

# Carlton Redcliffs Hockey Club CHRISTCHURCH



# Annual Report

November 2013

To be presented at the

Carlton/Redcliffs Hockey Club AGM

At the Speight's Ale House - Ferrymead

25 November 2013

7.00pm

# Agenda

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Confirmation of 2012 AGM Minutes
- 3. Presentation and adoption of Annual Report and Accounts
- 4. Election of Officers
- 5. General Business

#### Office Bearers for 2013

Patrons Monica Munt and John Schoeman

President Pat Barwick

Vice Presidents John Steeds, Bev Savage, Jeremy Symonds

Men's Club Captain George Enersen

Women's Club Captain Helen Scott
Junior Club Captain Ian Dalley
Secretary Ele England
Treasurer David Bain

Coaching Coordinator Lee Munt

Committee Members Sarah Byers, Rob McGregor, Sam Kumbaroff

#### **Life Members**

Sally Burrage (1938)

Dave Page (1976) dec

Pat Barwick (1994)

Shirley Haig (1994)

Audrey Timlin (1994) dec

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)

John Christensen (2009)

Rob McGregor (2010)

**New Zealand Hockey Federation Life Member** 

Pat Barwick

**Canterbury Hockey Association Women's Vice President** 

Bev Savage

**Queen's Birthday's Honour** 

Member of the Order (MNZM) for services to sport

Pat Barwick

# **2013 REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS**

## **NZ Black Sticks including Champions Trophy**

Nick Haig (Belgium)

#### **NZ Black Sticks Development Squads**

George Enersen

## **NZ Tiger Turf**

**Dominic Newman** 

## NZ Maori Under 21 Men's Team

Vaughan England

**Canterbury Cats** 

Sarah Byers Libby Masefield

**Canterbury Cavaliers** 

William Davidson George Enersen Nick Haig Jason Niles

#### **Canterbury Under 21 Men**

Dominic Newman

#### **Canterbury Senior Men's team**

Vaughan England Chris Goldsbury

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**Under 18 A Men** 

**Garrick Cummins** Callum Slaven **Dominic Newman Jack Woodley** 

Josh Knight

**Under 18 Association Men** 

Dominic Bain Luke Cracroft-Wilson Silas Dalley Brian Lee Eric Lee Corey Patterson

**Under 18 Regional Development; Men** 

Carey Poulsen **Bradley Proud** Christian Wood

**Under 18 A Women** 

Kendall Holland Leah Butt

**Under 18 Association; Women** 

Julie Chamberlain Issie Brown

**Under 18 Regional Development; Women** 

Kendra Black Courtenay Bradley

**Under 15 Boys Bradley Proud** 

**Under 15 B Boys** 

Balthazar Ruscoe **Bradley Knight** 

**Canterbury Masters** 

Women's 35+ Men's 50+ Sarah Lee Daryl Foy Claire Brocket

Women's 45+ Jayne Crawford Usha Ganda Kim King Marian Crookbain

Men's 60+ **Tony Saunders** 

Manager Women's 45+

Marian Crookbain

Coach Men's 55+

Lee Munt

Men's 55+

Robbie Hardie

Richard Munt

**New Zealand Masters** NZ Men 55+

Daryl Foy

Coach NZ Men's 55+

Lee Munt

#### **Trophy Awards for 2013 Season**

Rodney Hefford Memorial Cup William Davidson

Peter Prutton Cup Ian Dalley

Audrey Timlin Memorial Cup Marian Crookbain

Monica Munt Trophy Helen Scott

Amanda Hooper Memorial Cup George Enersen

Pamela Thompson Cup Dominic Newman

Senior Coach – John Schoeman Trophy Jeremy Symonds

Junior Coach – David Cox Trophy Josh Kumbaroff and Matt Walcott

#### **Umpire Recognition Club Certificates**

Ian Hipkiss Hayden Chapman Josh Kumbaroff

# Senior Most Valuable and Most Improved Player Awards

MVP	MIP
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MWO Men Simon Lind

MWO Red Elizabeth Tayler Fiona Campbell

MWO White Lorena Hopkins

Division 4 Women Courtenay Bradley

Youth Men Balthazar Ruscoe Dylan O'Neill and Luke O'Neill

Division 2 Men Corey Paterson Carey Poulsen

Division 2 Women Sarah Lee Kendall Holland

Division 1 Men Luke Cracroft-Wilson Alex Mayhead

Division 1 Women Megan Fitzgerald Alice Todhunter

CPL Men Tom Mouldey

CPL Women Helen Scott and Kate Chapman

## **Canterbury Hockey Association – Service Awards 2013**

Pam Thompson ∼ Bronze

## **Canterbury Hockey Association Player Awards 2013**

Player of the Year U15 Bradley Proud
Player of the Year U18 Dominic Bain
Senior Men's Team Player of the Year Chris Goldsbury

Canterbury Cavelliers Player of the Year Nick Haig (joint winner)

Canterbury Cap (50 games) Nick Haig

#### 2013 TEAM PLACINGS ~ SENIOR

#### MEN:

#### **Premier Men's Team**

Division Grade Winners (President's Shield) Championship Winners

#### **Youth Boys Team**

3<sup>rd</sup> Division 2

#### **MWO Men**

3<sup>rd</sup> Championship 1<sup>st</sup> Porritt Cup

#### **JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS**

Representative Players in 2013:

Hatch Cup Team: Canterbury B Girls Team (Collier):

Henry Shaw Anoushka Chiswell Regan Black Sophie Dickison

Lars Dalley

Tim Boyle Canterbury Girls Development Training Squad (FOH):

lan and Catherine Dalley (Managers)

Bella Stephenson

Rose Stephenson

Canterbury B Boys Team (Hatch):

Fergus Lowen George Pierce

Vaughan England (Coach)

Development Boys Team (McGrath):

Akshay Patel

Adam Tippet (withdrew)

Development Training Squad Boys Team (FOH):

Eshaan Patel Oscar Parker

#### **JUNIOR AWARDS:**

**Amanda Hooper Award:** 11-a-side Girls MVP midseason Anoushka Chiswell

MVP MIP
Premier Boys (Red) Henry Shaw Lars Dalley

Premier Boys (Black)

Zac Schieve

Hamish Swift

Premier Girls Anoushka Chiswell Cara Donaldson and Sarah Cody-Mandell

Super 8 Boys William Frost Andy Dalkie Super 8 Girls (Red) Hannah Cowles Molly Dougherty Super 8 Girls (Black) Olivia Holland Georgia Matheson Intermediate 8 Boys Judson Bamford Flynn Hunter Intermediate 8 Girls Mila Ballin Sophie Page Junior 8 Boys Tim Chapman **Hugh Williams** Junior 8 Girls Mila Hastie Izzy Western

Mini – Red Neve Ballin and Zoe Pierce Olivia Hawkes

Mini – Teal Samantha Shaw Iona Lawson and Tessa Durkin

Junior 8 Boys – Coaches Choice Award: Aiden Orczy

# **President's Report - Pat Barwick**

2013 was a solid year for the Club overall with some outstanding results, and on the whole steady progress being made by others teams. The list of CHA competition results show some excellent performances on the men's side of the club with the CPL Men scooping the pool in their competitions this year, and the Junior 11 boys' also having an outstanding year. Many other teams (see team reports) had steady seasons with mixed results, and look ready to consolidate and improve this next year. I always felt on the women's side that the teams were just a year away from greater success....all developing as the season went on.

The value of having the new piece of turf at Shirley Boys High School was evident and helpful especially for the Juniors to utilize for trainings and not always having to travel across the city to Nunweek. A number of the club teams at all levels made good use of the opportunity to train there and we are very pleased to be building the links we have with the school. Our strong liaison with Shirley Boys High School is a great boost for the club and we really appreciate the boys playing in many of our teams across the grades.

We continued to run a Saturday morning session at SBHS Turf to attract new young players from the area and also continued to attract new players through other "Have a Go" sessions such as at St Martins Hansen Park early in the season.

Mt Pleasant School has become a hub of Carlton Redcliffs' Junior hockey and this year the school proudly added a small hockey turf to its grounds through the hard work of a group of parents and supporters ably lead by Caleb Ballin. The non stop usage at lunchtime and after school indicates how much fun it is providing to the young ones. Junior sessions after school there also attract players from other schools in the area so it is certainly a great asset already! The club also provided support through Senior members to both Sumner and Redcliffs schools when requested during the year and we will look to grow that support in 2014.

It would be fair to say that the Club struggled a bit financially this year but have been working hard to put better registration and fee collection structures in place so that we are even more up to date using online and easy registration practices. Members do not always recognize that the club has to pay early season fees for players and turf costs, and so if they do not get fees paid on time it does make life difficult especially as we try to keep fees as low as possible and do not have a surplus to work from. The update and development of a better interactive website and using Facebook will hopefully provide much improved communication and connection to our members next year and help everyone to know what the club is doing and be able to share the successes of the season. Have to thank Dave Bain and George Enersen for their hard work in this area.

A big thanks to Ian Dalley who once again oversaw the Junior programme with a number of great parent helpers... and a big thank you to all the Coaches and Managers in every club grade who assisted with teams throughout the season. It is a big task and we really do appreciate your efforts. We are fortunate to have such great people involved.

Congratulations to all those that made representative teams, and also to those that were appointed to coach teams at this level. We also had players who were selected into the Blacksticks - Nicholas Haig, and the Blacksticks training or Junior squads - George Enersen (NZ Development), Dominic Newman (NZ Tiger Turf).

Pleased to announce that our long time club stalwart – past mid-week open player, Youth team coach and previous secretary of the club who has been having health treatment most of the year, Pam Thompson was awarded a Bronze Service Award at the CHA Awards and certainly very deserving. It was with regret that we received a letter of resignation from the committee from Pam, but know that she will continue to be a huge knowledge resource for us at any time. Also at these awards Lee Munt was awarded the Services to Masters Hockey Graham Cox Memorial Trophy for his on-going support and work in that area. Lee also coached the Division One Women for a large slice of the season.

Thank you to all of the committee who have completed a busy year and I want to especially thank Ele England for her continued hard work, time and effort as Secretary and Dave Bain as Treasurer - both have worked hard to keep the club running as well as possible. To Helen (after Erin left) and to George as Club Captains... also a big thanks. You do more behind the scenes than people realize.

It was sad just earlier this year to recognise the passing of Anne Schoeman, long-time member, stalwart and supporter of Carlton Redcliffs Hockey. Anne and John were always at the men's games particularly, but supported the club in many ways. We did of course pass on our condolences to John, Richard and the family.

We look forward to 2014 albeit knowing that there will be a great deal of work needed to keep building the club and offering more than just hockey for our members. It is always a buzz to be at the Junior Prize giving day and seeing everyone enjoying some social time together - we need to offer more of that at all levels and hope to do so next season... and we will need your support to make it successful.

We look forward to seeing everyone return to enjoy playing together and having an even more successful year. We will always welcome your friends and new members.

#### Treasurer's Report - David Bain

In terms of finance, it has been another challenging year for the club however we have made some good progress that will contribute a stronger financial position in future years. Highlights include:

- The purchase of new goalkeeping equipment for Juniors and Division 2 men to meet health and safety guidelines. This purchase means we will not need to invest further in these high value items for the next 3 4 years.
- Upgrade of club website including online registration and payment of subscriptions. By upgrading the website we will significantly reduce the administration time associated with collection of registration forms and fees. Online repayments will improve the clubs cash flow by ensuring more fees are paid at the time of registration
- The new website also allows the club to increase revenue from sponsorship by making it easier to provide advertising space and giving sponsors more exposure.

The challenge for 2014 and beyond is for the club to set clear financial targets that are aligned with their objectives to grow and develop both the club itself and the game of hockey.

If the club wishes to mitigate the risk posed by its precarious financial position and achieve its growth targets, it will need to significantly increase the revenue it receives from player subscriptions, grants and sponsorship. It also needs to focus on fundraising and build on the good results achieved from the various team efforts that have gone into fundraising in previous years.

#### **Men's Club Captain Report – George Enersen**

Through some well-earned and outstanding successes with the combination of a number of close performances, determination and youth in the Club the men's season can be defined as being an overall success in its higher teams and defined as a development phase in its younger teams, something which has been successful in its own right. I believe the Men's side of the club is in good stead for the future provided we maintain some of the youthful combinations of this current season and learn more from our Senior sides, particularly the premier men when the opportunity arises.

The 2013 Premier Men's team had the championship title as their focus at the turn of the New Year. A more focussed Senior group of players and the commitment of Coach Jeremy Symonds resulted in 'bulk' pre-season fitness training occurring considerably earlier in the year than previous seasons. With a few new faces and a revamped pre-season build up members young and old were fizzing for what was to be an outstanding season.

Winning 12 out of the first 13 games the team had secured the Championship with 3 games to spare and had defended the challenge shield an impressive 11 times. Winning the championship in this fashion was a pure result of a team that played like a real team week in week out. With the major goal of the season ticked off, one job remained which was to win the CPL Men's final vs old foe Harewood. In a nail biting finish, the Redcliff's Men prevailed in a sudden death shootout to take the double title in the Men's competition for 2013.

The Division 1 men's season resulted in a disappointing fifth after narrowly missing the playoffs due to an equalisation entry method of games won. While the team showed the capability to play some outstanding hockey the side lacked the commitment and cohesion needed for a consistent season, which would have resulted in at least a top four finish. While the team struggled to keep numbers to a minimum during times of representative tournaments and university holidays, opportunities were provided to younger division two players which provided valuable exposure at higher levels for the future of these younger players.

As a club we recognise the importance of our division one team not only for being successful in their own right but for providing valuable support to our premier side, and to provide a pathway of development for the clubs future stalwarts. It has been identified that providing coaching support and overall guidance to the division 1 and 2 teams will be critical to the men's side of the club in the future. One important development tool that we seek to develop is the integration of these division 1 and 2 players with the premier men during the preseason phase in 2014.

In the next tier down the Division 2, team overcame the challenge of playing at a higher level than most players have been used to. As a result of sheer hard work and some of the younger players building on previous experience in division 3, the team placed third in the Porritt Cup while showing considerable promise throughout the season. The development of players in this team will be vital to the future of Carlton Redcliff's Men's Hockey with a number of these younger players already playing representative hockey and been identified as future talents in higher Club sides in years to come.

Through the collaboration of a variety of players we again were excited to be able to enter a youth boys team. The team was ably coached by CPL player Vaughan England. With the odd initial teething problem the team found its straps and began consistently winning matches, some in convincing style. After performing strongly the side was promoted to section 2 for the main season. While the games were much harder it will prove to be valuable in the future, while it should also be added that the team in fact ended up winning most of their games and narrowly missed the final play-off ending up getting 3rd. After developing and finding strong cohesion it is likely that the team will return next year stronger and wiser.

Again with a large number of returning players, the Mid Week team remained largely intact resulting in the feeling that again the side would produce some good hockey. Through a combination of belief and enthusiasm the team was adamant on a successful season that would yet again provide many laughs. Happy with their performances the side ended the competition 3rd overall in addition to having a good win against rivals Harewood ensuring the Porritt Cup would be secured for the 2013 season.

It is great to see hockey still being played at this midweek level; not only does it provide participation of those of all ages, it adds further success in the CHA record books from the Carlton Redcliff's club. Congratulations to the Midweek team you are a valuable component to the club.

Congratulations to the Men's club players who represented at Age Group, National and International level. What a fantastic achievement and very well earned. Your success makes you a valuable ambassador to our club and sport. Again, congratulations to all of our Men's club players for a great season particularly the Premier men's team who have been role models and set the standard for other teams in the club.

Any team's participation would not be possible without the great coaching and assistance that we receive from all our volunteer coaches, managers, club committee members, supporters, family and friends. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated so thank you to you all for your contributions.

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

The 2013 Premier Men held the core of the group from recent years. The team was particularly motivated this season and started into 5km team runs 3 times a week late in January. The fitness work paid big dividends early on with the team winning the Canterbury Super 6 round robin and final. This was the first time this success has been gained in many years. With a great balance in defence and midfield along with blistering combinations and speed in attack the team went into the competition season with confidence which grew with each win. Focussing on attaining a high level of basic skills and speedy ball movement on attack the team out played almost every other side in the competition with ease.

The Canterbury Championship was won with 3 weeks to spare and this gave the side plenty of time to prepare for the Grand Final and to familiarise a strategy to defeat rivals Harewood. The Championship Grand Final was the most competitive match of the season and one played at a very high intensity. Our guys were impressive in the first half and took the break with a 1 nil lead. Things got even tighter in the second half and Harewood managed to level midway through. Another goal was elusive for both sides with good defence rueing any team a clear chance. In the end the result went down to a shoot-out which the Carlton Redcliffs men took out in dramatic fashion with goal keeper George Enersen the star of the Final.

To pick outstanding players from a large squad in which all had their moments is difficult. At stages this season every player was called to stand up and perform and at every asking moment the men managed to finish the job in crucial situations. Willy Davidson was this year's Rodney Hefford Award winner and Tom Mouldey the top goal scorer picked up the MVP Award. Representative duties were achieved by; George Enersen, Willy Davidson, Chris Goldsbury, Vaughan England, Dominic Newman, Jack Woodley and Garrick Cummins.

In all, this was an incredible season from a very dedicated young team and one which bodes well for the future.

# **Men's Division 1 – Nick Tompkins (manager)**

The Division 1 men's season ended with a fifth equal placing at the end of the season, after having missed out on the top four based on number of games won. The season was very up and down with some superb results and great hockey being played while at other times the cohesion was not there.

The effects of a small playing roster became all too evident during school/university holidays and the representative season. This resulted in a number of games slipping through our grasp. The upside is a number of Division 2 players managed to get substantial experience in playing up and coped surprisingly well.

For 2014 a greater playing pool needs to be developed with at least the minimum of 16 players named.

Coaching will also be crucial as 2013 was very informal with low turnouts to practices from both Division 1 and 2 teams however the format of joint practice I thought worked well to build relationships and playing combinations with players who played up during player shortfalls.

#### Men's Division 2 - Dave Bain

After a mixed start to the season, the Division 2 team came together well to overcome the challenges of moving into a higher grade. The end result saw the team placed third in the Porritt Cup with the younger players in the team building on their experience from last year's Division 3 competition.

Once again we were proud to see a number of the team selected to represent Canterbury at U18 and U15 level.

The competition in Division2 has shown our younger players that hockey at a Senior level requires a combination of strengths. Obviously skill and talent are important but you also need the right attitude to overcome the mental challenge the game presents.

## Youth Boys - Vaughan England/Ian Dalley

We were keen to carry on with the youth team and build on the start made with this team in 2012. Unfortunately many of the Shirley boys we had in 2012 played for school in 2013 (in the same section as us) and so we the team struggled for numbers initially. Our links with Avon club meant that our core team was augmented with four Avon year 9 boys and we used several of the Carlton Redcliffs year 8 boys to make sure we had plenty of depth and structure. The team was ably coached by CPL player Vaughan England. We started the season with a fairly make shift line-up but quickly proved that we could win games consistently. The team won the grading round and were promoted to the 2nd section for the main season. While the games were much harder the team ended up winning most of their games and narrowly missed playing off in the final play-off ending up getting 3rd.

The team developed well and are likely to return next year. It is a team largely made up of players from the eastern and Port Hills suburbs and from schools such as Linwood College, Cathedral College, St Thomas's and Hagley – schools that would not otherwise have strong hockey teams. Towards the end when we moved up a grade, we were able to grab back some of the SBHS 2nd XI players for an extra game for us and thereby maintain the close ties we have with that school. Special mention also needs to be given to our outstanding year 9 Goalie, Bertie Ruscoe. Bertie played for STAC as well and kept us in many close games – he was team MVP and was selected for the Canterbury U15B team. Also thanks to John Shaw and Graeme Teague who assisted when Vaughan was away with rep duties.

Ian Dalley (Manager)

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

With bulk of last year's team remaining intact we felt we could again produce some good hockey. The feeling amongst the guys was one of real enthusiasm and true belief that we could again enjoy a fun and successful season.

The first thing to note is uniforms; I'd like to thank KP and Beca, Caleb and Cequent, Hugh and Duncan Cottrell, Hendo and Aon, Rob and RMF, Ben and Tailorspace. These guys got together and sponsored new uniform for the team. Having a new strip gave the team a real lift, unfortunately not quite enough to get us into the finals this year. After some good solid performances we ended up 3rd overall in the MWO then had a good win against Harewood to win the Porrit Cup. A big thanks to the sponsors.

Throughout the season there were some great performances with everyone contributing; I would like to mention a couple, Nike aka Goose who stepped up and covered in goal for most of the season, our MVP Simon Lind who always kept the opposition guessing and scored some great goals and to Wazza and GP for leading the team with great energy, thanks everyone for a job well done.

Once again we thank the efforts and support we received from the club and personally a big thanks to all the guys for another great winter of hockey.

Here's looking forward to 2014. Cheers - Muzza

## Women's Club Captain's Report - Helen Scott

If I had to pick an overall theme for the women's side of the club I would say that it has been a huge rebuilding year.

This year saw the introduction of an extra team on the women's side of the competition for Carlton Redcliffs with women's teams at CPL, Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 level. With the introduction of the new 'squad' rules in Canterbury Hockey allowing certain players to play up and down in teams we were able to take full advantage of having a big squad at the higher levels.

The CPL women had a tough year with a number of changes to the team but managed to finish off the season on a high note with some excellent hockey being played to close out the season. A highlight of the season was the chance for some school aged players to get a chance to play up in CPL. This was a big step up for them but their dedication and commitment to the team was impressive.

For the Division 1 team it was great to have them back in the Division 1 after a gap the previous year. While, like the CPL team, the Division 1 players may not have had the results they wanted on paper this year has been a success for them as they also welcomed a number of younger players into their team which is great to see.

The Division 2 team again was going through a rebuild phase. The team retained a number of their core players and also gained a number of fresh faces which brought a good balance of wisdom and experience and young enthusiastic players.

The Division 3 team also had a young team this year with a number of players making the move up from Youth to Division 3. After a tough few rounds in Division 3 the team was regarded to Division 4 where the team enjoyed a number of good results to round out the season. Special recognition goes to this team for keeping their heads up after facing a tough start to the season when it would have been easily to give up and admit defeat. This team should be proud of themselves for remaining positive and continuing to play with the Reddos positivity and spirit we all like to see on the field.

The MWO Red and White teams always have a lot of fun during the season and this year was no exception! Both teams looked to recruit new players for various reasons and it is good to see that a nice mix of previous Reddos player took up their sticks again as well as new players joining the club. It will be great to see all those players back next year (hopefully!) so that both teams can build on what they have achieved this year.

While this year was a rebuilding year for the women's side of the club and therefore subject, at times, to stresses and strains relating to that, its is heartening to see how well each team has coped with these changes. Credit for this goes to each and every player who continued to commit to the team and play with enthusiasm and positivity and not take the easy option out.

I want to say a HUGE thank you to all the coaches and managers, as a player/manager I know how much time and energy is invested in each team and all of you give that to your respective teams for the love of the game. The women's side of the club truly would not have come through this season in such good shape without the fantastic support of all of you.

I am very excited to see what next year holds. The ground work for the rebuild has been laid this year so there are some exciting opportunities to see the teams develop and grow further next year. We have a great lot of coaches lined up which is great to see and means we can kick off 2014 right at the outset.

Thanks also goes to the Club committee. There is a huge amount of work put in behind the scenes, a lot of which most people aren't aware of. The reality is that we wouldn't have a club or teams to play in without all the time and effort of the various committee members. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you for your continued dedication and loyalty to the Club.

Lastly, have great summer everyone. Enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing everyone again ready to go next season.

## **Premier Women – Helen Scott (manager)**

It was definitely a rebuilding year for the CPL women with having a number of senior players retiring leaving the way for a new look young team!

This year we had a number of school age players in the team (with Emma Alderton being the youngest at 15) who were having their first experiences at CPL level hockey. It was great to have their enthusiasm and dedication in the team and I was extremely impressed with how well the younger players integrated with "old heads" and gave 110% at all times especially given their already heavy school and hockey workloads.

We lost Erin Smyth halfway through the season as she left to do her OE in the UK and travel the world. Erin is a fantastic player and leader on the field and her loss was felt by the whole team in a number of ways. It is good to hear that she's still playing hockey in London though!

Unfortunately with it being a rebuilding year the results didn't go the way we hoped they would. The championship round was a tough battle and the team struggled to play consistent hockey against the various teams. By the time we hit Porritt Cup the team had settled and it was great to get some good wins under our belt and it was a fantastic way to finish the season.

It was great to have people fill in for us along the way, special mention to Krystal Scott who filled in for us while in the early stages of her pregnancy so full credit to her for helping out both on the field and on the side-line!

A special thank you to Sally Moorfield for stepping into the coaching role part way through the season. The team very much appreciated you giving up your time to step in and help us finish the season on a high note.

Last but most definitely not least; thank you very much to those players who played up in the CPL team from Division 1. We definitely couldn't have completed the season without you and the team was extremely grateful for all the hard work and commitment you showed, which sometimes meant you were training several nights a week and playing two games a weekend. Big effort so well done!

A big thank you to the team for digging in and committing to what was a bit of a tough year. I have been very proud of you all for continuing to work hard and demonstrate what it means to be a Reddos player. Next year is going to be an exciting chance to build on the progress made this year and really use this opportunity to get the Reddos CPL women back up in the top 3 spot which is definitely where we want to be.

Have a great summer, relax and enjoy the time off and I look forward to seeing everyone ready to go early next year!

## Women's Division 1 – Lee Munt (Coach)

If we were to measure the success of a season and a team's performance solely on results them I guess we would have to say that in the case of this team it was an a failure, however from my perspective this was not the case.

Playing back in the Division 1 competition for the first time in several seasons brought a whole new dimension to the players, many of whom had never experienced this level of competition before and those that had quickly realised that skills and fitness are a prerequisite to be competing at this level.

This year's team was a good mix of Senior players who had experienced play at CPL level and a whole new bunch of players that are still enjoying the wonders of being at school.

My involvement with this group did not start until mid season and working in conjunction with Pat Barwick we endeavoured to improve the basic skills and at the same time get these players to understand the concept of maintaining possession and playing as a team.

As I have said above just measuring a team's performance based on results can give a false impression of the improvement in all aspects of play which these players made and in fact towards the end of the season this team put all the top teams under immense pressure.

I was totally impressed with the way in which the team bonded; this aspect is so important in melding a team into a competitive unit and along with a number of the Division 2 girls helping out from time to time and training together made this an easy team to coach.

Special thanks to the girls from Methven (and their Parents) for making it to training and the games - your improvement over the season was commendable and I hope we see you back again next season. Once again thanks to Becs Murphy for her leadership and assistance with coaching, I'm sure that girls feed off your take no prisoners attitude. To LuLu many thanks for your wonderful management of the team, keeping us informed and up to speed with newsletter emails was most appreciated.

Lastly to Pat Barwick many many thanks, I dropped you in it big time at the beginning of the season with my withdrawal and you soldiered on coaching both teams doing a fantastic job, I enjoyed the opportunity to work with you and hope that between us we did impart some knowledge which will be of benefit to these players going forward.

I would like to thank all the girls for their acceptance of myself as coach, a stranger to most but hopefully they all learnt something and I certainly enjoyed your company on and off the field.

Have a great summer, enjoy life to the full and hopefully we can have another crack at this hockey thing again next year.

Cheers Lee Munt Coach

#### Women's Division 2 - Pat Barwick (Coach)

This team was one that made great progress though the season and on the whole this came from a steady commitment by a hard core of players who enjoyed training and turned up regularly to practice their skills and play the games. This great commitment to games is not always seen in this grade, so this was pleasing and hopefully we can build on this next year as we all enjoy winning those hard fought close ones! The team had a good balance of young and experienced players and we did gain some benefit early on from being able to use some of the Division One players until their final selections were made and they needed to stay up. We especially thank Megan Fitzgerald for her commitment in playing two games each week in the goal for a number of Sundays when she could.... and also thank the Methven trio for their commitment to travel that allowed them all to play in the two teams as required - certainly was valuable for all us and you too I think. We thank Susie for joining us in the goal until she was unable to play late in the season through ill health ... certainly helped us out.

The team trained a lot with the Division One team and this also benefited both teams as they pushed each other in small games and drills ... perhaps this meant we did not spend enough time on the set pieces and take advantage of some good hitting ability at the top of the circle albeit that we did score a few Penalty Corners later in the season. What I enjoyed most as coach was the positive happy attitude of the team and the development of how they played the game on the field - passing improved hugely and therefore our ball retention was much higher as the season progressed and we were able to build effective attacking moments in the games. We had some of our best games in the second round with the top teams, and finished the round with a win and a draw against teams we had lost to in the first round so looks good for next season.

Our most Valuable Player was Sarah Lee, whose total commitment on the field was an inspiration and she was always encouraging and supportive, and our Most Improved Player was Kendall Holland who came to us from down south and continued to make great progress and was selected into the Canterbury U18 National Tournament Team. Well done team!

## Women's Division 3 - John Steeds (Coach)

After three pre-season trials at Nunweek Park, I settled on a squad of 14 which retained 4 members of last year's Division 6 team, brought in 8 girls from last year's Carlton-Redcliffs youth side, and included 2 new players to the club - Jen Auckram and Courtenay Bradley. Hence the squad was quite young for open grade hockey but with the experience of Jen and Kim Morton in the mix.

The season started with three grading games, the results of which were used to form Division 3 and Division 4 from the pool of 13 teams. We were thumped 11 - nil by a very strong Rangiora side but also recorded 2 wins, 2 - nil and 4 - 1. The outcome of this was that we ended up in Division 3 with Rangiora and the 2 teams we had beaten were in Division 4, a situation I felt set us up for a difficult season against several  $3^{rd}$  or higher ranked teams within their clubs whereas we were the  $4^{th}$  ranked women's team in the Carlton-Redcliffs club. I tried unsuccessfully to get us re-graded down to Division 4 but this was not possible so we discussed the situation and decided that the only option was to "dig in" and do the best we could in Division 3 and hopefully take something from the experience. Not surprisingly we suffered a sustained string of defeats, some large and some by slender margins. To the credit of every team member, there was no despondency or loss of motivation, the team just stuck at the task of individual improvement and worked on overall team performance. Over the course of 2 rounds, we often narrowed the gap from the previous encounter but could not quite snatch a competition point until we drew 2 all with University in the last game of round 2. At this point, Canterbury Hockey offered us the chance to finish the season in Division 4, which we accepted and finished the season with a couple of 6 – 1 wins.

The Most Valuable Player for the season is Courtenay Bradley who was also selected for a Canterbury Under 18 development squad along with team-mate Kendra Black. Courtenay gave us real pace and "go forward" up front at centre forward as well as being an effective finisher in the circle despite a frequent lack of territory and possession. Team captain was Bella Hutchison who filled the pivotal centre half position. Bella is a very good passer of the ball and she used this well to feed our forwards from the mid-field, she defended stoutly, and motivated her team-mates with her commitment and work-rate.

Finally my thanks to the club members who filled in so willingly when we were short on numbers, usually during the school holidays. Carolyn Davies, Katrina Curtis, Debbie Choi and Sophie Dickison all played at least 3 games for us.

John Steeds

#### Midweek Open Red – Katrina Curtis (manager)

It was a truly awesome year for the Women's Mid Week Red team this season. With only a handful of steadfast returnees, (with last year's second to last place finish) it was a time of head hunting and recruiting. We found those who needed to dust off old hockey sticks and those who were just learning the rules (as well as Kiwi English!) and out of it came an eclectic mix of girls who just wanted to have some good old fashion fun on the hockey field!

In the round robin there were a couple of losses, the odd draw but there were some winning streaks that lasted for three games on the trot and moral was high. It was a devastating day when Imogen Prosser had to leave the team due to work commitments, but luckily Jessie Gemmell stepped up and Becs Saunders graced us with her skills for the last few games of the season! The end result was a solid finishing of 7th on the table!

This result was a reflection of a team that always went out there and played fair and positively and every girl showed an absolute commitment to the side over the season to put us in this place. The MIP player was an extremely tough choice with so many girls improving vastly this season! But one of those girls just continued to shine and played out of her skin almost scoring the last goal of the season - was Fiona Campbell. The MVP this year (also hotly contested and voted on!) goes to Liz Tayler, for playing every single game of the season, running nearly 10km every game and being a cool headed and skilled player for 70mins of every game!

Lastly, thanks to Sam our captain and Maps our 'sometimes coach' and full credit to every player of this team - it was a pleasure to play with every single one of you!

## Midweek Open White - Marian Crookbain

Hockey 2013 - Winter....

What can I say. After last year spending most of the season at the top of the table, this year we sat around midway. After the cut into two divisions, we spent most of the time in the top two or three of the second division.

The performance of the team may have slipped a little, but the team spirit will never.

We were plagued by injuries, (most occurring on the field) and lost a few vital players early in the season.

Mid-week open has changed since I first started playing back when Noah still owned the Arc. Then it was an older, but skilled grade. Today, the teams are much younger (and that is not because I am older), and the competition is varied. With this in mind, we felt it was time to introduce younger players to the team, and help the team move to the next stage.

We welcomed a lot of new players, and thankfully most of them were young (actually they all were). We spent the season re-building, and there were times when I thought we actually were getting it together, even beating some of the top teams, just not often enough.

Fortunately we excel when we get to the Harewood Tavern.

We are looking forward to the next few years, as some of what we started to achieve should show in the years to come.

# Masters Hockey - Greg Pierce

This season the Masters side often struggled for numbers but ended up a commendable 4th out of 12 teams in the competition. This was a fair reflection on the composition of the team who reformed admirably in the face of opposition with many younger "masters". At times the team had to play with only 9 or 10 players for entire games, but good skills tended to allow the side to still be competitive.

It would be great if more of 35+ Carlton Redcliff's younger masters could come and join us. The grade still draws out your competitiveness and the hockey often reaches a good standard. It's not a bad way to spend a Thursday evening.

# Junior Club Captain's Report - Ian Dalley

The year got off to a good start with the early selection after trials for both the girls and boys 11-aside teams in February and March. Both teams had coaches ready to go from the start and the majority of players returning. In fact there were enough players for two 11 aside teams but only the boys were allowed to submit a 2nd team.

Once the 11 aside teams were the selectors went on to select the Super 8 teams (2 for the girls) and sort out the rest of the teams. This was all completed before the competition started but was a huge job due to the impressive increase in player numbers across the Junior club (3 new teams to bring the total to 12).

The problem of having no turf in our wider catchment area for practices was largely solved this year with the new turf at Shirley Boys becoming available at favourable time slots for the club. Later in the season a small turf at Mt Pleasant School became available which will mean our 8 aside teams (below Super 8) will have somewhere close to practice. Thanks to Caleb Ballin for driving this project at the school.

Once again I admire the commitment and loyalty of our parent and player community. We still have to travel from as far as Sumner all the way to Burnside often during peak traffic times, for practices and games.

Our Junior committee met only informally but I am grateful for the coaches and managers of each team who kept the team communication going through the season. Next season we plan to spread the load more between the different age group teams.

#### **Team Coaches/ Managers:**

Premier Girls: James Cowles (Coaches), Tim Chiswell (Manager)

Premier (Red) Boys: Matt Walcott and Josh Kumbaroff (Coaches), Ian Dalley (Manager)

11 aside Boys (Black): Josh Knight (Coach), Desiree Aarts (Manager)

Super 8 Girls (Red): Rob McGregor (Coach), Paul Stephenson (Manager)

Super 8 Girls (Black): Rob McGregor (Coach)

Super 8 Boys: Hayden Chapman and Graeme Teague (Coaches), Sandra McKernon (Manager)

Intermediate 8 Girls:Caleb Ballin (Coach), Jeremy Orczy (Manager)Intermediate 8 Boys:Mike Bamford and Michelle McSoriley (Coaches)Junior 8 Girls:Tully Hately (Coach), Josh Hately (Manager)Junior 8 Boys:Hugh Williams (Coach), Chelle Burns (Manager)

Mini's (Red) Katherine Pearce (Coach)
Mini's (Black) Andrew Hawkes (Coach)

# **Team Reports:**

#### **Premier Girls**

This season we managed promotion to the very competitive Division 1, 11 aside Girls Competition as the 5th ranked side. It was always going to be a massive challenge for the girls and early on struggled against the top 3 sides in this competition. However we were well in the hunt with the lower 3 teams, and more competitive against the top 3 sides as the season progressed and eventually finished 5th in this grade.

The result, even though we had some higher aspirations was fair given that we struggled all seasons with some serious injuries to key players and actually never managed once in the season to field all of our 14 person squad.

Some positives for the team was the improvement many of the girls made during the season along with the naming of 6 girls for Canterbury trials and the selection of both Sophie Dickison and Anoushka Chiswell for the Canterbury Primary B Team . Also to be noted was the step up of our goal keeper Lara Chiswell who is only a year 5 and also the Super 8 Girls, Bella , Hannah and Rose who constantly filled the gap to cover our injured players .( a big step up from Super 8 To Division. 1 , 11 aside) but I'm sure they will be all the better for it come 2014 .

This Season the Amanda Hooper Trophy, awarded mid-season for the player who displays, attitude, commitment and gives 100% to the team every week went deservedly to Anoushka Chiswell. End of season Awards for the Most Improved Player was shared by Sara Cody-Mandell and Cara Donaldson and our Most Valuable Player was awarded to Anoushka Chiswell

A special mention also to our Team Manager - Tim, who put in a massive effort this season.

Bring on 2014 !!! Jimmy Cowles - Coach

#### **Premier Boys - Red**

Josh Kumbarof and Matt Walcott were back as coaches together with a strong group of year 8 players from last year's team. The team was also augmented by several promising year 6 and 7 players from the 8 aside teams. Having made top 8 in 2012 we aimed to be in the top 3 teams in 2013. Results were exceptional for this team which finished runner-up in the main competition and won the minor championship final 3-2 against unbeaten Harewood on the last day of the season. Overall the team had a great season with 11 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses and 54 goals scored.

This group also included an unprecedented (in recent times) number of Canterbury rep players (see below). Thanks to Jan Harrison and John Shaw who also assisted with the team during the season.

#### **Premier Boys - Black**

By contrast the 2nd 11 aside team struggled in the early games in the bottom 8 competitions. However this group developed well during the season, ably coached by Josh Knight (an U18 Canterbury rep player). He developed a number of "new to hockey boys" and included a steady stream of our promising Super 8 boys throughout the season. Several of this team trialled for Canterbury development team spots, and during the 2nd half of the season recorded 2 hard fought draws.

#### **Super 8 Girls**

Rob McGregor coached both the Super 8 girls team - the best of which won the top section and were worthy of being included in the 11 aside grade if they had been allowed to. The 2nd Black team were also competitive in their section finishing very close to the top. The development of the girls in these teams was exemplary. Rob is a much admired coach (by other coaches and players) for the way his teams play positive attractive hockey. Two girls ended up in Canterbury development teams with a number more trialling for spots.

#### **Super 8 Boys**

Coached by SBHS student Hayden Chapman and assisted by Graeme Teague. This team contained a large squad from the 2012 Intermediate 8 team and some players new to hockey. The season started well with a 2nd place in the grading rounds however wins in the main competition were hard to come by. But the last round in a lower section proved that the team could play well and they finished at the top. This was in large part due to the enthusiastic coaching given which has built a good base of year 6 and 7 boys who can move up to 11 aside level in 2014.

#### Other teams:

A number of new teams and coaches joined the club in the lower 8 aside sections. Caleb Ballin took over the Intermediate 8 girls team and Tully Hately (a new to hockey coach) the Junior 8 girls. Both teams developed well over the season and have built a strong base for next year. Katherine Pierce and Andrew Hawkes also started with 20 odd Mini players spread across 2 teams which was a huge increase on previous years.

On the boys side the 2012 combined J8 team became fully integrated with the club in the Intermediate 8 grade which they won. A new J8 team where we combined with St Michaels also finished the year winning their section and moving up a section for the final 5 weeks. This team was ably coached by Hugh Williams from St Michaels.

The season finished with a very enjoyable BBQ and Prize Giving held at Mt Pleasant School, which was well supported by the parents and children. Thanks to Rob McGregor, Ele England and Pat Barwick for helping with the Junior club throughout and supporting me as Junior club captain. Ian Dalley

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Thanks for a great season – see you next year.