games. Some stand outs being John and Dave Pierce also Jason Brown. These boys played week in, week out and showed no signs of not being up to the level needed.

Second Half of the season was nothing to write home about with a huge lack of numbers at training starting to show on the park. Thanks to the couple that did show up every week and gave it a hard go. Finishing the season on a cold Sunday against Harlies was sure to be a challenge with both teams pushing for a win to hold the grade, after a quiet word from coach Damo and a colourful word or two from Captain Magic to make sure we finished the season how we want the next to start. For all to know the boys pulled together to show a strong front and a small bit of what is to come next year.

Although the scores and ladder do not show it, I believe 2s are not too far off where things need to be to push to the next level and start playing finals. I put the challenge to all 2s players that it is time to step up and show a lot more fight as things are moving forward and can only happen with a lot of hard work and willing numbers.

Cheers big ears

Dave Klinck....



Ladies 2s



Womens Provisional 1s

This year was quite an impressive one for the ladies, having moved up from the Provisional 2 grade last year. We started the season strong and confident from our grand final win last year and made it to the challenge cup undefeated. Unfortunately, we lost the challenge cup against Old Aquinians who we'd been contenders with for first on the ladder in the first half of the season. The second half of the season, however, was a little more disappointing for us as our team dynamics shut down and we were missing players due to personal commitments. Chris Brown then took a coaching role with us and assisted with training and organising our team for the last part of the season. With two games to go, we had to win at least one of them to get into the semi-finals and we achieved that. Unfortunately, the semi final was lost and there was disappointment but we can lift our heads and prepare to do better next year, which we will of course.

Christie Suggate was brilliant as goal keeper this year as her skills got remarkably better from week to week. She saved many goals (and games) and had great confidence in controlling the defence, often surprising us with her stern orders! Christie really has that goalie slide of hers nearly perfected and should not worry about hurting people! They'll get better...

Stacey Jarrick had a great year and was our main goal scorer. Strong on the ball and good in defence, she was quick to decide on what to do with the ball. It's these snap decisions that catch opponents off guard and allowed us to get out of pressured situations.

Sue Lomax = Provisional 1 2009 fullback of the year... its true! She's brilliant!

Sue Sullivan is good on the wing and you can always rely on her to be there for the pass. Unfortunately she couldn't quite get the goals she did last year, although there were many close ones. Nonetheless, she was always at the post, ready to receive, and there to support her teammates.

Hannah McDonald had a good season and was a great motivator for the team. She always leads warm-ups and gets the team enthused for the game. Also, her hockey skills are excellent and her passes are spot-on.

Sarah Williams started the season shy and a little hesitant but as her confidence grew, she became a good defender! She went for the tackles and ended up winning a lot of free hits for us.

Penny Caine has a great amount of stick skills and employed them well this season. She just needs to play the whistle and keep going even when she knows it's not her free hit (it's amazing how often you can get away with it). Nevertheless, a good season!

Sarah Cooper had a good year as centre half. She often gives the forwards backup and support and she always looks for leads to get the ball through quickly and effectively. Good stuff!

Wendy Wales had another good season (seriously, when doesn't she?). She guides us and always provides a strong backup when we are under pressure.

Sam Forsyth has a fantastic eye on the ball and always passes and receives well. She is a team player and has been a great advantage to us. As Hannah says: "I've never seen anyone do one-timers like Sam." Good work!

Sally Carlton has so much energy, but not enough field to use it! She puts in 100% every game and is another team motivator through her eagerness to train, play and win. Unfortunately her work commitments kept her from playing a full season but it looks like she'll be playing more next year!

Tiana Allen is a confident young player who has amazing skill. She knows what to do with the ball and uses other teammates effectively. She didn't play a lot of the season but it really made a difference when she did.

Other players that filled in for us at times include Sarah Jarvis (who, due to personal commitments, couldn't play long), Sharn Meekel, Ally Candlish, Lauren Muir, Ashleigh Woods and Jade Van Haeff. Thanks ladies for completing our team when we needed it!

Thanks also to Chris for giving his time to coach us and also to Di Collard for managing the team and keeping us in line and organised!

By Danielle Hartshorn (aka Danni)



Men's 3s



Provisional 2 Black

The 3's were promoted to Provisional 2 this year in order for our club to bring another team into the WAHA competition and allow it to play in a turf grade.

After initial reservations, the team performed really well and were competitive in every game through the season. We were 5th on the ladder at the half way mark of the season and looking to push our way into the top 4 in the second half of the season.

We did achieve this up until Round 13 and spent 10 out of the first 13 weeks in the 4. Unfortunately, we dropped out after Round 14 and were not able to get back. Injuries and player availability were starting to take their toll. We ended up in 6th place with 5 wins, 4 draws and 7 losses for the season.

A good pre-season and some luck with injuries next year should see this team face finals action in 2010.

Our team consists of:

Matt Thickett (Captain) - I thought was an excellent choice for captain this year and we have definitely missed him not playing at full fitness this year. The fact that he got up to play as many games as he did is a true testament to his character and commitment.

Ian Armstrong - Has shown tremendous improvement this year and held his spot at full back for the majority of the season.

Jace Baldoni - Has played some good hockey all year, but especially since being switched to half-back. A very solid year.

Brad Ball - Forever reliable at full-back and shows great experience and reliability week in - week out. One of only two players to play every game for the year.

Gavin Cutler - The only other player to play every game this year and played the majority of the season at centre half and did a tremendous job. When playing at full tilt, Gav would be one of the best players in the whole grade.

Steve Dymond - Has played at left half for most of the year and has found a niche in that position. A very solid and reliable contributor to our team.

Aren Gissing - Had a very solid year in goals and saved us on many occasions. A job well done Aren.

Reece Harris - I think Reece has matured as a player this year and has played some good games at half back before being pushed forward later in the year.

Hendrik Malan - We only wish you could have played more often this year as we are a better team when you are out there. You have fitted in really well with the guys and were an absolute pleasure to have around. Hope to see you back at the club in 2010.

Rhys Parker - Another new player to the club who fit in very well to our team. Played his best hockey when playing as an inner or half back.

Clayton Phillips - Has made a difference since coming back in to the team part way through the year. Played in the forward line giving us a target to hit the ball to.

Ashley Pike (Pikey) - The part timer gives us a lot of intensity when he is here and playing. His hassle of the opposition when they have the ball has created some turnovers and won us the ball on many occasions.

Bron Umbras - Bron has shown great improvement and is an ultimate team player. His fitness and determination are second to none and a couple more years playing hockey will only help him. Got injured part way through the year, as per 2008, but was determined to make it back in time for the end of the season, which was achieved for the last few games.

Adam Wise - Adam's fitness base and speed make him a very valuable player for our team. Can play in any position in the forward line where his speed causes the opposition a few headaches.

We have had some other players contribute to our team at various stages through the year. Most notably Ricky Dobson, who didn't play again after Round 10 due to injury, Sam Uren and Matt Pheiffer.

It has been a pleasure to coach these guys for the last two years and I wish them every success, both with their hockey and their lives outside hockey in the future.

Greg Hislop
Coach





Ladies 3s



Provisional 3 Gold

Our team had a terrific season and although we missed out on the finals this year I believe the way we performed throughout the year is a good sign for next season. We had a lot of new faces this year which is fantastic for both the team and for the club itself.

It took us a few weeks to actually get the ball in the back of the net, so to speak, but once the team was settled and we got a bit of momentum we became very fierce competitors. Win, loss or draw we put in everything we had and ensured that our opposition knew not to underestimate us.

We have a great mix of ladies in our team and having a coach definitely made a world of difference. Working from the backline down to our forwards I have put a little note about each of our girls (and Dave) to reflect on their 2009 season.

Dave (Coach) – Our team needs to give a big thanks to Dave, it was great to actually have a coach. Having someone to run training each week really help us all work on our skills and develop our game. Thanks for your patience!

Jenny Mac – Our last line of defence and we could not ask for anyone better, she is our star goalie and has saved us too many times to count and has had some speccy saves that would have definitely showed our competitors that she is a force to be reckoned with.

Joy – A great fullback who stops the zippiest opposition forwards in their tracks, Joy is proof that you should not take the ball to an experienced player because she will take the ball from you with ease. Joy also does a lot for our team off the field which should not be left unnoticed.

Rachel – Rach rejoined the team this year and she has been a solid defender for the team. Rach even kept her cool when there were some umpiring decisions she didn't agree with which if you know Rach, is a miracle!

Robyn – Well at least this year she is not off jet setting to Europe though after a great start of the season Robby injured her knee and sat out the end of the season. She has remained a great team member coming along to fill in coaching duties and to cheer us on.

Jade – I not only look up to Jade as a solid team player but also in the literal sense of the word! She has had the task of picking up a new position as a half back and has done so with ease. Jade has also been a great help to our 2's team filling in for them when needed.

Bec – Our one arm tackler! Bec has a very strong tackle even if she tends to use just one arm, I guess if it works why change it. But there will be no mention of the stroke incident, right Bec?

Ally – I cannot fault Ally in any way, she does so much for the club and for our team on and off the field. She is the team's energizer bunny and ever reliable, when you are in trouble on the field she will always be close by to back you up.

Emma – Emma, like Jade changed over positions during this season moving between full back to wing and has managed to perform well at both ends of the field but watch your head because Em has gotten pretty good at raising the ball even when it was not intended!

Sunet – Sunet's season was cut short when she found out she was pregnant but she still came down to support the team which was very much appreciated. Her tomahawk free hits still make me laugh but they definitely were effective.

Kat – One of our star wingers, Kat is definitely go hard or go home, being new to the game of hockey Kat has a lot of heart and has definitely developed her skills over the season and become a huge goal scoring machine for the team.

Di – Another of our star wingers Di has got some great skills which have only improved over the season along with her goal scoring tally. Di is very easy to get along with and has been a great addition to the team.

Dee – Dee always seems to be everywhere on the field and you can always rely on her to back you up. Dee took a few games to get her first goal of her own but she has played a major role in many of our goal scoring plays and she is an invaluable part of the team.

Taryn – Luckily for the team our fixtures fitted in fairly well with the Eagles games so we got Taryn for majority of the season. Taryn has done some really impressive things this season but nothing more so than taking the most ladylike stack during a game that only Taryn could do.

Renae – Renae was another new addition to the team and she has proven herself to be a great centre forward. She has great ball control skills and is not afraid to get on the goalies toes or take on even the most experienced defenders.

Personally I have really enjoyed this season. Having a great team of girls around you can only help and I am already looking forward to next season. I hope all of our ladies will be back for next season and for the upcoming summer competition.

Lastly I would like to thank the club committee members, social club, umpires, players etc for making 2009 such a great season.

Lisa



Men's 4s



Provisional 3 Gold

What a year! After not winning a game in 2008, a group of us decided to do something about it... We undertook an extra-long preseason training that started in January (well it was long for us) and combined beach runs, swims, bike rides and playing team games like Ultimate Frisbee, touch rugby, soccer, footy and hockeyball (a combination of netball and hockey). During this time, the group formed strong bonds which held us together in times of need (you know the usual dummy spits and arguments) and provided the stimulus and drive to not only win a game, but to take us to the finals. (As I'm currently typing, we have our next game tomorrow – a preliminary final. We came third in the normal season overall and beat the forth team last week to continue our march on the road towards the Holy Grail!)

If you saw our first game played this year then you would know just how far we have come. We lost that first game five-nil. In fact, the score wasn't really a reflection of how we played, as we actually forfeited that game – after one of our team members was punched by an opposition player, and the umpires refusing to do anything about it, we voiced our disapproval and walked off the pitch with four minutes to go. We ended up at the tribunal and with many thanks to Brendan (Legs) Carlin and Ian (Traitor) Armstrong, we managed to get Brad (Arm-puncher) Purvis suspended, for only one week?!? It could have been a lot worse... The opposition presented themselves in suits while we presented ourselves in the typical 'Rocko' clothing. Luckily, Brad didn't open his mouth until the final verdict was made!

After that incident, we decided to step-up to the plate and led by Callum (Captain Burger) Maclean and his side-kick, Dave (Flukey-luke) Chapman, we turned the corner. However, like any usual hockey season, along the way we lost and gained several players including Ian and Samurai-Sam (Boomerang) Uren whom crossed to the dark side (that is, they both went up and played with the 3s with only Sam coming back) and Tom (Speedy) Butler 'found a girl' and gave it away. We gained Keith (Psycho) Bowron, Greg (Macaroni-tasting steroids) Kahl and Todd (The better one) Maclean. We also stole Tom (Not so) Crosse and Rob (Not related to either of the Toms) Butler from the 5s. I tried to steal a couple of more of the 5s players but was politely told where to get off by their coach/caretaker, Andrew (Should've played higher) Phillis...In the end, I decided to take Andrew up instead!

So with the remainder of the crew, including Filthy-Phil (What a bloody great goal last week) Minchin, James (Casual) Hogan and myself, we have fought our way into the finals and hopefully can take the grand prize. Whatever happens, I can honestly say that this has been the best team I have ever played with, not in terms of their skills (although they are improving), but in terms of their dedication and commitment to the team and too their club. It has been an honour to play with you all.

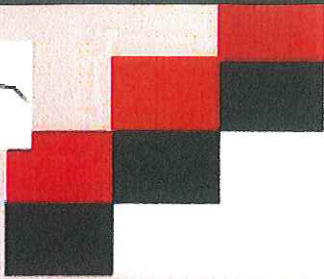
Wait a minute... What about the goalie and the fill-ins? Well thanks to them all including the Gissings (Ray, Joel and Aaron), Ben (where is he) Smith, Brandon (Babyface) Dowling, the U17s keeper and of course our very own Tim (almost the turf goalie) Manning. Also thanks to Matt (Lazyboy) Phieffer, the entire 3s team and Greg Hislop for all their efforts in helping us getting to where we are today (and thanks to the 1s team for not beating up Tim just yet).

I would also like to thank the Armstrong clan for supporting us along the way. It has been much appreciated!

Take care all, and we'll see you at the quiz night next year, U15's!!!

Lee (204 is correct!) Cousins





Men's 5s



Mens Metro 3 Gold

The year started out with a staggering 45 players attending the trial matches and training sessions. From there 3 teams were selected, the Men's 3's, 4's and 5's.

The addition of the 5's team this year and the overall interest in being part of the Rockingham Hockey Club shows that local interest in our hockey club is high, and that the club is going from strength to strength.

The 5's team started out the season with a new coach/captain and great attendance from the 15 initial players, but due to the team being made up of many players from the Navy, the numbers dwindled towards the end of the season and we relied heavily on the assistance of other Redbacks players, especially our U17's squad.

The team's enthusiasm throughout the season was commendable considering most players were new to the sport. We didn't manage a win but came close on 2 occasions with solid performances that only produced drawn results.

With a little more experience and commitment, I'm sure we can get some wins on the board.

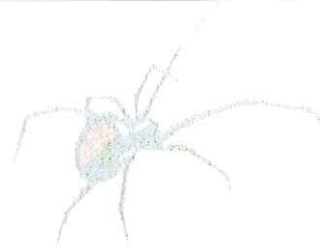
With many players showing interest in the midweek summer competition I am sure everyone's fitness and skill levels will be greatly improved ready for next years pre-season.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Andrew Phillis



Over 40s Div 2



A really tough year for us 'old boy's', the season started with a fixture away at Melville which we won 1-0 and it took a legendary full back to score the opening goal of the season. I know you are thinking who could it possibly be!!!

Yes you are right it was me.... I can re-live the moment for you if you like, I was streaming up the field 100 miles per hour..... alright I want you can ask me later.

We had what we would consider a very tough year, at stages we were sitting in the top 4 and at some stages we were staring at the possibility of relegation, this was more a reflection on how even the competition was not so much our ability to play.

The season started with a completely new look squad, and the potential was good, but alas as the season wore on we lost players to injury, we struggled filling a side and we lacked cohesion as players played in different positions.

We did manage to win 6 games and draw 1 this season, which was a great effort; we had to call on a South African import to help -Gerard Liechti..... though I thought he could play but clearly I was wrong--- no just kidding you did well Gerry.

Speaking of new players from memory we had more new players this year than any other - Dave Long, John Long, Brian O'Shea, Mark Barradean, George (I can play heaps--- maybe) Falk, Eric Hardy, John Wright (1 game wonders--- -softies), Brad Ball, Greg Hislop (even softer ½ game wonders) Just kidding Thanks for helping.

My thanks to the ever reliable team players in Mark (G-train) Gillibrand, Maurice (will he ever slow down) Giles, Bill (many get back) Maybury, Terry (I will help) O'Donnell, John (I start work at 2am) Canella, Kevin (if you need a plumber) Armstrong, Jeff (hope my hair looks good) West, Dave (what time do we play I wont be late) Grov, Manny (I've done a bloody hammy) Da Silva & David (I thought vets was easy)Long.

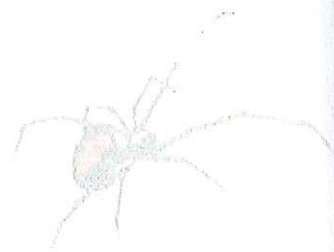
Special mention & thanks to Ray Gissing, Alan Saddler, Kirsten D'Silva, Neville Ford, Rob Wallace, Paul Francis, Leon Wende, Charlie Reynolds & Gordon East for filling in when they could, a total of 27 players used during the course of the year.

The best game we had was our last, we played our legendary goalie at centre forward, our centre forward in goals and everyone else in different positions and we won, we also knocked opposition team out the finals... amazing.

Finally a special thanks to Al Sadler who co-ordinated all the vets teams for this season, well done & thanks Al.
Manny Minissale



Over 40s Div 4



CAPTAIN: ALLAN SADLER

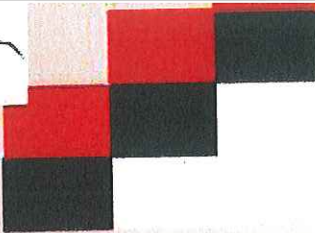
As you get older in life you look at things a different way. What was important to you when you are younger doesn't necessarily have the same importance when you are older. That is why some guy invented Over 40 Div 4 hockey; you cannot lose a sheep station.

As a team we travelled a lot this year with all players covering a lot of the field, with the exception of Fang the goalie, who more at times looks like a statue. Most weeks, between the 3 Vets teams we have up to 10 players who are unable to play for various reasons (no broken Zimmer frame jokes, please). This means, we as the lower of the Vet teams, were consistently handing over players for other 40's Vet side so they can field a side. Then we needed to call upon the overstocked 50's (and there are plenty of them) to loan us some players.

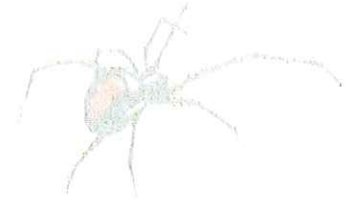
With only one win to our name this season, (which by the way, the team statistician tells me) is the same number of games we won last year. We finished the year gallantly holding up the ladder for the rest of the comp. For the team as a whole, we have seen no less than five new players joining our ranks, as it happens we are fast becoming the multinational team of the club. With these new players comes a different level of expertise.

It appears next year we will have to change the half time talk to something more constructive than 'only 35 minutes until beer o'clock' we were known in the competition, the most social of Veterans sides. Even a 10 – Nil flogging by Wolves which was called early because of bad light (great umpiring decision Terry Watson) we stayed at their club for the mandatory 90 mins.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those players who have played in this team this season (there have been lots). I would especially like to thank all the new starters in Vets this year. We look forward to seeing you next season. Although with the Veterans Carnival in Busselton coming up, I just hope we all survive.



Over 50s Div 2



The old men of the club were off and running (well that is what we call it) for another season, with most players backing up from last season and a few new starters at this lofty age limit. The team list for the first game was very surprising with 16 players available, something the Club has been striving to achieve since the entry in to this grade.

The team has bonded well again this year and has achieved some good results with 9 wins, 7 losses and 2 draws. The losses and draws have occurred when the team has provided players to support the O40 teams and fielded the minimum numbers.

Our early season performance had us in second position on the ladder when the Challenge Cup was determined, which caught a few in the team by surprise and they had made other commitments on that day. In an entertaining game we were beaten 1-0 by Kalamunda, who we drew 2 all with the previous week. On behalf of the team I would like to thanks the spectators who made the trip and supported the team for what I am sure was an entertaining game.

With the men at the back (Ray, Terry, Doug & Marty) defending like demons, the midfield (Al, Swany, PJ, Dave, Gary, Rob & Nev) controlling the play and providing the link to the dynamic forwards (Garry, Kirsten, Stefan, Kev & Jim), the old farts finished in 4th spot and proceeded into the first round of the finals. The team was very competitive and unlucky not to take the early lead with a good first half. The second half saw a stroke awarded and we are now preparing for next season with a 1-0 loss to Melville.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Graeme Creedon who turned up each week in rain, hail or sunshine to umpire our games. Graeme's efforts are much appreciated by the team. I would like to also thank our supporters (yes the Vets still have supporters) throughout the year. It is great to have the wives, children and grand children on the sidelines each Saturday.

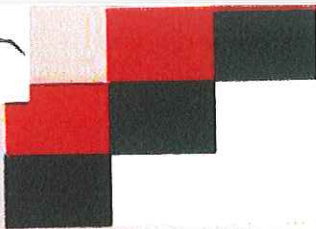
Many of the players are now preparing for the Busselton Carnival in October where a good time will be had by all. So if you see a bunch of old men hobbling around the Clubrooms don't forget to say G'day and have a beer. I am sure Coxy will tell you about the goal he scored.

It is great to have made it to the end of another season and I hope to see all the players back next season.

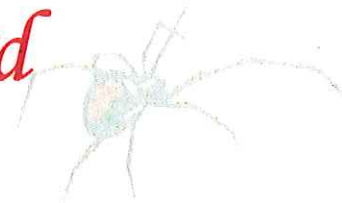
Cheers

Jim Hogan
Team Manager





Club Person Award



2009 Presidents Club Person Award

This year has been very difficult to choose the Club Person Award as I'm sure it has been in previous years. The work that all committee members have put in has been extraordinary and it would be easy to give any one of these people (or all) the award. However this year I have chosen two people that are not committee members, have carried out very important roles for the club in a selfless manner.

The first person is a passionate supporter of the club, is someone who has worked tirelessly over the season and has been at the clubrooms as much as Trena! She has been at the club every weekend and most weeks attend the club rooms to take deliveries. When you order something at the canteen she is generally the one that has prepared it with loving care. The standard and quality of food that comes out of the canteen is something that she has ensured. On Sunday mornings the bacon and egg burgers are just what is needed by many of us. The hours that she has put in have been extraordinary and this has made the canteen one of the best that I have seen at any club. The canteen has been a major success for the club and is a major source of income. Of course we all know whom I'm talking about. Ronda Ford.

The second person is someone who is another passionate supporter of the club and if you sit next to this person during a game you will come away with a ring in your ear as there is no holding back in their support. This person attends many games a week as well as playing themselves. This year Neville and I were looking for someone to take on a significant support role. This role needed someone who could support a young and talented team of ladies, a new and different coach and balance all of this with the board's requirements. We all now know that our ladies 1's team went on to play Willow Bridge League and represent club at the highest ever level of hockey our women have played. This achievement is largely due to the efforts of Jenny McDonald. (The Glue that held it all together)



Life Membership Award

(Gary "Gazza" SMITH)

When club members look around at the great facilities this club has to offer the community of Rockingham, very few people take the time to stop and think how this all came about. Over the years many dedicated club members contributed their time, their family time and sometimes work time towards making this club one of the best hockey facilities in the Southern Hemisphere.

One of those dedicated members began his hockey career way back in 1973 with the newly formed Rockingham Mens' Senior Hockey Club. A couple of years later he joined the Australian Army, was posted to Victoria and continued his passion for hockey with a local club and within the army.

He returned to the Rockingham area and quickly rejoined the club in 1984. He is a passionate and dedicated member of this club and truly wears the spirit of the club on his sleeve, a very sociable person who enjoys good company and an active social life.

Since 1984 his dedication and contribution to this club saw him take on many roles and responsibilities that have assisted the club in becoming the great club it is today. Those roles and responsibilities included;

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS:

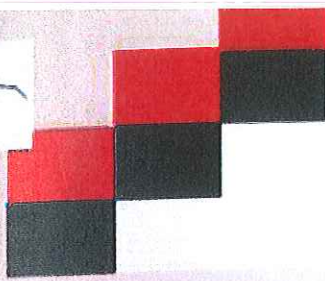
- Vice President ; 1994, 1995, 2005, 2006
- Club Secretary ; 1996, 1997

AS WELL AS OTHER POSITIONS OF:

- Social committee president; 1985
- Social committee secretary; 1998
- Social committee member; 1992, 2004
- Yearbook editor; 2000, 2001, 2002
- Team captain; 1989 – RS2B
- Vice captain ; 1992 – RS2B, 1993 – 2B, 1998 – O40 Div 5
- Creator and original webmaster of the Rockingham Hockey website

In 1992 he teamed up with Keith Baxter and started the "Rocky Hockey Half Hour" radio show on local station 101FM and from all reports this segment had a strong following but his future did not lie in radio.

He still plays for the O50/Div 2 team and his passion and dedication to the game and this club has not waned. On behalf of the Rockingham District Hockey Club Board of Management and fellow club members it gives me great pleasure to award life membership to Gary Smith.



Note from the Editor



I hope you all have enjoyed reading the yearbook for season 2009. It has been my pleasure collating all the reports and examining the amazing seasons had by all teams within the club.

Thank you to all the captains, coaches, managers and committee members who have contributed to this year's edition. I think everyone would agree that these people are the backbone of the club and their efforts do not go unrecognised.

I would like to echo editors of the past in saying that putting this yearbook together has been a huge learning curve. One of the difficulties that I had was in the lateness of reports, although in a lot of cases this was unavoidable due to the season being so successful and many teams being in finals.

Next year, if anyone would like to contribute anything throughout the year to the website or yearbook can you please email these items to redbackswb@live.com.au. This could be anything from photos of carnivals or social functions to game reports.

Once again I would like to thank everyone for their help and support in creating this yearbook.

Enjoy the Summer Hockey Season and make sure you send me lots of thrills and spills. I'll see you all ready for another good year in 2010.

Jess East.

