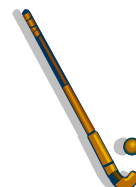


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**Annual Report**

November 2009

To be presented at the  
Carlton/Redcliffs Hockey Club AGM  
At the Speight's Ale House - Ferrymead  
30 November 2009  
7.00pm

## 2009 AGM Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of 2008 AGM Minutes
3. Presentation and adoption of Annual Report and Accounts
4. Election of Officer(s)
5. General Business

## Office Bearers for 2009

Patrons	Monica Munt and John Schoeman
President	Peter Oakes
Vice Presidents	John Steeds, Bev Savage
Men's Club Captain	Alan Hyndman
Women's Club Captain	Helen Scott
Junior Club Captain	Rob McGregor
Secretary	Pam Thompson
Treasurer	Ruth England
Committee Members	Jeremy Symonds, Russ Fergus, Clare Byers, Pat Barwick, Amanda Hooper, Simone Hall, Tiffany McCrea-Lennon

## 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)

## 2009 Trophy Winners

Rodney Hefford Memorial Cup	Chris Greenshields
Peter Prutton Cup	Rob McGregor
Audrey Timlin Memorial Cup	Amanda Hooper
Monica Munt Trophy	Erin Smyth
Pamela Thompson Trophy	Nick Haig
Senior Coach – John Schoeman	Jeremy Symonds
Junior Coach – David Cox	Jimmy Cowles and Jill Emerson

## MVP

Premier Men:	George Enersen
Premier Women:	Olivia Merry
Division 2 Men:	Andrew Dunbar
Division 2 Women:	Simone Hall
Division 4 Women:	Jackie Eden
MWO Men:	Bruce McLean
MWO Women Red:	Jenna Clinton
MWO Women White:	Usha Ganda Wilson
Youth Boys:	Ben Talbot
Youth Girls Red:	Megan Thixton
Youth Girls Black:	Zoe Benzie
MIP – MWO White Women	Faine Kelly

**New Zealand Hockey Federation Life Member**

Pat Barwick

**New Zealand Masters Council**

Pam Thompson

**Canterbury Hockey Association Board Member**

Richard Munt (Chair)

**2009 REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS**

**NZ Black Sticks**

Nick Haig

**NZ Black Sticks Development Squad**

Jason Niles

**Junior Black Sticks**

Fiona Morrison

**NZ Under 18 Squad**

Olivia Merry

**Canterbury Cats**

Fiona Morrison

Meredith Orr

Olivia Merry

**Canterbury Cavaliers**

Pat Barwick (Asst Coach / Manager)

Jason Niles

Nick Haig

Reuben Koorey

Sam Kumbaroff

**Provincial (Southern Women)**

Erin Smyth

Monique Wilson

Charlotte White

Helen Scott

**Provincial (Southern Men)**

Chris Goldsbury

**Canterbury Senior (Women)** Sally Moorfield (Coach)

Charlotte White

Sarah Byers

Mel Sinclair

**Canterbury Senior (Men)**

Chris Goldsbury

**Canterbury Under 21 (Women)** Sally Moorfield (Manager)

Fiona Morrison

Monique Wilson

Jacqui Moorfield

**Canterbury Under 21 (Men)** Reuben Koorey (Asst Coach)

George Enersen

Chris Goldsbury

**Under 18 Men**

George Enersen

**Under 18 A Women**

Sarah Byers

Jason Niles (co-coach)

Olivia Merry

**Under 18 B Women**

Reuben Koorey (coach)

**Under 16 A Girls**

Kristina Wheal

**Under 16 Development Girls Squad**

Jackie Eden

**Under 16 A Boys**

Cathy Baker (coach)

**Under 16 B Boys**

Kyle Schacherer

## Junior Representative Honours

### Canterbury Boys Hatch (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Sam Hay  
Joshua Knight  
Alan Hyndman (co-coach)

### Canterbury Girls Collier (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Emily Fullen  
Kate Fullen

### Canterbury B Boys

Dominic Bain  
Silas Dalley

### Canterbury B Girls

Sharmeena Leatham (non-travelling reserve)  
Michael Edwards (co-coach)

Jayden Wyke (non travelling reserve)

### Canterbury Development Squad

Andre Fremaux  
Corey Paterson  
Sean Poulsen  
Antony Thomas

### Canterbury Development Squad

Lauren Iggo  
Laura Williams  
Reuben Koorey (Asst Coach)

### Canterbury Development Training Squad

Kailesh Leatham

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

Kendra Wyke  
Jessie Williams  
Megan Hay

## 2010 Training Programs – Southern Stars / Goal scoring

Tessa Burry

## Canterbury Masters Reps

### 35+ W (Silver Medal)

Tiffany McCrea-Lennon  
Richard Munt (Coach)

### 40+ Men

Andy Lewis

### 40+ W (Silver Medal)

Rhonda Agass  
Pam Chapman  
Chris Errington  
Janette Francis  
Robyn Neeson  
Chris Rayward  
Sue Shearer  
Lee Munt (Coach)

### 45+ M

Chris Errington (Manager)

### 50+ M

Richard Munt

### 55+ M

Rob Hardie  
Tony Saunders  
Don Le Page

### 55+ W (Gold Medal)

Pam Thompson

## New Zealand Masters

### 40+ Men (IMHT)

Lee Munt (Coach)

### 60+ Men (Leonie Agnew Memorial)

Tony Saunders  
Don Le Page – non-travelling reserve

### 50+Men (IMHT)

Richard Munt

### 35+ Women (IMHT)

Tiffany McCrea-Lennon

### 40+ Women (IMHT)

Sue Shearer

**Junior Awards:**

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

**MVP**

Sam Hay  
 Emily Fullen and Kate Fullen  
 Shayna Black  
 Ebony Middlemiss  
 Corey Paterson  
 Bradley Knight  
 Megan Hay and Helena Rossellini  
 Regan Black  
 Paris Porter  
 Rachel Nielson  
 Olli Redfern  
 Brooke Williams

**MIP**

Luke Pawsey  
 Kendra Wyke  
 Grace Poumaka  
 Jocelyn Ormond  
 Edward Wells  
 Vaughan Bamford  
 Erica Laing  
 Lars Dalley and Felix Harrison  
 Astrid Nowlan  
 Annabelle Burry  
 Jacob Carroll  
 Belle Ashby

**2009 TEAM PLACINGS**

**MEN:**

CPL – President’s Shield - 1<sup>st</sup>                      Championship Finals - 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Porritt Cup – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Division 2 Men’s Championship – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Midweek Open A Men’s Championship – 3<sup>rd</sup>                      Top 4 Men’s Porritt Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Youth Boys’ Division 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Porritt Cup – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**WOMEN:**

CPL Championship 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Championship Finals – 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Porritt Cup – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Division 2 Women - 7<sup>th</sup>                      Porritt Cup – 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Division 4 Women – 7<sup>th</sup>                      Porritt Cup – 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Midweek Open Red - 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Midweek Open White – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Youth Girls’ Division 2 Red – 4<sup>th</sup>                      Porritt Cup – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Youth Girls’ Division 3 Black – 3<sup>rd</sup>                      Porritt Cup – 3<sup>rd</sup>

**SUPER SIX RESULTS:**

Canterbury Super Six Division 1 Men – CPL Men 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Canterbury Super six Division 2 Men – Div 2 Men 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Canterbury Super Six Division 1 Women – CPL Women 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Canterbury Super Six Division 2 Women – Div 2 Women 1<sup>st</sup>  
 South Island Super Six Division 1 Men – CPL 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 South Island Super Six Division 2 Men – Div 2 Men 1<sup>st</sup>  
 South Island Super Six Division 1 Women – CPL Women 1<sup>st</sup>  
 South Island Super Six Division 2 Women – Div 2 Women 1<sup>st</sup>

**CHA TROPHY RESULTS:**

Championship:	Canterbury Super Six:	South Island Super Six:
CPL Men	CPL Men	Div 2 Men
Division 2 Men	Division 2 Women	CPL Women
		Div 2 Women

**JUNIORS:**

Premier Div 1 Girls	5 <sup>th</sup> in Championship and 1st in section Finals
Premier Div 2 Girls	6 <sup>th</sup> in Championship and 4th in section Finals
Premier Div 3 Girls	9 <sup>th</sup> in Championship and 1st in section Finals
Premier Div2 Boys	6 <sup>th</sup> in Championship and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in section Finals
Super 8 Div 2 Girls	3 <sup>rd</sup> in Championship and 2 <sup>nd</sup> in section Finals
Super 8 Div 2 Boys Red	6 <sup>th</sup> in Championship and 2 <sup>nd</sup> in section Finals
Super 8 Div 3 Boys Black	3 <sup>rd</sup> in Championship and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in section Finals
Intermediate 8 Div 4 Girls Red	3 <sup>rd</sup> in Championship
Intermediate 8 Div 4 Girls Black	5 <sup>th</sup> in Championship
Intermediate 8 Div 2 Boys	5 <sup>th</sup> in Championship and 4 <sup>th</sup> in section Finals
Junior 8 Div 5 Girls	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Championship and 2 <sup>nd</sup> in section Finals
Junior 8 Div 2 Boys	6 <sup>th</sup> in Championship and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in section Finals

## President's Report – Peter Oakes

I am delighted to present my second annual report in a season which has highlighted many things which have distinguished the Carlton Redcliffs Hockey Club as one which has much to offer in providing hockey players the means of participating in and enjoying one of the most skilful field games available. In many respects the season has been a successful one, with several teams winning, or reaching the finals of the various competitions, as members will see from the records in this report.

In the various competitions there were five first placings. Several other second, or third placings were also recorded, a tribute to the efforts of the players in each team, their coaches and management groups. That was out of some thirty teams entered throughout the grades, both men and women. In all, too, our players filled well over fifty positions in various representative teams, some doubling up in more than one grade. These included coaches and managers in some representative positions. Congratulations to you all; I hope your achievements helped you fulfil your ambitions and encouraged you to strive for higher honours, or at least to continue performing at the highest level you are able to attain.

While we are right to congratulate ourselves as a club and the individuals within it for what has been achieved, I believe we should be cautioned by some aspects of the club's season. Several of our best performances were at the top level, as we would expect, but there were some obvious gaps in our ranks which need to be addressed urgently. Failure to do so will surely expose us to fewer numbers and dropping standards.

That no team below the Division Two Men and Women won any competition in which they were entered is a major concern. Especially, the situation in our junior ranks is particularly worrying. The number of teams is nothing to be ecstatic about. There were four eleven-a-side teams, three for the girls, and one for the boys. The girls' teams were in three divisions, while the single boys' team was in division two. The filler teams to this premier level, the super eights look rather thin, with only one girls' team, while the boys' two teams did not seem to be of a quality to adequately fill the premier grade next season. Below them, the intermediate eight teams were also sparse, and the two girls' teams and one boys' team did not match the best teams from other clubs, if their divisional grading and final placements are to be believed. Equally, the lack of more than two junior eight teams (one boys', one girls') leaves no room for complacency.

As the junior club captain, Rob McGregor noted in his report, there is a decline in the number of junior players and our traditional local feeder schools are no longer providing the numbers of players to satisfy our need to keep a flow through of sufficient skilled young players to make us competitive at the top of the primary school level. This calls for immediate action to rectify the situation. The club committee has already discussed this dire situation and has set in train tentative moves to put the situation right.

However, there are two great needs which the committee alone may not be able to fulfil. The first is the need for more youngsters to join the club each season as mini players. Coming in the first instance from as many local schools as we can encourage to let us place coaches in, it must be a continuous process and any break in the sequence will expose the club to a diminution in its standards at the junior level. The second is the need for more coaches and is inevitably linked with the first. Without sufficient coaches we cannot hope to provide enough youngsters with ongoing hockey development.

A call has already gone out for senior club members to step into coaching roles in the junior ranks and this must be taken seriously, especially by those who are no longer performing in the higher ranks of club competition, and have the skills knowledge to impart this quickly to beginners. We probably also need to look to the parents of our youngsters to step into coaching roles and this will almost certainly raise the need for them to be given the chance to undertake coaching courses. The needs of the club are clear, however the way ahead is not so precisely defined and needs not only the work of your committee, which has initiated moves to ensure there is a constant flow of players through the junior ranks, but the involvement of members to help impart the necessary skills so that those juniors will, in time, be pushing for places in senior teams and taking them to the highest honours.

The call is clear and urgent; senior players of all levels, who have a pride in the club and an ambition to see it become the pre-eminent one in Canterbury (if not New Zealand) are required to step up and play a part in progressing its future. We may also need to look further afield for coaches who may never have had any connection with us. Also, there are a number of members coaching outside the club. How can we entice them back to serve our interests? There is no time to be lost in re-establishing a junior recruitment and

coaching regimen so that we can resume our place as the top club in Canterbury over a broad range of grades. It is salutary that the same message, in slightly different form, was promulgated last year.

Finally, and tragically, it is necessary to remember Neville England who passed away recently. Neville was one of the great stalwarts of Carlton Redcliffs for many years and has left a legacy in his family and his dedication to furthering the cause of hockey which would be hard to match. There is a fuller obituary elsewhere in the annual report. It remains only for us to express our condolences to Neville's widow, Ruth and to their children. We wish them the strength and fortitude to overcome his loss and to use his memory to help them set a course for their future.

### **Treasurer's Report – Pam Thompson**

Again the club has made it through the season in the black, but we do operate on a narrow margin.

We are grateful to the Southern Trust and the Christchurch City Council for funding grants of \$10,000 (part payment for training venues and uniforms) and \$5,000 (equipment and volunteer education) respectively. Although players' costs went up slightly this year to keep up with inflation, the club still managed to subsidise player costs through these funding grants.

Unfortunately we were not able to purchase the new goalie gear we needed for our junior teams because the three organisations we approached had insufficient funds. This was despite our applications being based on safety concerns.

Thank you to all the players who paid their subs promptly and to the revenue gatherers. Many teams were more efficient in collecting fees this season, with internet banking being a particularly helpful tool. Some people do still need to be aware of the need to identify themselves and their teams to save the treasurer the work of finding where the 'kind donation' came from.

Disappointingly, despite the best efforts of team coaches and managers, members of the club committee and the treasurer, there are still about \$1000 in unpaid subs owing at the end of the season. We hope to address the cause of this problem by introducing a new system next year. Defaulters will be made aware very early in the season of their obligations to their team mates and their club and we may have to be stricter in enforcing a 'No pay, no play' rule.

Ruth would like to thank the team managers for their assistance in collecting subs in what has been a difficult year for her personally, and would make particular mention of Amanda Hooper, Isabell Knight, Simon Lind and Jeremy Symonds for their speed and efficiency in sorting out their respective teams.

Pam Thompson (Secretary) on behalf of Ruth England

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

The 2009 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 a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Porritt Cup phase of the season. Our Division 2 team won their major championship for a second year, with the Midweek open team putting in another strong performance to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the major championship as well as the Porritt cup competition. The Youth grade team finishing up with a very creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Porritt cup and nearly winning the major championship. 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.

With the start of 2009 we saw the introduction of some new rules to the game. These had a huge impact on the dynamics and tactics within the game. Initially the teams struggled to get to grips with the new playing style that the rules brought with them, but by the end of the season most teams had a firm understanding of how to make the most of these rules, and began playing some really fast and expansive hockey.

This year we were unfortunate not to have the services of John Christensen coaching the premier side. The skills, knowledge and vast experience that he has are invaluable and were greatly appreciated by the guys over the past few seasons. This year the team was looked after by long-serving deep defender Jeremy Symonds, who moved away from playing and stepped into a coaching role. 'Rod' brought a new dynamic to

the team, particularly with some of the pre and post game routines. The team started the season strongly, finishing runner up in the 6 a side pre-season competition, and continued that good form into the main CPL round robin competition, where they finished up on the top of the table well clear of the competition. Once again 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. With their fantastic play through the season the team received a number of representative spots, from places on the Canterbury senior teams, to a couple in the Black Sticks squad and extended training squad. Congratulations to you all.

The Division 2 men's team this year had their best season since I have been involved with the club. After winning the championship last year the pressure was on them to repeat it this year, and they didn't disappoint. They finished both of the summer 6 a side competitions in 1st place. At the end of pool play we sat in a close 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Harewood. We progressed through the semi and we played off against Old Boys in the final, winning it 5-3 in a hard-fought game. A great finish to the year and a well deserved back-to-back championship.

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. The guys played some well structured hockey, finishing the Major Championship in 3rd. The team also came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Porritt cup competition.

With the development of the Youth grade competition, it was uncertain how the boys would handle the larger more physical opponents that our side would face off against. The team is largely made up of younger players, where the majority of opponents are right on the U18 age limit. Its pretty fair to say that the players put these concerns to rest very early, cleaning up the games in the first round before continuing on to finish the season in 2nd place for the Major championship and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Porritt cup. This is an excellent finish for the boys and a reflection of the future talent that we have coming into the senior ranks.

Lastly a huge 'Congratulations' to all the members of our club. We have had an outstanding season winning not just one major championship but 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 2010 where we can continue to build on the club's current success.

### **Premier Men – Jeremy Symonds (Coach)**

This year saw three rounds of competition played. The Premier men's side was much the same as that of 2008 and as such boasted a large base of talented players. The side once again dominated the round robin competition and consistently outplayed other clubs. This meant that the President's Shield was won and the round robin competition was sewn up with three weeks of scheduled play still left. Unfortunately again this year we were pipped at the post by a Harewood side which improved dramatically in the last round of competition play. The final score in the grand final was 2-1 to Harewood, and Redcliffs had led for much of the game. In all, it was a disappointing way to finish the season. However, a season that saw a marked improvement in play from start to finish must be taken as a positive.

The achievements of the team this season were due to the collaborative efforts of the whole side rather than any individual standout. The side used many Div 2 players due to injury or unavailability and these players performed very well under what were often pressure situations.

Mention must be made of Nick Haig (Cavs) who was a standout player in Canterbury this season and who made the full senior Black Sticks side once again. Other players who went on to representative duties were: Jason Niles, Sam Kubaroff, and Reuben Koorey (all Cavs). In the Under 21 age group were George Enersen (our most valuable player) and Chris Goldsbury who also represented Southern during the NHL.

Special mention must be made of Chris Greenshields who, with consistent performances throughout the season, won the Rodney Hefford Trophy. Finally, due to work relocation, Dan McLay has unfortunately left the ranks of the Premier men's side. Dan has been a long time captain who has worked tirelessly to organise the side. He has played for the Premier side for close on ten years and through this time has played for Canterbury, Southern and Central at NHL level. Dan has been a strong and dedicated member of the team and replacing him will not be easy.

**Men's Division 2 – Simon Lind (Manager)**

After a successful 2008 season, 2009 was about continuing to develop the Division two men's team and dominate our grade. With Alan Hyndman returning to control the team as head coach, and the large majority of players returning to enjoy the team culture, things were looking very positive on paper.

The only gap in our line up was a goal keeper. With our keeper from 2008 earning a promotion to a premier side, we were left scrambling for a replacement. Fortunately, Tom Worner stepped up and proved himself to be a more than adequate replacement.

With our team list now complete and the success of 2008 under our belt we set about improving on last season. Unfortunately our six-a-side campaign wasn't as successful as we had hoped, claiming only 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the regular competition. However we improved significantly to take out the 2009 South Island Super 6 Competition.

The 11-a-side season was a slight contrast to 2008. As a team we continued to dominate possession and territory in our matches but struggled to score goals. We managed to consistently win with only a couple of teams managing to beat us. However the final score didn't always reflect our dominance.

We finished the first round in second place. However we started to lose players to injury. Key defender, Nick Thompkins injured his fingers in a tackle and was out for six weeks, striker Hamish Kitto was scheduled in for knee surgery, and then we were hit by departures with Jimmy Hassan moving to Dunedin and Dave Gerring heading up north. Our squad of 16 was suddenly down to 12.

We managed to hold our own until the final round robin game when Dean Munt snapped his Achilles tendon playing against High School Old Boys. We managed to find Bruce McLean on the sideline and he allowed us to keep playing with 11 players for the remainder of the game, and even scored our only goal. We ended up losing 2-1 when Old Boys scored in the final minutes.

At the end of the round robin we finished up in second place and fortunately with the easier side to the play-off draw. We met Christ's College in our quarter final, and we managed to dispatch them with relative ease 5-1. Josh Kumbaroff slotted into centre half to replace the injured Dean Munt. Josh filled the position superbly, as if he had been playing there all season.

Our semi-final was against Selwyn and we only had 10 of our usual squad with Bruce Mclean returning for his third week and continuing to contribute as if he had been a season starting member of the squad. Warwick Shillito was another of our fill-ins who was invaluable. We ended up scraping through with a 3-2 win over a spirited Selwyn side.

As in 2008, we again met High School Old Boys in the final. They had defeated the competition leader Harewood in their semi-final. Hamish Kitto returned from his surgery to take place in the final. We were back to 11 of our original squad plus our two regular fill-ins – Bruce and Warrick. With Josh, who recently completed his training to become a fireman, rostered to work, we were again in need of a new centre half. We moved pivotal player Andrew Dunbar from right inside. Our team again lifted for the event, and were eventual winners, taking out the final 4-2.

MVP for the 2009 season was Andrew Dunbar. Andrew joined our team two seasons ago and has become a key member to our defence as well as feeding our strikers with consistent quality ball. Andrew started the season at right inside but as we lost players, he moved to right half before finishing in the centre. He is a true quality player who will continue to shine for Redcliffs in whichever team he is in.

We would like to thank Alan Hyndman for his constant commitment to Redcliffs and our team. Alan again coached several teams this season, but he really should be acknowledged for the results he has achieved with this division 2 team over the past few seasons. He has turned this underachieving team into consistent winners. Alan has really pushed and challenged our team and the results show for themselves. He and the rest of the team are keen for a three-peat.

**Midweek Open - Murray Johnson**

Once again the Carlton Redcliffs MWO team had another very enjoyable season. Although we were unable to retain the title we had won the previous year we still managed to reach the last 4 and finished a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

We were fortunate to have the services of some younger players this season, which gave us the opportunity to have a strong and well balanced bench and of course give some of us older fellas some time to catch our breaths. Our age spread this season was 55 to 22, but again the style of hockey that we were mostly able to play on a consistent basis gave the whole team a great deal of satisfaction and enjoyment over the season.

As is always the case with our team it was very hard to select our MVP for the season so congrats to Bruce who, week in and week out, always gave 100 % to the team and scored some great goals out there on the left wing.

All in all it was another very enjoyable season. Every member of the team was absolutely committed to making each game special, so thanks to all of you guys for sharing your Monday nights and here's looking forward to another good masters season as well!

Cheers            Muzza

**Youth Men – Paul Bamford**

Coach: P Bamford

Team Umpire: L Jones

Our results this year were good under the circumstances. Our team of 15 was made up of 6 primary team boys e.g. 12-13 year olds plus our 14-17 year olds in a competition that is Under 18 basically.

The skill level shown by these primary school lads really showed the strength that Canty has at that level and I feel sure they enhanced their skills by playing young men 4-6 years older! These guys blended in well with our 'regular' players who also showed some exceptional skills at times.

As the season went on we lost a couple of key players. Also with tournaments for Hatch Cup and Development Squad it left us struggling at critical times due to loss of numbers. Suffice to say we defaulted the final of the Porritt Cup (Youth) due to CHA not allowing us to defer the game!

We started off the year and first half of the season with good results. In fact we were unbeaten and lying first for most of the competition. When illness, injury and rep tournaments took their toll we lost to a couple of teams we had previously easily beaten, which was frustrating. In the end we came second in the competition as we lost the final with borrowed players and our usual team structure really wasn't there on the day!

However I need to point out that this team showed some real tenacious character to come from behind in a couple of games, which was fantastic. They played with really good team spirit.

We have some rep players too - Kyle Schacherer (U16), Dominic Bain (Hatch B), Sam Hay, Josh Knight, Angus MacDonald, Dominic Newman (Hatch A), Sean Poulsen (Dev't Squad).

Most Valuable Team Player of the Year: Ben Talbot (well deserved - a young man with great skill and attitude).

As Coach I must thank our referee Lyndsey Jones for great umpiring under pressure! Plus, to the loyal band of parents who turned up each week to support the team, thanks heaps. The boys did appreciate it (but I know they might not show it!!)

A final note: Carlton Redcliffs Club needs to urgently address getting more players to join our club at this level (Under 18 boys) as that is the future we are looking at. If each week we can only field a team of 6-7 young men 14-18 years old with the rest made from primary school grade then that is not good for our club hockey!

Have a great summer!!

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

2009 was a year of mixed results for all the club's women's teams.

The Premier women started the season well after taking out the South Island Super Six title and then going on to rack up 11 straight wins during the main competition. Despite this excellent start, a loss and a draw at the business end of the season meant the team missed out on a chance to defend their 2008 championship title, much to their intense disappointment.

The team also lost a number of key players throughout the year as people moved on to start new jobs, take up overseas travel and study opportunities, or in Amanda Hooper's case, fall pregnant with baby number two!

It was an exciting year for Fiona Morrison who well deservedly earned herself a place in the Junior Black Sticks team which travelled to Boston for the Junior World Cup. Olivia Merry was another standout of the team earning her the title of MVP and also a place in the New Zealand U18 squad. Congratulations to both Fiona and Olivia for your fantastic achievements.

Sadly the Premier women said goodbye to Amanda Hooper this year. Amanda has decided to retire from hockey to spend time with her family. The team and club will miss Amanda and all her support and hard work over the years although I have a feeling she won't be able to stay away from the club and will be back in some capacity in the future!

The Division 2 women had a tough year in 2009. After a stellar pre-season performance by taking out both the Canterbury Super Six and the South Island Super Six titles for their division the team struggled to maintain form for the remainder of the season.

The team were faced with a number of injuries and player unavailability at times and as a result the consistent form failed to shine through.

Although the team may have wished for a better finishing position they can still finish the season knowing that they were able to challenge, and at times beat, some of the higher ranked teams. I'm sure these good performances will encourage the girls for the 2010 season.

The MWO Red team was a new look team this year with only four of last years' players returning for the 2009 season. This meant the team struggled to start the season with a full contingent of players which in turn impacted the team's ability to gel as a team from the word go.

The MWO White team also had a tough year with the team being unable to find a full time goalkeeper. While on occasions the team was able to find part time goalkeepers a large proportion of the season was spent minus a goalkeeper.

Unfortunately this meant that games were tougher and as a result the team didn't manage a repeat of last years' first place position. I'm sure the team will be looking to take back their number one position in 2010 and will therefore be on the hunt for full time goalkeeper!

The Youth Red team also struggled to find consistency in their performances for the year which led to some disappointment for the team in their final placing. However, the team managed to improve throughout the year with a number of individual players stepping up to show off their skills as the season progressed.

The Youth Black team finished the season in a very respectable third place (also coming third in the Porritt Cup). The core of this team was made of the 2008 Premier 3 Junior team and it was especially pleasing to see these players stepping up into a higher division and improving as the season went on.

The women's side of the club had a number of players represent Canterbury and other provinces in 2009. I would like to congratulate all those players who made representative teams. It is great to see your hard work and dedication being rewarded.

While the desired results may not have been achieved by some teams this year, I'm sure all the women's players had an enjoyable 2009 season. I'm looking forward to seeing all this years' players back (and

hopefully some new faces!) for the 2010 season where I'm sure the Carlton Redcliff's women's teams will continue to play an exciting and competitive style of hockey which will hopefully earn us a bit more silverware in the club trophy cabinet!

### **Premier Women – Sally Moorfield (Coach)**

The Carlton Redcliffs team started the season exceptionally well. The team won the Super 6 and then went on to 11 straight wins in a row in the competition league.

Suffering a loss and a draw in our penultimate matches to we went into the final match thinking we needed a 10 nil win to take the title on goal difference. The team played their best hockey of the season to get the 10 goals against a competitive Harewood, only to find that the 10 goals made us level with HSOB and that they won. We were even on points, 'goals for' and goal difference but they had scored 2 more goals over the whole season than us. A huge disappointment for all the team to be so close, but they were also very proud of the way they had played.

We welcomed new players Monique Wilson, Erin Smyth, Rachael Tayles and Charlotte White into the team. Meredith Orr came back after a season away and we appreciated her commitment and intelligence in the mid-field. Suzie Pottinger became a permanent member when Krystal Scott suffered a nasty injury to her finger and evergreen Tiffany McCrea-Lennon was a great reserve when our numbers dropped away near the end of the season.

We wish Amanda Hooper all the best for the birth of her second baby, Sarah Law good luck in her new home town of New Plymouth, and Jacqui Moorfield an exciting time in Boston where she is on a hockey scholarship.

Congratulations to:

- Fiona Morrison on her selection for the New Zealand U21 team which competed in Boston in August for the World Cup.
- Olivia Merry who was selected for the New Zealand U18 Tiger Turf squad .
- Olivia, Fiona and Meredith Orr who were selected for the Canterbury Cats team.
- Monique Wilson, Erin Smyth, Helen Scott and Charlotte White in the Southern NHL side.
- Sarah Byers, Charlotte White and Melanie Sinclair in the Canterbury B Senior Side.
- Fiona Morrison, Jacqui Moorfield and Monique Wilson in the Canterbury U21
- Olivia Merry and Sarah Byers in the Canterbury U18 team

My thanks to Amanda who is such a capable and organised manager, Helen Scott and Meredith Orr for their leadership and for sharing their experience with the young players, and to all our supporters during the season.

WE WILL BE BACK.

### **Women's Division 2 – Alan Hyndman (Coach)**

We struggled through the 2009 season, which 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 perform consistently and put away the lower ranked teams cost us the opportunity to contest the championship.

The season began strongly with a win in both of the preseason 6 aside competitions. We had a good squad of players all of whom had a reasonable skill base. We then moved on to a round robin competition, which we progressed through winning over half the games, providing a good start to the year. After the mid point of the season results started to go against us, with a shortage of players due to a couple of serious injuries and other issues with player unavailability.

The team finished the round robin competition in 7th place, a disappointing finish when you consider the way we started the season. 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 6th. 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 huge thank you to the management team and 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.

#### **Women's Division 4 – Drin Alleway (Coach)**

The start of the season for the first half dozen games was an eye-opener and sharp learning curve for most of this young team. The youth and inexperience in the team showed with some large scores against us as we lost all our first round games, but with the differences in scores diminishing. Our forward / link players were mainly Year 9 (13 and 14 years old) and at the start of the season, lacked attacking instinct. Their field positioning knowledge and staying strong on the ball was often ineffectual and they needed fire and commitment inside the circle to score.

But come Round 2, after scoring a goal or two and having a win and a draw, the team seemed to gain more confidence in going forward to the goal. Defence was our strong point in the team, with the 'older' heads keeping the team together and staying firm throughout the season, building on combinations and supporting each other. Some games in the second round were lost by only one goal as the team became more competitive.

I feel the girls, especially the younger ones, have had a real taste of competitive hockey and have added to their knowledge, basic skill levels and team plays during this formative season.

There were positive aspects to the season:

- Three of the players, Jackie Eden, Samantha Williams and Rebecca Stanley put in a dedicated commitment to coach the Junior Girls' Intermediate 8 teams
- Jackie Eden was selected for the Canterbury Under 16 Development squad
- A very enthusiastic and positive group of parents and family supported the team through thick and thin.
- The most valuable player was Jackie Eden and the most consistently improved player was Nicky Baker (both in Year 9).
- Our captain, Suzy Moots, as part of the steady defence, was a positive and energetic player, 'rallying her troops to battle'.

A few negatives to hopefully sort out for next year:

- Not all the squad could come to practice on Monday night at 7.00 p.m. so we never had a full squad at practice throughout the season. The most we had was 8 out of 13, but it was great to have the Porritt turf as our practice base.
- Having practice the day after the Sunday game was also a disadvantage.
- Trying to get equal playing time for all players even though some were less skilled in ability and game-sense meant shuffling players into other than their preferred position, especially as some of the squad were limited as to the positions they could play.

The overall season summary for the main competition:

- Played 14, won 2, drew 1, lost 11; no goals scored in Round 1, and 7 scored in Round 2
- We finished the season beating the Hornby Pumas 1-0.

The real highlights of the season for me were seeing the girls improve and enjoying their company.

#### **Midweek Open Red – Jessie McIvor (Manager)**

The MWKO Red team had a disappointing season. With only 4 of last year's team returning and the fact we were still taking players on a few weeks into the season, it took a lot longer to get into a rhythm as a team. We had a lot of skills and talent in the team yet we struggled to get the wins under our belt. We managed to have fun most of the season and are looking forward to coming back stronger than ever next season and climbing our way back to the top of the table (and beating the MWKO White ladies!)

Deservedly our MVP was awarded to: Jenna Clinton - who was energetic, skilful and always positive.

**Midweek Open White – Marian Crookbain (Co-manager)**

The Carlton White team is a great team to play in. We pride ourselves on always being positive and having a lot of fun whilst remaining competitive and strong.

This year we welcomed "Goat" and Corrina to our team, and missed Chappy and often Nicki on Tuesday nights.

The team was quite disjointed with many games seeing us down on numbers due to injury and other commitments. It was not unusual to start a game with 9 on the field, and as players were able to arrive finally ending with 11.

Not all games saw a full team.

We continued to depend on "part time" goalies, which most of the time meant we didn't have a goalie at all. There were many people on the case of finding a goalie, but when we consider how many women leave hockey, it is no wonder that goalies are so scarce. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> season that we have not been able to secure a goalie

All our pleading letters to the Association Competitions Committee for dispensation fell on deaf ears.

So it is not surprising that our season was not as successful as we have been used to, last year coming first, and this year, for the first time in as long as I can remember we ended 5<sup>th</sup>. A very disappointing result for the girls.

Regardless, this team is one of the most enjoyable to play in. Continual banter amongst the girls often sees them in fits of laughter on the field. The team spirit is second to none, and we have a policy that no matter what the reason no one is every allowed to be grumpy or negative.

Awards : Most improved      Faine Kelly  
MVP                                  Usha Ganda

**Youth Women Red – John Steeds (Coach)**

The Youth Competition is a grade specifically for players under 18 and is played on Friday nights. This year there were 3 divisions, our "Red" team was placed in div 2 after 3 grading games at the start of the season. There were 6 teams in div 2 and the season consisted of 3 rounds, some matches counting for the Porritt Cup competition and some for the Championship competition.

Our season started slowly as it took until the last match of round 1 before we posted our first win over Avon although we had recorded a draw with Harewood in game 2. At this point it was clear that HSOB-Burnside was superior to all other teams and they were to remain undefeated throughout the season.

Round 2 showed pleasing signs of progress as we beat Rangī Ruru, reversing the outcome of round 1, and drew with Marist who were emerging as the likely second placed team, but we lost to Harewood.

In round 3 our improvement hit a plateau and results went roughly similar to earlier matches giving us final placings of 4<sup>th</sup> in the Championship behind HSOB, Marist and Rangī Ruru and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Porritt Cup behind HSOB and Marist.

I think it was within our capabilities to finish higher up the points tables, but our lack of consistency held us back. We could play skilled, passing hockey with good positional play one week but then slipped back to an unstructured, error-ridden mish-mash the next. As coach I found this frustrating as I felt we were capable of more than we showed in several matches.

Our most valuable player for the season was Megan Thixton who thoroughly deserved the recognition for her application at training, steadily improving skills, good work rate and for being our most consistently strong player. Captain Gaby Scott was solid at centre half, distributed the ball well and led her team mates by example. Goalkeeper Bethany Archer was reliable and consistent at the back, kept improving all season, and saved our bacon several times during our less-than-impressive matches.

Finally my thanks to Pam Thompson for her help with the team and for taking the team on the occasions I was unavailable.

### **Youth Women Black – Pam Thompson (Coach)**

The Youth Black Team played in Division 3 of the competition and made creditable progress throughout the season, winning their last two games with 5 – 0 wins, and finishing the competition in third place. They were also third in the Porritt Cup.

At the start of the season there were nearly 30 trialists for the Youth team and so we entered 2 teams in the competition. Unfortunately, some of these players chose not to play when they were not selected for the top team, so numbers for the Black team had to be made up weekly from the Primary teams' ranks. Thank you to all those players and their parents who were prepared to give up their Friday nights as well as their Saturday mornings.

The core of this year's team was my Prem 3 Junior team from 2008, so I was pleased to see improvements made over two years being translated into some successful hockey by the end of 2009. A couple of players scored their first goals in 2 or 3 years in the last games of the season, so I'm hoping for good things next year.

Zoe Benzie, the team's MVP for the season, was our stand-out player, not just in her overall skill but in her energy and commitment on the field. It was notable that the game against Burnside High for which she was unavailable was lost, whereas the games for which she was available were won or drawn!

Also noteworthy was the excellent performance of our goalie who used her brains, balance and timing to get us out of many sticky situations. Kendra Wyke had never played hockey before this season, and at age 10 she was selected for both our Primary A team and the Youth Black team. After her first 4 games she was identified by Canterbury Junior Hockey as a rising star and was selected for the Canterbury Development Training team that finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their inter-provincial competition recently. Well done Kendra!

Thanks for a fun season girls. Let's do it again next year.

### **Masters Hockey – Pam Thompson (Manager)**

The Masters' competition for 2008 – 09 took a somewhat different format from in previous years. The round robin before Christmas saw the Carlton Redcliffs men's team and the women's Red team in the top 4 pool for the post-Christmas split and still in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively after pool play. The White team, in 6<sup>th</sup> place before Christmas, finished on equal points with Sydenham in 6<sup>th</sup> position again after pool play.

Again the club was well represented at the National Masters' Tournament, this year held in Hamilton. A number of our players made the NZ teams selected for the Leonie Agnew Memorial Tournament in NZ and International Masters' Hockey Tournament in Hong Kong. (See the Rep Honours list)

With the National tournament being in Nelson in 2010, we expect a few more of the Carlton Redcliffs players to make themselves available for Canterbury selection and assist our teams towards more medal successes.

### **Junior Club Captain's Report – Rob McGregor**

It has been another good year for the Junior Club with some fine results throughout the grades, and a good representation of players from our 11 a-side teams gaining selection to Canterbury Representative Teams. Special mention should be made of the Girl's Super 8 Team that was unbeaten until the very last game.

A huge thank you to all of our dedicated and enthusiastic coaches, who gave of their time and knowledge. In particular, our club President Peter Oakes, who managed to coach both an Intermediate 8 and a Super 8 Boys' Team. Thanks too for the assistance of those parents to took on Managers' roles to ensure the smooth running of the teams.

The end of Season prize-giving was held in the Redcliffs School Hall where the "Bouncy Castle" was a favourite. Thanks to Mitre 10 for providing this to us, and to the Junior Committee for their help in running the event

It is a concern that the number of junior players has declined this year, especially girls. This is especially evident from our traditional feeder schools in Sumner, Redcliffs, Mt Pleasant and the hill suburbs. The Junior Committee is actively pursuing several initiatives to find junior players from these schools to play for the club next season.

**Our Coaches for 2009 were**

- Premier 1 Girls--Michael Edwards and Rob McGregor
- Premier 2 Girls-- Rachel Williams and Russ Fergus
- Premier 3 Girls--Pam Thompson
- Premier 1 Boys--Alan Hyndman and Nick McGregor
- Super 8 Girls--Rhonda Agass
- Super 8 Boys Red ---Peter Oakes
- Super 8 Boys Black ---Tim and Dave Bain
- Intermediate Girls Black--- Rebecca Stanley and Sam Williams
- Intermediate Girls Red---Jackie Eden and Brent Stanley
- Intermediate Boys--Peter Oakes
- Junior 8 Girls--Jill Emerson and Jimmy Cowles
- Junior 8 Boys--Greg Pierce
- Minis -- Russ Fergus and CPL players

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**Obituary**

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**Neville Hugh England (1951 – 2009)**

The Redcliffs community lost a valuable contributor to the quality of life for a large number of people, especially the young, when Neville England passed away on October 19 2009 after losing his battle with cancer.

As a child, Neville was an integral part of the Moncks Spur community (the Hill Kids) where he got up to all kinds of mischief. There was, for instance, the time he lassoed Drin Alleway from the garage roof (with brother Garry's help) as payback for some trick she'd played on him. He was a quite inventive scallywag and liked to have the last laugh!

Hockey was the main sport played at Redcliffs as Neville was growing up, so it was inevitable that he should join the other boys. He proved to be a skilled player and was selected to play for Canterbury teams in 1964 and 1966.

At Hagley High School Neville was coached by Keith Thomson (NZ Olympian) and Peter Oakes (current C R president) and, playing for the school at Rankin Cup was selected for the NZ Secondary Schools team. While at Hagley Neville decided to give goal keeping a try. He used to tell the story of the "box" incident and how Keith Thomson toughened him up. Keith, a NZ hockey player, undercut a ball at Neville from the top of the circle and inverted his box. Neville faced him again with a new box and Keith smashed that one with a similar shot. I leave it to you to decide whether this was a mark of Neville's courage, or stupidity – stupidity on Keith's part that is. Or perhaps he had the measure of Neville's personality and recognised in him a resilience and toughness that made him unwilling to back down. Certainly Neville developed some tactics as a goalkeeper that may have led to certain subsequent rule changes about legitimate goalie gear!

As well as playing the game with enthusiasm and skill, Neville was also a hockey administrator and coach. He was the Redcliffs Hockey Junior Club Captain through the 1980's while his children were developing as hockey players, and Neville and Ruth were proud of the fact that there were often more than 80 youngsters at Barnett Park on Saturday mornings learning to play the game.

More recently Neville has continued to take a keen interest in the affairs of the club as each of his four children have played for us at various stages, and he also did a short stint with the club's Masters team just prior to his illness.

Since his wife Ruth became Treasurer of the Carlton Redcliffs Club in 2004, Neville has been of great assistance to her in double-checking to make sure the books balance. He also made some positive suggestions recently about ways to enhance the club.

Neville also made a meaningful contribution to Canterbury hockey as a member of the Junior Management Committee and on the Competitions Committee as draw convener, in the days before that was a paid position. In both positions he was a willing participant in some robust debates about hockey and its direction in Canterbury.

In 2007, Redcliffs School had their Centennial reunion and Neville and Ruth played a significant part in its organisation. A feature of the reunion was the hockey game that was played on the last day.

Neville's main sporting focus was yachting (sailing, where he won two National Titles and a NZ Title, coaching and administration) and that has been addressed in a different forum. He was a Life Member of the Christchurch Yacht club and shortly before his death he was awarded the Certificate of Honour by Yachting NZ for his services to yachting over many years.

We are therefore grateful for the time he could spare from his busy life to contribute so much to hockey. Neville will be missed by a wide range of people, as witnessed by the attendance of over 700 people at his funeral, and in particular by the Carlton Redcliffs Hockey Club.

We extend our condolences to Ruth, Jacqui, Murray, Geoffrey and Paula.

Pam Thompson

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Thanks for a great season – see you next year.