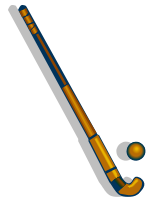




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**A**nnual **R**eport

December 2008

To be presented at the  
Carlton/Redcliffs Hockey Club AGM  
At the **Speight's Ale House** - Ferrymead  
1 December 2008  
7.00pm

## 2008 AGM Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of 2006 AGM Minutes
3. Presentation and adoption of Annual Report and Accounts
4. Election of Officer(s)
5. General Business

## Office Bearers for 2008

Patrons	Monica Munt/John Schoeman
President	Peter Oakes
Vice Presidents	John Steeds, Bev Savage
<b>Men's Club Captain</b>	Alan Hyndman
<b>Women's Club Captain</b>	Helen Scott
Junior Club Captain	Russ Fergus
Secretary	Eleanor England (resigning)
Treasurer	Ruth England
Committee Members	Lee Munt, John Steeds, Jeremy Symonds, Rob McGregor, Claire Byers, Pat Barwick, Rebecca Murphy, Shirley Haig, Pam Thompson

## Life Members

Dave Page (1976)	Pat Barwick (1994)	Shirley Haig (1994)
Murray Connor (1994)	Leon Munt (1997)	Richard Munt (1999)
John Steeds (2000)	Pam Thompson (2001)	Cathy Baker (2001)
Bev Savage (2005)	Monica Munt (2006)	John Schoeman (2006)

## 2008 Trophy Winners

Rodney Hefford Memorial Cup	Nick Haig
Peter Prutton Cup	Russ Fergus
Audrey Timlin Memorial Cup	Ruth England
Monica Munt Trophy	<b>Larnie O'Loughlin</b>
Pamela Thompson Trophy	Nick Haig
Senior Coach – John Schoeman	Alan Hyndman
Junior Coach – David Cox	Pam Thompson

## MVP

Premier Men:	Dan McLay
Premier Women:	Amanda Hooper
Division 2 Men:	Dean Munt
Division 2 Women:	Tiffany McCrae-Lennon
Division 4 Women:	Lauren Kumbaroff
MWO Men:	Warwick Shillito
MWO Women Red:	Imogen Prosser
MWO Women White:	Kim Shitjes
Youth Boys:	Thomas Mitchell
Youth Girls:	Kirsty Hubbard
MIP – Division 4 Women	Courtney McLachlan

**New Zealand Hockey Federation Life Member**

Pat Barwick

**New Zealand Masters Council**

Pam Thompson

**Canterbury Hockey Association Members**

Richard Munt (Chair)

Bev Savage (VP – Women)

**2008 REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS**

**NZ Black Sticks Squad**

Nick Haig

Jason Niles

**NZ Black Sticks Squad – extended squad**

Jason Niles

**Junior Black Sticks**

George Enersen

**Junior Black Sticks Squads**

Fiona Morrison

**Canterbury Cats**

Fiona Morrison

Aimee Heaps

Charlotte Walker

Krystal Scott

Jacqui Moorfield (named – withdrew injured)

**Canterbury Cavaliers**

Jason Niles

Nick Haig

Reuben Koorey

Sam Kumbaroff

Dan McLay

**Provincial**

Andrew Dunbar (Otago U18)

Josh Kumbaroff (South Canterbury U18)

**Canterbury B**

Chris Goldsbury (men)

Sarah Byers (women)

Mel Sinclair (women)

**NZ Tiger Turf**

Olivia Merry

**Canterbury Under 21's - Women**

Jacqui Moorfield

**Canterbury Colts (Under 21's – Men)**

Nick Haig

Sam Kumbaroff

Reuben Koorey

Chris Goldsbury

George Enersen

**Under 18 Men**

Campbell Bower

George Thomas

**Under 18 Women**

Jacqui Moorfield (Captain)

Sarah Byers

Nick Haig (co-coach)

**Under 18B Women**

Jason Niles (coach)

**Under 16 Girls**

Olivia Merry

Kristina Wheal

Cathy Baker (coach)

**Tiger Turf Under 16 Girls**

Sarah Byers – also NZ Youth Rep to Beijing Olympics

**Junior Umpire Award**

Kirsty Hubbard - Best Female Umpire at Super 8 Level

**NZ Barbarians**

Jason Niles

Nick Haig

## Junior Representative Honours

### Canterbury Boys Hatch

Simon England  
Sam Hay  
Alan Hyndman (co-coach)

### Canterbury B Boys

Josh Knight  
Isaac Zarifeh (non travelling reserve)

### Canterbury Development Squad (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Ed Cory-Wright  
Silas Dalley  
Jayden Wykes  
Dominic Bain  
Harry Aimer (non travelling reserve)

### Canterbury Development Training Squad

Andre Fremaux  
Liam Toomey  
Sean Poulsen

### Canterbury Masters

#### 35+ W

Chris Errington  
Tiffany McRae-Lennon  
Richard Munt (**Coach**)

#### 40+ W

Sue Shearer  
Jill Emerson  
Chris Rayward  
Usha Ganda-Wilson

#### 45+ W

Pam Chapman  
Marian Crookbain  
Rhonda Agass  
Chris Berry  
Janette Francis  
Jane Jenkins

#### 55+ W

Pam Thompson

### Canterbury Girls Collier

Jackie Eden  
Kate Fullen  
Ella McLean

### Canterbury B Girls

Emily Fullen  
Evelyn Spears

### Canterbury Development Squad (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Lauren Iggo  
Grace Pither (non travelling reserve)  
Michael Edwards (co-coach)

#### 45+ M

Lee Munt (**Coach**)  
Chris Errington (**Manager**)

#### 50+ M

Richard Munt

### Junior Awards:

Premier 1 Boys  
  
Premier 1 Girls  
Premier 2 Girls  
Premier 3 Girls  
Super 8 Boys  
Super 8 Girls Black  
  
Super 8 Girls Red  
Intermediate 8 Boys  
Intermediate 8 Girls

### MVP

Simon England  
Sam Hay  
Ella McLean  
Bethany Archer  
Zoe Benzie  
Liam Toomey  
Rima Hurrell-McCarthy  
Shayna Black  
Meghan Laing  
Bradley Knight  
Ruby Spencer

### MIP

Silas Dalley  
Sean Poulsen  
Annabel Gillespie  
Brittany Tucker  
Jessie Higgins  
Harry Earnshaw  
Emmy Scott  
  
Kate Robinson  
Josh Hall  
Phoebe Sutherland

Junior 8 Boys	Regan Black	Mitch van der Plas
Junior 8 Girls White	Pru Lange	Erin Mander
Junior 8 Girls Red	Rosie Gorton	Hettie Gardiner
	Erica Laing	

## 2008 TEAM PLACINGS

### MEN:

CPL Championship – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Porritt Cup – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Division 2 Men – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Division 2 Men (Porritt Cup) – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Midweek Open – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Youth Men – 4 <sup>th</sup>

### WOMEN:

CPL Championship – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Porritt Cup – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Division 2 Women - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Division 2 Women – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Division 4 Women – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Open Red 5 <sup>th</sup> (both Championship & Porritt Cup)
Midweek Open White – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Midweek Open 1 White – 1 <sup>st</sup> =(Porritt Cup)
Youth Women – 5 <sup>th</sup>	

### SUPER SIX RESULTS:

South Island Super Six Division 1 Women – Premier Women  
South Island Super Six Division 1 Men – Premier Men 3<sup>rd</sup>  
South Island Super Six Division 2 Men – Premier Reserve men 3<sup>rd</sup>

### CHA TROPHY RESULTS:

Championship:

CPL Women  
Division 2 Men  
Mid Week A Men  
Mid Week Women

Porritt Cup

CPL Men  
Mid Week Women  
Super Six Division 2 Women  
South Island Super Six Division 1 Women

### JUNIORS:

Premier 1 Girls	Placing 3rd in subsidiary comp and 3rd in Major Championship
Premier 2 Girls	Placing 1st in Major Championship and 4th in subsidiary section 1
Premier 3 Girls	Placing 5th in Major Championship and 1st in subsidiary section 2
Premier 1 Boys	Placing 6th after two round robins
Super 8 Black	Placing 3rd in Major Champs and 1st in Major Champs section 2
Super 8 Red	Placing 7th in Subsidiary and 2nd in Major Champs Section 1
Super 8 Boys	Placing 3rd in Major Championship
Intermediate Girls	1st in Major Champs div 3a
Intermediate Boys	2nd in subsidiary and 1st in Major Champs div 2b
Junior 8 Girls White	Placing 3rd in Major Champs div 3a
Junior 8 Girls Red	Placing 1st in Major Champs div 3a
Junior 8 Boys	Placing 4th in Major Champs div 1b

## President's Report

I am delighted to present my first annual report as president of the Carlton Redcliffs Hockey Club. I came to the position in a slightly unusual way, being invited by the committee to take the position and being ratified by it, not via the customary vote at the annual meeting.

Consequently, while I have known many Redcliffs members – but fewer Carlton ones – since the club reformed last century (!), I came to the position as a partial outsider, not knowing the inner workings of the club. It may have been an advantage, in that I had no preconceived notions of the strengths and weaknesses within its administrative ranks, nor of the alliances which have been formed.

What I have found is a vibrant hockey club, in which there is a great love of the game. Its members, at all levels, have largely gone about promoting the game with an enthusiasm and skill which is admirable. Nevertheless, there is no doubt some aspects could be improved and that should be one of the emphases for the coming season and beyond.

Administratively, the club has a hard-working core, based upon the secretary, Ele England, who has held my hand – not quite literally – and guided me in many aspects of my role. She has indicated she intends to relinquish the position, which saddens me, not only because of her helpfulness to me, but also because I believe she does a superb job. The committee too, has been tolerant and helpful in the face of my stumbling **progress and most of its members have played a huge part in the club's progress this season. I thank them** for their assistance.

Ruth England is a hardworking treasurer, in a position which I am sure tested her mettle throughout the season. In sports clubs, which are generally not affluent, this position can be testing of time and tenacity and she most certainly mastered both these aspects. Two worrying matters Ruth highlights are the level of **subscriptions outstanding for the 2008 season, and that we have had to dip into the grant for next season's costs. We need your input with new ideas about how to fund the club's cause.**

My predecessor, Pam Thompson, without pressuring me too much, has provided huge backup. Her **knowledge of matters, internal and external is vast, making her a kind of oracle to be consulted when one's** own information is deficient. Lee Munt deserves special attention this season; he has worn several "hats", not only on the committee but as able support to Sally and the premier women alongside which he undertook coaching the premier men for JC while he was away. Many thanks Lee.

Spearheading the junior ranks has been, our junior club captain, Russ Fergus. For one of mature years, Russ shows a rapport with the younger set that is a great example to us all. In this important area, he has led by example in the way he coaches, as well as coordinating the junior troops with great understanding.

Since I did not assume the presidential position until well into the season, and was initially feeling my way, I was unable to get as close to the many sides of the club as I would have liked. However, from reports, I know that there was much good work going on at all levels, inspired by our two senior club captains – Helen Scott for the women and Alan Hyndman the men – right down through the coaches to the players at all levels, all too numerous to list. Their names and records are listed elsewhere.

The results achieved speak for themselves: **In the women's and girls' grades Carlton Redcliffs won four** titles, while the men and the boys won four (see results). Our players and coaches seem to be over-represented in Canterbury representative ranks (both national and provincial), with some 62 members adding representation to their playing CVs. Congratulations to all members of those teams and to the representatives.

Our two coaches at the very top – the premier grade – Sally Moorfield and John Christensen have led our coaching ranks by example. For Sally (and Lee offcourse), in their first joint **season with the women's team**, there was a magnificent outcome. Winning the CPL and the South Island Super Six competitions, and being runner up in the Porritt Cup says it all. Brilliant stuff, Sally.

**John's result was nearly as impressive, the premier men winning the** Porritt Cup and being second in the CPL competition. The latter outcome highlighted an issue which has raged throughout the season - the format of the CPL competition. Several clubs – including ours – have contended that CPL (and most grades) should be decided on a round-robin basis, with a Grand Finals weekend being reserved for a separate title.

While the current method suited our premier women (but not Selwyn's, who suffered, as did our premier men after leading the competition, with daylight separating them from the second team), the men's team faltered under the system. Even the men's winning coach, Harewood's, Selwyn Maister, was adamant that they did not prefer it.

Canterbury Hockey's competitions' committee has been grappling with the issue, and through two surveys during the season has ascertained the various clubs' views on how competitions should be run. Our own committee held a special three and-a-half hour meeting discussing all the elements in the second of those reviews and our views have been included in that survey.

In passing, it must be noted that John plans not to coach in the coming season, after setting the standard to be aspired to, in this and **previous seasons. John's skills and dedication are such valuable assets to the club,** that his passing would be an immeasurable loss. Can anyone talk him out of this drastic move?

Another issue which early on became a matter for my attention was the threatened loss of six points our Midweek Open men had accumulated, through a member inadvertently playing in grades in which he was not registered. It seems to have been an innocent irregularity – and may also have been contributed to by **Ele England's super**-efficiency in getting team lists into Canterbury Hockey very early – but in the end, we were able to have the penalty reduced to three lost points. It did not stop the men from winning their grade.

Russ Fergus refers in his report to the need to promote our hockey. We are still essentially a district club, so we need to look to the local schools. The days when we seem to have depended largely upon one school seem to have passed and we need to look further afield.

If the club is to survive – better still, to grow in numbers – we must be encouraging players from those schools to come and join us. More importantly we must have club members working in the schools to help them develop the game. For any of you with the time and the energy, this is one of the really important tasks for Carlton Redcliffs members.

Finally, our tenure at the Sandbar Restaurant as a venue for our meetings and functions was terminated **through its demise. We were fortunate to find a natural successor in the Speight's Ale House at Ferrymead** and have already made our presence felt with, team gatherings, meetings, our end-of-season dinner and now this annual meeting. We can but hope the 2009 season will find us in good heart on the hockey field and in good spirits here at the Ale House.

#### **Treasurers Report - Ruth England**

The club is very grateful for all the funding, for the 2008 season, from the Lion Foundation \$2000 (\$7000 in 2007), Southern Trust \$3000, Eureka Trust \$1400, NZ Community Trust \$3500, and Pub Charity \$5000. The funds were used for 11 aside primary uniforms and junior match fees, hire of Sydenham Park for training, mid week open men's goalie gear, new uniform tops for premier women, Bexley Gym hire, mid-week open women's goalie gear, match and turf fees (these cost the club \$24,000). If it were not for such grants, **players'** subscriptions would have increased significantly.

Some teams were slow with subs, making it hard work for team managers. There is still \$1000 of unpaid subs. We have a grant of \$5000 from CCC fund towards next year's costs, and this has helped pay our final bills for 2008 season.

Thank you to all the players who paid their subs promptly and to the revenue gatherers, internet banking saved a lot of paper work.

### **Men's Club Captain Report - Alan Hyndman**

The 2008 season saw some fantastic results for the men's side of the Carlton Redcliff's hockey club. The Premier side dominated the round robin CPL competition, as well as the Porritt Cup phase of the season, and both our reserve grade and midweek open teams won their major championships. With the Youth grade team finishing a very creditable 4th, playing in the top division. Having all of our teams placing high in the end of season standings, is an excellent reflection of the strength and depth of talent that is present within the club.

The club again was very fortunate to have John Christensen coaching the premier side this season, the skills, knowledge and vast experience that he has is invaluable and greatly appreciated by the guys. The team started the season strongly winning the 6 aside Council cup competition, and continued that good form into the main CPL round robin comp, which they finished up on the top of the table 9 points clear. This year the CHA decided that the Major Championships would be decided by a one off final game between the top 2 teams, and unfortunately despite being the best team consistently throughout the season, the guys lost the final to a very spirited Harewood team. The post season saw the good performances during the year turn into representative honours for a few of our players, including Nick Haig, Rueben Koorey, Sam Kumbaroff, Dan McLay, Jason Niles, Chris Goldsbury and George Enerson.

**The Division 2 men's team this year had their best season, since I have been involved with** the club. They finished both of the summer 6 aside competitions in 2nd place as well as the Porritt cup competition. But the big achievement was winning the Major Championship for the first time in probably 10 years or more. After leading the comp for the best part of the year, we played off against Old Boys in the final, winning it 5-3 in a hard fought game.

Our Midweek open team had another strong season. Along with some of the regular faces the team was bolstered by some new players from some of our other divisions. Despite problems that arose early in the season with player availability the guys played some well structured hockey, finishing the round robin in 2nd. But the highlight of the season was beating Harewood in the final to win the Major Championship.

With the development of the youth grade competition it is uncertain how the boys would handle the larger more physical opponents that our side would face off against. It's pretty fair to say that the players put these concerns to rest very early, cleaning up the games in the first round, before being moved into the top division for the end of the year. The guys competed strongly consistently, and finished a very respectable 4th in the Division 1 Youth grade competition.

Lastly a huge congratulations to all the members of our club, we have had an outstanding season winning 2 major championships and a number of the subsidiary competitions, something I think we can all be very proud of. Now none of this would be possible without the great coaching and assistance that we receive from all our volunteer coaches and managers, thank you to you all, your contributions are often more valued by the players and club, than you know.

I look forward to seeing you all back in 2009 where we can continue to build on the club's current success.

### **Premier Men - John Christensen**

Three competition rounds were played in 2008 and the side chartered an unbeaten course winning twelve games and drawing three. This was an outstanding achievement and the team was 9 points clear of the second placed team. However, this year the championship was decided on the basis of a playoff between the first and second placed teams which Harewood won convincingly with the team producing a flat performance against a team which was highly motivated to reverse the results of previous matches between the two teams.

Earlier in the season the team won the Council Cup competition. All players in the squad contributed to the **achievement of the "win/loss" record over a long season.**

The team was fortunate in having George Enerson join the club following the departure overseas of long serving goal keeper Steve Nute. George (in his last year at secondary school), played exceptionally well during his debut season and will continue to be a real asset for the club in the years to come.

As in many teams there was a wide range in the players' age and experience and it is important that the team continues to have an injection of younger talent to replace some of the older brigade who inevitably retire after serving the club so well.

Dan McLay once again led the team exceptionally well and was one of a core group of players that hardly missed a practice. **Dan was a worthy winner of the team's most valuable player award.**

The Rodney Hefford Trophy which was voted on by the team, was won by Nick Haig. Nick often attracted an excess of attention from over zealous opponents attempting to negate his skill, however he simply kept on competing in the face of the provocation. **Nick's contribution to the team made him** a deserving winner of this very special award. At this point I would especially like to thank Rod Nute and Lee Munt for their **contributions to the team's cause. Rod as our manager was as supportive as ever and teams simply don't** function as well as we did without the contributions of the Rod Nutes of the world.

Lee Munt continued to make an enormous contribution to the club and took over the coaching role while I was away for an extended period. This role was undertaken in addition to his involvement with the Premier **Women's** team and once again his contribution was considerable.

The following players are to be congratulated for achieving representative honours.

**Canterbury Colts:**

George Enerson, Chris Goldsbury, Nick Haig (captain), Rueben Koorey and Sam Kumbaroff.

**Canterbury Cavaliers:**

Nick Haig, Rueben Koorey, Sam Kumbaroff, Dan McLay and Jason Niles.

**National Under 21 Squad:**

George Enerson

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**Men's Division 2 – Simon Lind**

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2008 was a defining season for the Number 2 Reddos team. The team has been developing over the past couple of seasons with low turnover in players, and improving skills. With the retirement of Andrew van der Bent, we had to find a new coach. Alan Hyndman volunteered and we were underway.

The season kicked off in its usual fashion with the six-aside competitions. The team did relatively well with runner up in the 6-aside competition and 3rd in the Super 6 Competition. We missed out on retaining our title from the previous season due to a mix up with the times, and had to default a crucial match.

The 11-aside season was a very mixed bag. With the retention of some key players such as Dean Munt, George Ott, Nick Thompkins, and some new fresh faces such as Josh Kumbaroff, Andrew Dunbar and George Thomas the team started the season strong. We gathered additional strength when Michael Papps signed up for the squad, and Greg Wilson returned from shoulder surgery.

When we were winning, we were winning big, with scores like 8-nil, 7-2 and the likes. However the team struggled for consistency throughout the season and lost their way a bit at times – such as drawing to Harewood blue after cleaning them up in the first round, and then a loss to Harewood Red the following week.

These and other crucial moments where we lost our way lead to us being placed 2nd in the minor premiership. However, we developed a fan base of about 10 vocal supporters who turned up sun and rain to cheer us on. Our supporters helped lift our heads and spirits mid way through the season.

Porrirt Cup was held mid-season this year which was quite a disruption. However, the team made it to the **final against Christchurch Boys' 1st XI. However we were unable to capitalise on our recent good form and lost the match 4-1. CBHS was one team we didn't manage to beat during the season.**

After winning the semi final of the main competition against Harewood, we met HSOB in the final. After the 3-all draw with them two weeks prior – it was bound to be a good match. The game started quickly in our favour with a deflection from a Dean Munt free hit in the opening minutes. At half time the score was still 1 nil. However, HSOB came out fighting and scored 2 quick goals. One – a controversial goal where the **umpire wasn't sure what happened. We equalised through an additionally controversial goal. The game**

swung back and forth, but in the last 15 minutes we showed our dominance and converted 3 quick goals to win the match 5-3 – and taking the title.

**MVP for the 2008 season was Dean Munt. Dean almost wasn't going to be part of our team this season but the team culture drew him back. He was invaluable in the mid field, building the team's structure, and was key to ball distribution.** Plus, his penalty corner strikes are lethal ammunition our team has come to rely and depend on.

Thanks to all of the team for the excellent commitment to training and playing. Mention should also go to Andrew Dunbar, Josh Kumbaroff and George Thomas who all made under 18 rep teams.

A special mention of the commitment and coaching expertise must go to Alan Hyndman. Alan coached (as **always**) **several teams this season, including the Premier Reserve Womens' team. So he would coach them,** then coach us, and as Turf times changed during the season that meant a 6pm and then a 9pm practice. Alan was always dedicated and professional as a coach and implemented a variation to the teams playing structure which with commitment and perseverance paid off in the end. Alan in my opinion will go a long way in hockey as long as we as a club get in behind and support him. For a young man in his early **20's Alan** has the coaching intelligence of someone with many more years experience. Thanks Alan and keep it up!

#### **Midweek Open - Murray Johnson**

The 2008 MWO season will have to go down as one of our most competitive seasons to date. Not only did we have to play some very hard hockey we had to play some hard ball with the CHA as well. Although we were penalized 3 points in the end what it did for us as a team was to make us more determined to be victorious in the competition and of course history will show that yes we did win the Comp and in fine style.

**It's one of those things playing in this grade, we always joke about getting better with age well in our case I** believe that to be true. We were lucky to get some younger legs on board but with an average age in the **mid to late 40's we went out in every game to really play an attractive exciting form of hockey. When you** look at some of the names in the team Wazza, Vandy, GP most of the time, Phil in Goal we were always going to be strong. You add into the mix Bruce, Rob W, Greg D, PC, Pete D, Andy, KP and of course the younger members of the team Sax, MJ, Wayne, Iain and Caleb we have a bunch of guys who have a lot of hockey under their belts and still really look forward to coming along on Monday to play good hockey.

It was indeed our commitment to the team that took us through the competition to finish pool play in second only to meet our old nemesis Harewood to play off in the final. Having lost 6-2 the previous week we turned the tables to beat them 6-1 in the final. Every player left something on the field in that game which again reflects our commitment as a team.

So in short we had a great season. Masters is now under way, we are looking to keeping our form going. Thanks also to the club for funding some new equipment for the team what a difference a good set of pads **can do. A big thanks to all the guys and as long as we are able here's to playing a lot more good attractive** hockey.

Cheers - Muzza

#### **Youth Men – Paul Bamford**

Coach: P Bamford

Manager: E England

Team Umpire: L Jones

This was a fairly enlightening year as the grade had changed from the previous format of Under 15 to the more open term – 'Youth' – basically Under 18.

This was quite a test for our team which comprised of all the boys being under 15 years in age. In fact we had approx 5 boys who played in the Primary Boys grade on Saturday mornings.

So for our team to compete against lads who were at least 16-18 years old was quite a feat at times – given the physical size differences as well. However, moving up into Division 1 after trouncing our previous opposition (we were ranked at the start of the season in Division 2) was quite a challenge, **which I'm** pleased to say was met in Great Spirit. It had been a while since some team members had suffered a loss so this was a good test of resilience.

I have no doubt our team was never outclassed – even when we had a couple of losses – our skill level was at times quite extraordinary – **something noted by opposing teams' coaches. That fact we finished 4th overall in our first year in this grade is a tribute to the boys' tenacity and skills even after a couple of close fought games.**

I was very proud to be coach of this team and believe as players they will all do well in future years playing the game or, indeed, any sport they put their minds to. MVP went to Toss Mitchell who due to injury was out for the last couple of games. Thanks to Lindsey for committing to umpiring duties on a regular basis and also those from Division 2 Men who came along to umpire and support. Thanks also to the parents on the sideline who brought boys to practice and cheered us along on the sidelines.

**In closing I'd like to make a special thanks to Ele, my manager, who has not only kept us organised when short of players but her contribution to CR for the last number of years I've been coaching teams is to be commended – thanks heaps!! PB**

### **Women's Club Captain's Report – Helen Scott**

**Well it has been a year of ups and downs for both our national teams but especially the women's Black Sticks with results at the Olympics not being quite those anticipated by the hockey community. On the upside the Carlton Redcliffs Club has had a very successful year all round. The women's side of the club has had a number of successes with both teams and individuals doing very well.**

**Premier Women:** The Premier team had a new coach this year with Sally Moorfield taking over the reins from Pat Barwick. Lee Munt joined the team again after a bit of time away and a new coaching duo was formed. Through hard work and determination the team found the success they had been looking for in previous years by taking out the final of the competition. The team was also second in Porritt Cup and winner of the South Island Super Six competition held at the beginning of 2008.

Commitment and dedication saw Amanda Hooper take away the MVP award having worked tirelessly throughout the season to juggle playing, managing the team and looking after a young daughter! **Larnie O'Loughlin was the winner of the Monica Munt trophy for Most MVP** as voted by her team mates. Larnie has been a stalwart of the club and we will be sad to see her leave as she heads to Singapore for a new and exciting career opportunity. Rebecca Murphy followed on the tradition from Amanda Hooper and Helene Barron after finding out she was to become a mum in the New Year. Congratulations to Rebecca, we are **sure she won't be able to keep away from the turf for too long!**

**Division 2:** The Division 2 women's team had a tough year with results not going their way after many hard fought matches. **While the results didn't seem to happen for the team overall it was a positive year for players as they were able to focus on developing their own skill base.** Several of the girls impressed so much that they were regularly asked to play for the Premier team therefore recognising their hard work and training.

**First Grade:** The First Grade team was coached by Brent Stanley and started the season with a huge amount of enthusiasm having committed to twice weekly training sessions. With the average age of the team being 16 they knew they were in for a tough year. After having a slow start to the season the girls quickly got into their stride and started contesting some of the top teams in their division. The team finished 6th overall but with only 2 points separating the 4th and 6th placed teams the girls can be extremely pleased with their outcome. Lauren Kumbaroff was awarded MVP for her team in recognition of her personal development over the year and willingness to support her team mates.

**Mid Week Open Red:** The Mid Week Open Red team was managed by Jessie McIvor this year and despite having a number of key players away throughout the season and struggling to maintain a rhythm the team still remained positive and treated the year as a chance to learn a few new things and set the foundations for an exciting and successful year in 2009.

**Mid Week Open White:** This year was the most successful for the Mid Week Open White team. They won the Porritt Cup in their division and finished 1st equal with Harewood in the main competition. After starting the year with no goalkeeper the team found their saviour in Ailsa. Ailsa, having never played hockey before, volunteered to play as the goalkeeper for the Mid Week Open White Team much to the delight of the rest of the players. The MVP for the year was Kim Sites.

**Youth Team:** The Youth team also had a successful year being coached by Pam Thompson. The team's MVP was Kirsty Hubbard who was also the team's captain. Kirsty was always willing to help the team out during practices and on Saturday mornings was able to umpire the Super 8's team. The team also had a record number of players wanting to be involved this year, so much so that there is talk of a second team next year!

**Umpiring:** This year's umpiring had a few hiccups along the way with some teams not having umpires turn up and therefore requiring one of the players to pick up the whistle. Hopefully these issues were sorted towards the end of 2008 so that we are able to start 2009 knowing that each team will be guaranteed an umpire. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved in organising and doing the umpiring duties required by the club. **Due to the large number of women's teams Carlton Redcliffs has entered in the competition we are faced with a lot of duties each week and it was excellent to see players stepping up to give up their time to complete these duties.**

#### **Premier Women – Sally Moorfield/Lee Munt**

**The Premier women's team won the CPL, they also won the South Island Super 6 and were runner-up in the Porritt Cup.**

The Premier women began the season with 5 new players and a new coach. The team was very fortunate to have a group of experienced players led by Amanda Hooper and Rebecca Murphy who set the tone of commitment and intensity right from the very first practice. The early matches were not fabulous as the team struggled to convincingly put away teams they should have easily beaten. The defence with Helen **Scott amazing all year in goal, Rebecca Murphy and Larnie O'Loughlin** held all but a few attacks, but we struggled for combinations at the other end.

A change of playing structure led to the strikers being able to penetrate more, with new comers Olivia Merry and Jill Morrison, combining with the speedy Krystal Scott, Amy Rendal and Amanda Hooper to successfully score more goals. This was only possible by the increased work load of our intelligent playmaking trio of mid-fielders Fiona Morrison, Jacqui Moorfield and Sarah Law. With Sarah Byres, Kate Roughan and Mel Sinclair all stepping up in defence (Mel playing awesome in her first match as full back in the semi-final!!) we started to show our true capabilities, especially against the other top sides.

We knew that the format of semis and finals meant that the season was all about being at your best in the last two rounds and particularly in the semi against HSOB Burnside the team showed they were the best team in the competition and that they had peaked at the right time.

A huge thank-you to Fiona and Jill Morrison for taking the girls for fitness all year. It made a big difference to the style of game we could play when everyone is fit and fast!! To the Division 2 team especially to Tiffany, Rachael and Amanda who played outstanding well to help us win and were so willing to help us out when we needed players - a huge thanks. The team managers Amanda and Rebecca thanks for doing this **as well as playing. Larnie O'Loughlin took on the onerous umpiring duty person and seemed to end up doing them herself – often. Thanks Larnie and we will miss you – enjoy Singapore!!**

And Lee – the team mentor and adviser, who has so much wisdom and experience, which he is happy to share – great job.

WE WON!!!. Sally Moorfield; Coach.

#### **Women's Division 2 – Alan Hyndman**

2008 was a challenging year for the girls of the Division 2 side, playing some good hockey but missing out on the results that we were after. We developed a well structured game, with a focus on basic skills and good positional play, which the team did well. We regularly challenged and sometimes beat the top ranked sides, however our inability to put away the lower ranked teams cost us the opportunity to contest the championship.

The season began with a round robin competition, which we progressed through winning over half the games, providing a good start to the year. The team finished the round robin competition in 5th place. The second half of the season consisted of another round robin, with the Porritt cup phase mixed in. The Porritt cup competition saw some unfortunate results for us, finishing up in a disappointing 7th. Despite our lower ranked finishing spot, I know that both the girls and I took a lot out of this season. Everyone came a long

way as far as their individual skill development is concerned, but more importantly we came a long way as a team.

A big thankyou to Iain for his management of the side through the season, his work in behind the scenes, and there was a lot of it, allowing me to focus on the game. And of course a huge thanks to the players for their commitment, enthusiasm and determination that was evident every time they stepped onto the field.

I had a great group of girls who worked hard and had a good time doing it; this made it very easy and a lot of fun. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

#### **Women's Division 4 – Brent Stanley**

**I have great pleasure in reviewing the season of Carlton Redcliffs 4th division women's team. Our girls** started the season with lots of energy with training twice a week, working on base fitness and basic skills. The team had varied degrees of experience and maturity. The average age of the team with 4x 14 year olds, 2x15 year olds, 2 x 16 year olds had an average age of only 16. The girls were in for an interesting year.

Our competition started a little abruptly with three good old fashion thumping's. 7-0 Marists, 8-0 CGHS 4-0 St **Margaret's** and we asked ourselves if we were in the appropriate grade. The next three games were more equal contests, of which we won two and lost one. Finishing the round with 4 losses and 2 wins. The girls continued to train hard and we were starting to see steady progress. Jess Collingwood was a strong forward in this round and was elevated to the 2nd Div team after being a reserve in a number of games for them. She was a strong striker and deserved her promotion. Thankfully Jess McLachlan returned from Australia which strong filled the hole left by Jess C.

The second round was similar to the first and the competition developed into two tiers A top three Marist, CGHS, St Margaret's and a second group of three Carlton Redcliffs, Harewood, Hornby. and HSOB at the bottom. We faced the top three teams in the beginning of the second round. With mixed progress. Losing 4-0 Marists, 7-2 CGHS 5-2 St Margaret's. The girls were showing signs that they could perform and compete. We had a draw with Harewood and a win against Hornby and HSOB.

We made some positional changes in the final round, with the aim to put more pace in our defence. The girls took to the plan with a really positive attitude and almost upset the competition winners Marist strongly contesting the third round match to 1 nil until the final minute and conceding a late goal going down 2-0. This match was the best the girls had played and the progress from the first two rounds was beginning to show. We had a 3-0 loss to CGHS and a 4-0 loss to St Margaret's. We then had extremely close contests with Harewood Drawing 1-1 and a 2-1 win over HSOB. The girls had found some consistent form and it had come down to the last game of the season against Hornby to decide the competition placings for 4th, 5th and 6th.

The girls went into this game missing Libby Collings due to family commitments and Jess Mac Lachlan. Libby had a strong season and had started to have very consistent form in the third round, and was selected as player of tournament with her school team at national tournament. And Jess had sustained a broken bone in her hand in the middle of the final round. So we were a little below our strongest line up. We thankfully were assisted by Amanda Barnes and Rhonda Agass who at short noticed stood in for two of our stronger players. The Match with Hornby was a very close encounter. We were a little slow to get into the game as 6 of our girls had returned the day before from National school tournaments and the legs were a little sluggish. However we managed to score first and the game quickened and Hornby scored twice before half time. The girls showed great character in the second half when Hornby went ahead 3-1. Our girls stuck to there plan and scored twice in 5 minutes and contested the match down to the wire when Hornby swooped on a loose ball in our circle and scored with only 2 minutes remaining. So Carlton Redcliffs finished 6th on 17 points. Only 2 points difference between 4th and 6th.

The girls can be very pleased with the progress achieved from the beginning of the year. The younger members of the team made huge progress, Sophie Grey playing at Right half and moving to left half was a solid defender and moved into attacking support with maturity beyond her youth. Olivia Pither gave total commitment through the season training hard and working even harder at left wing which is a challenging position. Rebecca Stanley, Jess McLachlan and Viola Hoepfinger combined well in the midfield transferring the ball to the strikers and supporting the defence. Libby Munt had a solid season in goal making several saves in all the matches and was very supportive of the girls in front of her. Courtney McLachlan was awarded the MIP for our team. Courtney had only played two games of hockey before this season and at the start could not perform even the basic skills of hitting, trapping and pushing. Courtney applied herself at

practices and developed into a very strong defender winning player of the day on a number of occasions. Suzie Wren, Tessa Schwass and Rachel Ford were solid in defence and show some fine skills when playing in the forwards in the later round. Kate Gamblin and Libby Collings both had strong seasons as strikers and both show strong progress into the final round of competition.

This is a very young team that has shown strength of character and improved greatly through the season. The team will continue to improve and mature and I expect will be contesting the top three positions next season. Our team wish to thank the club committee for all the work they do to provide us the opportunity to play. Also we wish to thank the helper who umpired us during the season. And we wish to thank our supporters who cheered us on through the good times and tough times. Thank you so much. As Coach I want to thank the team for trying your best, and wish you much success in the future and I hope to see you all next season.

Cheers Brent

#### **Midweek Open Red – Jessie McIvor**

On behalf of the Mid Week Open Red Team; the team did not do as well this year as it has done in previous years. We finished 5<sup>th</sup> in both Championship and Porritt Cup, these results do not reflect the effort and skills of a talented team. Much of this may have been due to having some of our key players away for what became important games. For many games we had 'ring ins' which meant that as a team we were unable to develop a good team rhythm, we do however thank all players who competed strongly for our team especially when called in to play for a team they did not know. This season was a good learning year and we will definitely be building on it for next year as a stronger team.

Deservingly our MVP was awarded to: Imogen Prosser - who was always a solid defender at the back.

#### **Midweek Open White - Usha Ganda-Wilson**

This season has been the most successful for us. We won all our games against mid week open Carlton Red (interclub/grade rivalry), we won The Porritt Cup and were 1st equal with Harewood for the main competition. This remarkable achievement was made by overcoming a couple of hurdles:

**The first was, we started off the season with no goalie, we just couldn't find one at all, we were offered the services by a 15 year old boy but he wasn't allowed to play, so we went on to play a number of games with 11 ladies so when it came to corners Wendy McIntock volunteered to put on the helmet and the rest of the defence put their bodies on the line because there was no way we were going to let any goals in, and our forwards just had to score so to take the pressure off us all. We were then offered the services of young Libby Munt, Libby was prepared to play for us on top of her normal hockey and school work. Eventually the work load was too much for Libby so Libby had to pull out, so once again no goalie. Then a miracle was found at a party and that miracle was Ailsa. Ailsa had never ever picked up a hockey stick in her life but felt sorry for us when she heard we didn't have a goalie so decided she would do it, by this stage we were so desperate we said yes and we have never looked back, Ailsa your determination and guts is commendable and Ailsa now looks brilliant thanks for Mitre 10 for sponsoring us goalie gear.**

The other hurdle for us this season was 97% of our games were at 6pm. Although some might say yeh get over and done with it, this 6pm slot is a challenging time for the majority of mums in our team that have children. They have to make sure their husbands/partners will be home in time before they can take off or they have to bring them down in the cold until they get picked up.

We thank Pam Thompson for all her behind the scenes help this year, ie making sure we had umpires and trying her best to find us a goalie.

**As we all know it's not easy trying to organize a team and play at the same time** so big thanks goes out to all my team mates for putting up with my decisions.

Unfortunately we are only allowed to choose 1 MVP player, so it was a very hard decision to make, our MVP player is Kim Sites.

Team organizer/player Usha

### **Youth Women – Pam Thompson**

The Youth Girls' team performed quite well during the season, with more draws than losses and a creditable number of wins thrown in for good measure. They got over the habit from last year of losing in the dying seconds of the game, which was pleasing to see. Turning a few of those draws into wins would have seen the team in second place in the competition instead of 4th!

**Kirsty Hubbard was the team's Most Valuable Player. She was a responsible team captain who led by example and always gave of her best.** She helped with coaching the other players when I was busy with a specific group, e.g. with the goalie and strikers, she gave up her time on Saturday mornings to umpire Super 8's and was a great help throughout the season. Her skills were remarked on by people on the sideline at the last game – a good contest against STAC.

The majority of players improved their skills and knowledge of the game during the course of the season and it was good to see their confidence growing as a result. Two notable players were Annie Lockyer and Emma Chambers, who proved to be versatile and adaptable. Annie played every position in the forward line to good effect and Emma was reliable and effective whether playing as a half, inner or fullback.

For the first time in several years we had a healthy sized squad and rarely had to call on Primary players to fill in (except on one memorable occasion when we had seven of our squad of fifteen out for a variety of reasons!). There is a good team spirit and most of the players intend to continue playing next year. With a reasonable number coming through from the juniors, the club may even need to enter a second team, meaning we would need to recruit another Youth coach for next year. Any takers?

### **Masters Hockey – Pam Thompson**

In the 2007 - 08 season the Carlton Redcliffs men continued to maintain their usual form, again finishing 3rd in the competition, while the White women's team was 3rd equal and the Red team 5th. For both women's teams this was an improvement over the previous season's performance.

More of the 'younger' masters' aged players had moved into the men's team during the Midweek Open season and some of them have stayed with the team for the masters' season, so we're hoping for another step up this year.

After winning the Midweek Open women's grade, the Carlton Redcliffs White team retains most of its personnel for the summer and it's expected that their strong team spirit and skills will see another creditable performance from them in 2008 – 09.

The Red team is now considered to be the 'young team', having a few younger legs from the Division 2 grade, but the average age is actually higher than it would seem with the inclusion of four or five 50+ players in the mix. Admittedly, having youth in the forward line does help.

In March 2008, the National Masters' Tournament was held in Palmerston North, with extra games being played at Levin and Wanganui to accommodate the large number of teams involved. Carlton Redcliffs players featured in almost every grade of the eight that were entered

Richard Munt coached the Canterbury 35+ women again, Jill Emerson managed the 40+ women and Lee Munt coached the 45+ men with Chris Errington as manager. Lee then went on to coach the NZ 55+ men's team at the Trans Tasman tournament that was held in Hamilton in May.

In the administration of masters' hockey, the club is still well represented, with three out of eleven members of the Canterbury Masters' Committee: Pam Thompson (secretary), Richard Munt (vice-chairman) and Tony Saunders. Pam Thompson is also a member of the NZ Masters' Hockey Council.

Which all goes to show you can still enjoy hockey at a competitive level for a long time. So, women who are over 30 and men over 35, join the fun.

### **Junior Club Captain's Report- Russ Fergus**

Thank goodness for Scarves and Beanies with such a cold and Wet Winter, however we are fortunate that most do not have to play on grass as other sports so at least we are able to get out and play.

We were able to have coaches for every team and my sincere thanks to those people, without your dedication and enthusiasm our young people would not get the opportunity to progress with the sport. Unfortunately the Minis could not be arranged into the actual competition but our Premier Players organized Saturday Morning Coaching at Cashmere School and this was most appreciated.

#### **Our Coaches for 2008 were**

- Premier 1 Girls--Michael Edwards and Rob McGregor
- Premier 2 Girls--Nigel Iggo
- Premier 3 Girls--Pam Thompson
- Premier 1 Boys--Alan Hyndman and Nick McGregor
- Super 8 Black--Russ Fergus
- Super 8 Red--Rhonda Agass
- Super 8 Boys---Bev Fremaux and Max Emerson
- Intermediate Girls---Sarah Byers and Rebecca Stanley
- Intermediate Boys--Tim Bain
- Junior 8 White--Gill Emerson
- Junior 8 Red--- Niki Laing
- Junior 8 Boys--Sophia Pegg and Peter Oakes

The overall performance of teams was excellent with 5 Junior Teams being placed first in one of the championships in the grade. Our 11 a-side teams were all a credit to our club both with the manner they represented us and their playing performance on the hockey field.

To the players moving out of Junior Hockey we wish you good luck and hope what you have learnt will carry you on to greater things in the sport. Our parents are a vital cog for the transport to practise and games, without your enthusiasm and support coaches would find it difficult so a huge Thanks to each and every one.

The End of Season Prize giving was this year held at the Mount Pleasant Community Centre and proved a good venue. Peter Oakes spoke as President and all coaches made presentations and spoke about their team. The food as usual vanished swiftly.

We still need to look at the Sumner, Redcliffs, Mt Pleasant and Opawa School areas and make some strong moves to get Hockey identified as a Sport in the area and come up with some coaching input. Our future depends upon it.

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Thanks for a great season – see you in 2009.