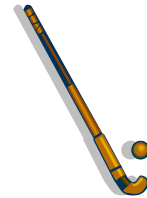




Carlton Redcliffs Hockey Club
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Annual Report

November 2015

To be presented at the

Carlton/Redcliffs Hockey Club AGM

At the Speight's Ale House - Ferrymead

29 November 2015

5.00pm

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of 2014 AGM Minutes
3. Presentation and adoption of Annual Report and Accounts
4. Election of Officers
5. General Business

Office Bearers for 2015

Patrons	Monica Munt
President	Pat Barwick
Vice Presidents	John Steeds, Bev Savage, Jeremy Symonds
Men's Club Captain	George Enersen
Women's Club Captain	Sarah Byers
Junior Club Captain	Ian Dalley
Secretary	Ele England
Treasurer	Paula Burgess
Coaching Coordinator	Lee Munt
Committee Members	Helen Scott, Rob McGregor, Adrian Bradley

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) dec	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

2015 REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Canterbury and National Representatives 2015

NZ Black Sticks

George Enersen

Gemma Flynn

Nick Haig (guest club player)

NZ Development Squad Men

Willie Davidson

NZ Futures Squad

Charlotte Symes

Bridget Kiddle

Kirsty Nation

NZ U20 Men

Dominic Newman

NZ President's Eleven

Kate Chapman (women)

Vaughan England (men)

NZ Senior Maori

Kate Chapman (women)

Vaughan England (men)

NZ Maori U21 Men

Vaughan England

Canterbury Cats NHL Team 2015

Georgie Blackwood

Jacqui Moorfield

Charlotte Symes

Bridget Kiddle

Kirsty Nation

Southern

Anna Radanovich

Canterbury Cavaliers NHL Team 2015

Willy Davidson

Tom Mouldey

Nick Haig (player of origin)

George Enersen

Dominic Newman

Senior Men's Team (Beavers)

Vaughan England

Chris Goldsbury

Senior Women's Team (Barracudas)

Kate Willis

Leila Nicholson

Sally Moorfield (Coach)

Canterbury Under 21 Regional Men

Silas Dalley

Vaughan England

Dominic Newman

Canterbury Under 21 Regional Women

Bridget Kiddle

Kirsty Nation

Anna Radonovich

Charlotte Symes

Bella van Woerkman

Kate Willis

Southern U21 Women

Kendall Holland

U21 Barbarian Team

Julia Chamberlain

Ruby Hauschild

Canterbury Regional U18 Men 2015

Silas Dalley

Alistair Harvey

Christian Wood

Josh Kumbaroff (co coach)

Matt Walcott (co coach)

Canterbury Regional Under 18 Women

Kendall Holland

Margot Willis

Canterbury Association U18 Men

Chris Ryan (coach)

Canterbury U15A Boys Team:

Lars Dalley

William Duston

Mitchell Davis

Nick Lidstone

Liam Sharp

Shaun Graveston (umpire)

Canterbury U15B Boys Team:

Sam Armitage

Regan Black

George Pierce

Oscar Storey

Greg Pierce (Assistant Coach)

Canterbury U15B Girls Team:

Anoushka Chiswell

Pippa McKinnel

Canterbury Primary A Boys (Hatch)

Liam Adams

Henry Crump

Canterbury Primary B Boys

Oscar Parker

Ashan Patel

Canterbury Development Boys

Max Hill-Cattermole

Harry Withers

Development Training Squad

Benjamin Forgie

James Griffin

Flynn Hunter

Canterbury Primary A Girls (Collier)

Bella Stephenson

Francesca Williamson

Canterbury Primary B Girls

Rose Stephenson

Tanyia Legge (Assistant Coach)

New Zealand and Canterbury Masters

Lee Munt Coach NZ 45 Men for Trans-Tasman Series and World's;
Coach Women's 45's for Canterbury – Gold Medal winners.

Trophy Awards for 2015 Season

Rodney Hefford Memorial Cup	Chris Goldsbury
Peter Prutton Cup	Ian Dalley
Audrey Timlin Memorial Cup	Sarah Byers
Monica Munt Trophy	Rebecca Scully
Pamela Thompson Cup	Keeley Legge
Senior Coach – John Schoeman Trophy	Sally Moorfield and Shirley Haig
Junior Coach – David Cox Trophy	Rebecca Scully and Tanyia Legge
Amanda Hooper Memorial Cup	George Enersen

Senior Most Valuable and Most Improved Player Awards

TEAM	MVP	MIP
Youth Boys	Zac Powell	Oliver Lewis
MWO Men	Nigel Farmer	Ethan Stewart
Division 3 Men	Nick Lidstone	Vaughan Bamford
Division 1 Men	Mike Edwards	Blake Shirley
CPL Men	Simon Munt	
MWO Red	Debbie Choie	Fiona Campbell
MWO White	Trudy Baker	Christina Freeman
Division 2 Women	Frances Neeson	Shayna Black
Division 1 Women	Aisling O'Shea	Claire Ruru
CPL Women	Jacqui Moorfield	

Junior Awards:

Amanda Hooper Memorial Trophy:
Lee Munt Trophy:

Francesca Williamson
Henry Crump

	MVP	MIP
Premier Boys (Red Dogs)	Liam Adams	Max Hill-Cattermole
Premier Girls	Hannah Cowles/ Maeve Legge	Mila Ballin
Girls KwikSticks (Black)	Matilda Sellier	Grace May
Girls KwikSticks (Red)	Keke Mote	Gracie Bromhall
Boys KwikSticks (Black)	Riley Harrison	Magnus Nunnick
Boys Kiwi Sticks (Pirates)	Benji Forgie	Ben Isles
Boys Kiwi Sticks (Seahawks)	Harry Withers	Charlie Wise
Boys Kiwi Sticks (Rockets)	Nate Ovendale	Louis van der Bent
Girls Kiwi Sticks (Rocky Sticks)	Polly Cross	Bridie Blundell
Girls Kiwi Sticks (Penguins)	Eliza Anderson	Isla Joyce
Girls Kiwi Sticks (Sharks)	Mila Hastie	Ashlee Wright/ Grace Hately
Girls MiniSticks (Stingrays)	Neve Ballin	Tessa Durkin/ Holly Smith
Girls MiniSticks (Mermaids)	Samantha Shaw	Courtney Iliffe
Girls MiniSticks (Red Sticks)	Anwen Merchant- Williams	Lotta Bennett
Girls MiniSticks (Dolphins)	Helena Mclaughlin	Juliet Freeman
Boys MiniSticks (Waves)	Callum Gard	Thomas Wright
Boys MiniSticks (Breakers)	Fynn Harrington	Lachie Earl/Carter Jones

Canterbury Hockey Award Winners 2015

2015 TEAM PLACINGS ~ SENIOR

CPL WOMEN

Winners South Island Super 6
2nd CPL Championship
2nd Porritt Cup
3rd CPL Round Robin

CPL MEN

Porritt Cup Winner

MAIN CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER

Division One Men

CHA SENIOR AWARD WINNERS

RALPH VAN YSSELSTEYN TROPHY – MEN’S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Nicholas Haig

CHA PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS

PRIMARY GIRLS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Francesca Williamson

PRIMARY A BOYS - MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Henry Crump

PRIMARY B BOYS - MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Eshaan Patel

PRIMARY DEVELOPMENT BOYS - MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Max Hill-Cattermole

President's Report – Pat Barwick

Good results in both senior and junior areas of the club helped us to enjoy another solid season of club hockey. Nearly all teams appeared to have good numbers that made it easier to run them and we have been maintaining the membership and building slightly again. The good results in the CPL women's grade and the usual steady run from the CPL men saw both teams feature in playoffs and the women made it to the final with HSOB/Burnside where they were just beyond us on the day. The quality and style of hockey played by both teams was very good and again we had a number of players in the NHL teams. We were delighted that Gemma Flynn (Blackstick) chose to join our women for a couple of games in the round when she was in Christchurch and she certainly brought a special dynamic to the training and matches. This was a great learning opportunity for our young team. Our men's Division One team also had a good season this year with a consistent and capable team group who took out the final after some hard fought games in the rounds. The junior boys and girls both performed very well and a good number of young players were again selected into representative teams and enjoyed that learning experience. All results and representatives appear later in the report.

Other than Premier, most of our trainings take place at Shirley Boys HS now and it is a great connection for the club and the school. Players and coaches' work together to benefit the teams both in open and youth grades and the numbers playing hockey are steadily growing at the high school and in the local junior schools as well. We are very fortunate to have such a great group of experienced and new hockey playing parents who are helping out with junior teams. A number of the parents have played a good level of hockey and can pass on very good coaching to our players and those that are newer are learning fast and doing a great job helping others.

We benefit from the small turfs at two junior schools now and this makes a huge difference to the access for training and recruitment. A new group of FunSticks players was started at Sumner school and very quickly grew to 20 plus players on many days – thanks to Fleur Allinson for her great commitment to this programme. The new Hockey NZ junior programme of 6 aside games very quickly became accepted and parents recognised that it gave players more time on the ball and skills generally developed quite quickly because of this. The club had more teams to run of course but the parents that stepped up to cater for the demand were outstanding and every team had one or two coaches after a couple of weeks. Ian Dalley (Junior Co-Ordinator) somehow managed to find enough uniforms and equipment for them all and even enough names for the teams too. Again he did an outstanding job in this area of the club, and he will say he can only do that with the help of many others – thank you all. It is so important that the young players have a good balance of learning and fun!

Thank you too, 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 voluntary efforts. We are fortunate to have such great people involved.

Congratulations to all those players who made Canterbury 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 George Enerson, and Gemma Flynn – we congratulate them. Nicholas was also awarded the Canterbury Hockey Player of the year.

Better structures for registrations and fee payments this year made a considerable difference getting most subs in and the improved website and newsletter kept members well informed. There will be further "rules" applied next season to again make sure that fees are paid and that everyone has an equal playing field from early in the season, so that we can ensure that the club remains financially healthy whilst still being able to provide well for our members. We were very pleased with the update of uniforms for a number of the senior teams, and will be looking to improve uniforms for more teams over the next season or two.

Thank you to all of the committee who have completed a busy year and I want to especially thank Ele England once again for her continued hard work, time and effort as Secretary. Paula Burgess willingly stepped up to be our new Treasurer, taking over from Shashil Govind who also stepped up to assist in getting the financials ready for audit at the end of last season. Paula had a busy year managing the books, Women's Club Captain Sarah Byers, and George Enersen as Men's Club Captain were able to keep a watchful eye on the club teams and umpiring duties, the website up to date, and both worked hard in getting the new sets of uniforms organised and out to the teams for beginning of the season. To you all - a very big thanks.

A very good turn out again for the end of year function at the Speights Ferry Ale House and well supported by them, saw nearly all open grade teams represented and there were some good stories and tales told by coaches as they made their awards to their teams - I congratulate all the special trophy winners too.

The junior group had their final afternoon BBQ celebrations and prize giving at Mt Pleasant School again with the Bouncy Castle featuring strongly as well as many crowded games on the wee turf. What an asset that is for the school and for us. There was also a mid-season social evening for juniors at Winnie Bagoes in Ferrymead and the Amanda Hooper memorial award was presented to Francesca Williamson from the Junior 11's. Winnie Bagoes continue to give strong support to the junior club.

The CHA Awards Dinner was attended by a small group representing the club and another good evening was enjoyed. Another club activity through the season saw us fundraising by managing the Transition area of the Weetbix Kids Triathlon in March where 40 members turned up to assist and we are booked in to do it again in 2016.

The committee will continue to build on some of the changes made during 2015 and we certainly need to continue to look at ways to reduce the cost for our players whilst still providing what our members want. We are looking at the current strategic plan and updating this for the next 3 years, and the club will be looking to take up the NZ Hockey programme of Fun and Small Sticks again and hopefully have enough resource to work in at least two more junior schools. We are also keen to promote a team to cater for the increased number of Year 9 and 10 players in the girls youth area to be able to play together as the boys do in their own age group and enjoy some real success.

We did not manage enough support in the coach and umpire education areas early this season as intended and this is a must do for the start of 2016. Finding and supporting good coaches for our open grades is also an important task as many of our current hard working coaches have been doing this for a long time and we hope that a stronger education plan will help to bring new and capable coaches through with the players.

We are keen to support anyone who puts their hand up to help, by assisting them through a learning period - as an assistant coach for a season working with one of our many very capable senior coaches - what better way to learn and gain confidence! This equally applies to anyone who may enjoy umpiring as well of course.

We look forward to seeing everyone return to enjoy playing together again in 2016, and having an ongoing great experience with the game we all love! We will always welcome your friends and new members.

Treasurer's Report – Paula Burgess

We have had a successful season financially. The subs were increased at the beginning of the season and although our funds are down from the beginning of the year we have done no fundraising during the season and have still managed to stay financial.

During the 2015 season the online payment system has been utilised successfully.

The challenge for 2016 and beyond is for the club to set clear financial targets and most importantly take every opportunity to fundraise.

Looking forward we need to encourage members to pay their fees far earlier in the season and we need to be more proactive in chasing any unpaid fees.

We also need to have a formal outline for those who are not required to pay a sub for example those coaching and clear guidelines regarding injuries etc.

Men's Club Captain Report – George Enersen

Twelve months ago, the men's side of the club faced a declining number of players in Division 1 and below. I also stated that coaching resources for 2015 were going to largely determine the success and sustainability for men's hockey in the Club moving forward. To an extent this was a reality, yet a reality that was addressed in a positive way.

A Division 1 men's team full of talent but lack of results in the 2013/2014 seasons saw the need for a committed coach to lead the side and develop and foster the younger talent coming through the club. Making this a priority for the 2015 season, we secured the invaluable services of Lee Munt to take the reins. Another key outcome was to ensure a consistent number of players were regularly turning out for training and games to build continuity.

The outcome was simple; results and positive results at that. The side had consistently good results throughout the season and proved their worth at the business end of the year and won the 2015 title in an emphatic 5 – 1 over Harewood in the final. This was the greatest success on the men's side of the club this season. This team also fostered a number of younger players coming up through the grades either permanently or on a loan basis, while continually providing support players to the CPL team. While at times this was not ideal with up to eight players committing to the CPL team in one game, it allowed on a frequent basis for a number of players to gain CPL playing experience. This is crucial for the future development of our clubs younger players. To those players who took on this challenge it was pleasing to see that no one looked out of place, showing exciting potential in years to come.

Whilst the CPL Men continued their tradition of success by winning the Porritt Cup, they let slip an opportunity for another championship and a 3rd consecutive finals trophy disappeared. Inconsistent numbers due to a range of factors affected the men's CPL team results. Special mention from myself needs to go to Shashil Govind who stepped up to the plate and coached the team whilst under an injury cloud. Knowing that Shashil was still keen on being involved with the team and despite having a broken wrist; it was acknowledged that he could fulfil the coaching position until his injury healed, and he would then become player/coach. A role which is no easy feat. With a part time coach in place, a manager was needed for the first time in probably a decade. Thanks to Julian Newman for keeping the side functional off the field.

It was another stellar year on the representative scene with five selections for the men at various New Zealand Levels and 28 at the Canterbury level. Of note, George Enersen and Nick Haig (club guest player) continued to represent the Men's Blacksticks, both at the Azlan Shah Trophy (Ipoh, Malaysia) where they were crowned champions and the Hockey World League 3 (Argentina). Dominic Newman was selected in the Junior World Cup Squad and is beginning to knock on the door of the Men's squad.

Vaughan England and Chris Goldsbury retained the National Senior title with the Canterbury Men's B team, and Tom Mouldey and Dominic Newman made their debut season in the Canterbury Cavaliers jersey while George Enersen and William Davidson both notched up 50 caps in the Cavaliers jersey.

We were also well represented on the representative coaching scene with four coaches. Thank you all for your efforts; this adds additional resources to the Canterbury Hockey Association but also adds to the clubs own coaching stocks.

Next season presents another exciting year for the men, with player numbers continuing to grow, especially in the younger teams, showing that our club is regarded highly. In the senior side of the club we have some stalwarts returning. We are hopeful that Jeremy Symonds will be returning to the coaching scene for the CPL men, and to retain Lee Munt for the Division 1 side.

Next season I believe a key thing we need to address is the issue of numbers at training, in particular when a large number of our club players are continuing to be successful on the representative stage. This becomes an issue particularly with representative training clashes on Monday nights as the season progresses. Another key target next season will be establishing a strong pre-season training program, which I would like to use as an opportunity to mix younger players with older players to gain experience and further develop their skill set. We hope to have a discussion forum around training structures for 2016, with a focus on integration.

Thank you all for another great season, we look forward to seeing you all back playing in 2016 and aiming to continue challenging your potential.

Premier Men – Shashil Govind (Coach), Julian Newman (Manager)

The 2015 season proved to be a challenging one, in particular player availability due to various reasons. As a result it was an opportunity for younger members of the squad to step up as well as giving guys from the Division One side some exposure to premier hockey.

The season overall could be described as one of two halves. During the first half where we had our full quota of players, we played some exciting hockey and were top of the CPL Championship table for most of the first round. Along the way we had a convincing win in the Porritt Cup final by beating Harewood 5-2, which was our most complete performance of the year.

The second half of the season we lost a number of key players which began to impact on the way we played in the Championship. This was evident where we had some uncharacteristic losses. We were fortunate teams around us were also dropping points which allowed us to finish 3rd overall to qualify for the play offs.

With the disappointment of letting the Championship slip away, the team was determined to finish the year on a high by reclaiming the CPL Finals trophy won the previous year. However, we were unable to front up in the semi-final and were edged out by a more determined Southern United side.

Overall, the season was one of mixed results. With success in the Porritt Cup, the inconsistent performance in the Championship was our downfall. With this acknowledged by the team, it will add as motivation to ensure the 2016 season will be a successful one.

A number of players gained represented honours during the year which recognises the talent within the team and congratulation must be given to the following;

George Enersen was selected for the Black Sticks for the World Hockey League in Argentina and the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup where they finished first. Nick Haig was also part of the Black Sticks during the year. Dom Newman was selected for the Future Blacks Sticks that attended the Volvo Invitational Tournament in the Netherlands and the Junior Black Sticks World Cup squad.

The Canterbury Cavaliers included main stayers George Enersen and Willie Davidson who both achieved the 50 cap milestone during NHL. They were joined by debutants Tom Mouldey and Dom Newman.

Chris Goldsbury and Vaughan England regained their places in the Canterbury Beavers side which were successful in defending their National title.

Dom Newman, Vaughan England and Silas Dalley were a part of the Canterbury Under 21 Men's team, while Silas along with Christian Woods and Alistair Harvey were selected for the Canterbury Regional Under 18 Men's team.

Vaughan England was also included in the New Zealand Maori Team that participated at the Affiliates Tournament earlier in the year.

Special mention must be made to Chris Goldsbury, the recipient of the Rodney Hefford Memorial trophy and MVP Simon Munt. Chris was the most consistent performer during season

and embraced the added responsibility of the captaincy role. Simon's experience was vital to the team on the field, while his input was valuable off it.

A big thank you must be given to first time manager Julian Newman. With him taking over the administrative and logistical duties, it allowed myself to focus on coaching. His enthusiasm for the role made him a real asset to the team with everyone looking forward to him carrying on with the job next season.

And finally from the Manager...

We started the season without a coach. We also knew that we would have a year when core players for the team would be unavailable due to representative commitments, which is the same every season. This season we also knew from the outset that many of our core players were unavailable for the team due to other commitments for example; Tom Mouldey, Surf Life-saving until the end of April, Mark Coleman and Ed Enerson - OE's and Shashil Govind and Willy Davidson through long term injuries. It was in this situation that Shashil took over the role of player and first time coach. I would like us to acknowledge Shashil's commitment to the team and club in doing this.

Men's Division 1 – Lee Munt

TEAM – Alistair Harvey, Mike Edwards, Keeley Legge, Blake Shirley, Chris Greenshields, Dean Munt, Kenny Duncan, Andy Barlow, Mitchell Davis, Will Duston, Liam Sharp, Matt Walcott, Josh Kumbaroff, Jason Hursthouse, Nick Tompkins (Cpt/Manager)

Valuable contributions from – John O'Haire, Lars Daly, Jeremy Symonds, Greg Pierce, George Thomas, and a number of Division2/3 Players

TALE OF THE TAPE – played 18, won 11, lost 5, drew 2, goals for 68, against 27

THE rollercoaster ride of a season started on a high with good numbers of new and older players making a team commitment to train hard and set some goals which would hopefully restore this team back to the lofty heights of seasons past.

Initial trainings were well attended and skill levels and enthusiasm suggested that the goals set could be achieved, however after four rounds the record of three losses and a draw suggested otherwise. A good bit of soul searching and a couple of hard training sessions saw the team win seven consecutive games and get the season back on track.

With the back end of the season coinciding with Varsity and School holidays plus injuries which depleted the available player list, the team had to rely heavily on some of the young Division 3 players to get us through some tough rounds and it would be fair to say that without them and the most welcome assistance from seasoned veterans like Greg Pierce, Jeremy Symonds and John O'Haire we would not have made the playoffs. Confidence was high going into the semi-final match against the top qualifier HSOB and with a comprehensive 4 – 1 victory we achieved our season goal of making the final.

The only team we had not beaten was our opponent in the final, Harewood Red, and after a convincing 5 - 1 win that boggy was also buried.

Whilst the end result was satisfying it would be remiss of me to not make a few comments which I believe affect both Club Hockey, the wellbeing of our talented players and the enjoyment factor for the run of the mill players which the Club rely on so heavily.

With such a diverse range in ages within our CPL and Division1 teams we had the ongoing issue of losing players to representative teams across the whole season. This has a huge effect on our teams' abilities to run meaningful practices with very small numbers and those players that are not involved with rep sides do not get the opportunity to get quality practices. The demands that Rep Coaches make upon our players in regard to trainings, fitness sessions, warmup matches and the like, severely dilute the Club competition. In my opinion the sometimes drawn out trial processes and lengthy build-ups to tournaments are not having the desired effect and results of a good number of rep teams perhaps reflect this. I can't help thinking that maybe our Representative Coaches/Programmes are trying to reinvent the wheel – the best practice and preparation in my opinion is the weekly competitions, school and club.

Congratulations to all CR players who made CHA Rep sides this season but in particular to the Division 1 guys: Wil Duston, Mitch Davis, Liam Sharp, (under 15A), Al Harvey (under 18A)

On a personal note I would like to thank Nick (Biggles) Tompkins for his efforts as our Captain / Manager, a job well done and much appreciated by the team. Also a big thanks to John O'Haire who covered the goalkeeping duties whilst big Al was on secondment to the premier team; to have a player of his experience and ability played a big part in the Team's final result.

Congratulations to Keeley Legge who was the recipient of the top under 15 player within the Club. This criteria for this award is not just player ability but encompasses all aspects of Club and team responsibilities. As far as I can recall Keeley did not miss one practice or game and also undertook umpiring duties regularly.

Congratulations also to Mike Edwards – voted by his peers as the team's most valuable player and Blake Shirley as the Teams most improved player.

Have a great summer everyone and hopefully we will see you all again next season.
Cheers
Lee

Colts – Division 2/3 Men – Vaughan England and Simon England

This year the objective was to build on numbers coming through from our Youth team and develop a new open grade men's team which would hopefully do well in Division 2 or 3. Starting with a big squad of players (all schoolboys) we entered in the Division 2/3 grading and got enough points to make the Division 2 grade. Losing players to the Division 1 team didn't help us and managing a large squad of 18 was challenging. We lost the first three games by big scores but then found our way with two draws and a narrow loss. We were however happy to be regraded into Division 3 halfway through the season. With additional players coming to us we split the squad into two teams forming a new Youth team which trained at the same time. The Youth team were able to call on a number of boys from the 11 aside primary team to make up numbers.

The new Colts team then started to rack up some impressive results mid-season but were found out in the term break with players away on holiday and with sickness; losing a number of games they should have won. The grade was very close and with two weeks to play, five teams could

have won including us. A crucial loss to Malvern in the second to last game meant we couldn't win the grade.

The Colts team contained seven players who made Canterbury U15 teams (another two in the Division 1 team also made U15) and another two who were very close to selection. They are a very talented group who play great hockey. They just missed out at times being out-muscled by adult players and lacked good execution at PC time. The boys enjoyed playing together and being coached by Vaughan and Simon. We were able to hold and attract a group of 20 odd players from a variety of schools which will give the club a lot of playing depth in future, not to mention 4-5 Hatch Cup level boys who kept going to training even after their mandatory number of games they could play-up were completed!

Thanks to Mike Bamford and Greg Pierce for taking the Youth boys on Saturdays and thanks to Simon for stepping up when my own representative commitments prevented me from being there.

Ian Dalley (Manager).

Youth Boys – Mike Bamford and Greg Pierce

This team was created mid-season as the player numbers were too high for the Sunday colts. We had a range of players in this grade from year 7-12. So it was an interesting mix. It was a big step up for the younger boys to play at this level (the look on the Year 7 boys faces when the older ones jumped in the car and drove off after training and games was classic).

The team did really well in changing the way they played against older boys who were often twice their size. It was really pleasing to see the team getting better as the season went on. We also saw great development in the older boys who gave continuous support to the younger players. Even though the score board didn't go our way they never gave up.

Well done to the whole team, it was a pleasure for myself and Greg Pierce to coach them. Thanks to Jan Harrison as manager and also the support from Ian Dalley.

Midweek Open – Greg Pierce

The MWO men had a very good year that would have been great if we had won our last game, the final, against Harewood (again). We had won both of our previous encounters during the season but couldn't win the big one. Earlier in the year we won the Porritt Cup and in the main competition, we had won 11 of our 12 games suffering one loss.

On many occasions we even surprised ourselves with the quality of the hockey we played. As is the nature of the MWO grade, again injuries and player availability was on occasions a drama.... however we had a strong core of players so always managed to get a full team on the field and cope with the changes in personnel.

There were many notable individual performances throughout the season but generally it was a consistent team effort that was our strength. Once again we thank the efforts and support we received from the club and personally a big thanks to all the guys for another enjoyable winter of hockey. Here's looking forward to 2016.

Women's Club Captain's Report – Sarah Byers

Once again, the 2015 season had many successes starting with the outstanding number of eager players who attended the CPL/Division 1 trials. This made for some difficult decisions by the coaches, but it was fantastic to see such a calibre of players early on in the season.

From the trials, the Club took to 2015 with a CPL, Division 1, Division 2 and two mid-week open teams.

The season started on a high for the CPL women with them winning the South Island Super 6 Tournament title. This paved the way for another great season with the team making the CPL final in their second year in a row. While the final result wasn't what the team was after, it was the end to a season filled with great hockey and lasting memories due to the strong team morale and friendships that have developed.

The Division 1 women faced a difficult year due to numerous injuries and travel plans forcing many players out however; this did not deter the team. While they did not finish where they were hoping, the team stepped up and made a great improvement in the quality of their game and maintained a positive team environment.

The Division 2 women faced a challenging season although it was great to hear that the young players in the side confidently stepped up into the senior team with the guidance of the older players. This team is essential to the development of the senior club and it is very important that the Club supports the development of this team.

The Mid week open teams did not always find it easy to field a team on the cold Tuesday evenings but the teams rallied together and ensured both teams had an enjoyable season. With the players pulling together this resulted in some great improvements in their game and hopefully they can draw some more eager players next season which will allow both teams to continue to grow.

The CPL, Division 1 and Division 2 women's teams also started the season with some brand new uniforms which saw the inclusion of the Carlton teal in the CPL alternate strip. It was great to see the team's looking smart and hearing positive feedback from spectators, so I would like to send out a big thank you to The Southern Trust for making this happen.

Overall this year saw some good results and great hockey, along with a season filled with a lot of fun and laughs. It was another successful season and I am excited to see the women's club build on this next year.

Thank you to all of the players who put in a great effort each week playing, training and umpiring.

A particular thank you to all of the coaches and managers who put a lot of time and energy into their teams and the Club over the year. Our club relies on this support and we cannot thank you enough.

A final thank you to the committee members for their hard work, dedication and commitment throughout the year that enables Carlton Redcliffs to continue to be a fantastic Club to be a part of.

Premier Women – Sally Moorfield and Shirley Haig

After an extensive trial process, 19 players were named in the wider CPL (nicknamed the Reddo's Reindeer) team. The plan was for a number of these players to also play in the Division 1 team, however these players for a number of different reasons did not play in the Sunday grade.

Newcomers to the CPL team were Anna Radonovich, Bridget Kiddle, Charlotte Symes, Georgie Blackwood and Bella van Woerkom.

The team played an exciting brand of hockey scoring many great goals. Captains Sarah Byers and Jacqui Moorfield were great leaders for the defence and with Georgie Blackwood and Gemma Flynn in the attack we controlled most matches.

Harewood and HSOB's were our main competitors. Beating Harewood in the semi to make the finals was rewarding after the teams efforts at all trainings and also doing the extra fitness work off the field.

HSOB's were our nemesis all season and going into the 2016 season we would like to get our game to their consistency level.

Off the field the team ran the Run to Remember on the 22 February to honour the memory of Amanda Hooper. We had a fabulous bonding week-end at Waikuku, and continued to support the Speights Bealey Ave after matches.

MVP award to Jacqui Moorfield and the Monica Munt award to Rebecca Scully.

We congratulate all the players who made representative teams: Gemma Flynn, Charlotte Symes, Bridget Kiddle, Kirsty Nation, Jacqui Moorfield, Georgie Blackwood, Anna Radonovich, Kate Chapman, Leila Nicholson, Kate Willis, and Kendall Holland

Many thanks to my co-coach Shirley Haig. Sharing the duties of taking a CPL team is awesome and the team benefits from having two coaches.

Also Helen Scott for being such a good manager and Sarah Byers who organised the purchasing of our new uniforms and also managed the umpiring duties.

Thanks to the Carlton Redcliffs committee for their support.

Women's Division 1 – Pat Barwick (Coach)

There was a year of two halves where at the beginning of the season there were too many players wanting to remain at Division One level and at the halfway point we were almost short through loss of players from injury, travel, and sickness – all up eight players were no longer available to the team at more or less the end of round one. We had good support from three players who played with us from Division 2 and also a couple of late additions.

With the variation of players the team that was just settling in by June had to be rebuilt for the second round and so whilst we played some great hockey at times our goal scoring ability just did not flow easily and we struggled to win games. To cater for the changes I asked a number of players to play in different positions and they did this willingly and generally surprised themselves at how well they could do. Towards the end we had our best results and showed that there is an excellent base to begin again next season. And Greer scored a goal!!

We benefitted from two new players who joined the club during the season – our most valuable player Aisling O'Shea and our goal keeper Sandie Mitchell were outstanding, and we also enjoyed Michelle Knight filling in many games for us throughout the season. We also enjoyed having Bridie back and in the club having been with us as a junior. All the players contributed well and on the whole were regular in attendance and enjoyed their new uniforms. We had a shared captaincy during the season and I thank Caitlin Ruddle especially for most of the responsibility, and would also like to thank Jayne Crawford for her part in looking after the card each week and chasing up uniforms, etc when we needed to as we didn't have an official manager. Jen Rutherford helped with this when she was recovering from her operation.

In the circumstances, the team may have finished only one off the bottom but they had some close losses and were a group that has a balance of younger and older players who related well and supported each other even in the difficult games.

Congratulations to the young ones who played Canterbury U15 B - Anoushka Chiswell and Pippa McKinnel.

There was clearly good development of the group and I look forward to being able to push them along next year in what will hopefully be a more stable season, as this team is an important one to back up the CPL group.

Women's Division 2 – James Cowles (Coach)

Squad: Cara Donaldson, Catlin Bonne, Ella Cowles, Victoria Wadhams, Frances Neeson, Paige Stolzberger, Michaela Kingi, Molly Dougherty, Tayla Ashby, Shayna Black, Trish Fredrickson, Lisa-Maria McLean, Elsa Manning, Liz Reid, Sara Lee and Tracy Righton.

This season we had a good mix of players, both in ability and age. We had eight secondary school players (including 5 x Year 9 player stepping up from our 2014 junior club) and six original players to form our playing squad. With an age range of 14 – 34 years, the team gelled really well with the older girls taking a leadership role in guiding the younger ones to enhance all their youthful energy. They were a great fun team of girls and generally a pleasure to coach. The team struggled in this Division 2 competition against the top three ranked sides but were far more comfortable and competitive when competing against the lower four teams in this division. Our fitness levels let us down in the last quarter of the games on several occasions when we surrendered a lead or a tie with only minutes remaining on the clock, forgoing crucial competition points.

As a team, I think we have been more suited to Division 3 however with only three senior women's teams with in the club, it is absolutely the correct decision to keep them in Division 2. We continued to develop and improved as the season progressed and were far more competitive at the back end of the season and can see some great promise for next season. All of our school girls also played for their respective schools and many with success, with four of them from the winning U18 St Margaret's College team where they excelled against their peers. This highlighted the step up required in skill, pace and fitness when moving from Youth/ School hockey into the competitive Senior Division 2.

As a coach I found it difficult with a number of our players (four) also being selected in the wider Division 1 team and opting to train with them rather than our Division 2 team. This didn't help with our development and team cohesion at training with those four senior players

missing from all trainings, all season. As the season progress this also made it difficult as three of those players were eventually re-graded into Division 1 once they had played their maximum number of games permitted. I understand that the selection process for players is difficult for smaller clubs with player retention also being an issue and some players feeling they are “good enough “ or have the “right“ given they were in the team last season, but feel that they should be selected for one team, and play and train with that team. This doesn’t mean they can’t attend two trainings or be called upon to step up a grade as cover or even be re-graded if required.

In summary although this season wasn’t as successful as we had hoped, given our player pool and the quality of hockey played in this grade, I think we have made great steps with improvement and some personal development targets set by individuals. For many of our young ones this was a big step up into senior division hockey and the experiences of this season will only help with their progress in seasons to come.

Midweek Open Red – Carolyn Davies (Hockey Enthusiast!)

What a season for the ladies in Red. Our mighty leader Katrina rallied us week after week, called for “fill ins” and helpers far and wide and miraculously managed to field a team every Tuesday. It was an unenviable job and we were all delighted someone else was doing it. Katrina left us for a 10 week meditation retreat and soul searching adventure throughout India, Sri Lanka, and even a side trip to the UK.

Although we missed her desperately, we pulled ourselves together for the final stretch of the season. The pitfalls of playing a winter sport is the seasonal sickness that comes with it. We were repeatedly struck by various colds, coughs, flus, shakes, chills, viruses etc. We got knocked down, but we got up again. We finished, not last (13th), but 12th!! A surprising treat that I have only just realised in writing this report.

It has been a real bonding experience between the Red and White Mid-week open teams this season. The white team has helped us out on countless occasions, and we greatly enjoyed them playing with us for our last game for a friendly against Hornby. A victory in club spirit and also for the friendly which we won by several goals. We returned the favour by playing for the White team in their final game and technically finished the season on a high with their win to end the season.

The wonderful women that play in this team have all had fantastic spirit this winter. There have been incredible improvements, pulling together and outstanding plays made. It has been a pleasure to play in such an upbeat, relaxed team where we can truly enjoy playing hockey.

Midweek Open White – Marian Crookbain (author!)

The Carlton White team had a mixed year of wins, near wins, and not wins (don't want to use the L Word). This year we welcomed Kim back to Carlton Redcliffs, and Christina and Fiona to the team. It may have taken us a few weeks too many to find our Groove, but once we did we were Awesome - (or at least we thought so).

The team is in a re-building phase, and with the injection of younger players, I see a bright future. However once again we struggled with numbers each week, and if it wasn't for the help from the other MWO team, and Kim King's ability to find players, I am not sure how we would have managed.

Thanks Kim for looking after us, and thanks to the team for being a great bunch of women who make playing hockey on cold Tuesday nights so much fun.

See you all again next year

Masters Hockey – Greg Pierce

The Men's Masters is for players over the age of 34. The competition that finished in March this year 2015 had 14 teams of mixed aged and ability.

We were able to progress to the top 6 finale... finishing up 3rd or 4th which was an improvement on last year's result.

We had an enjoyable season and competed as fiercely as old(ish) bodies would allow.

Thanks to the guys for a good year – may the body be willing for yet another improvement next year!!

Junior Club Captain's Report – Ian Dalley

The year got off to a good start with the Junior Academy programme now in its 2nd year. This is a pre-season, skills based programme for Year 7 and 8 boys and girls, looking to play 11 aside hockey with many playing for the first time. The five week programme devised by Chris Ryan (SBHS 1st XI coach) involved 30 odd children which led into trials for the 11 aside teams.

The competition was changed significantly in 2015 to align Canterbury with the NZ Hockey program. At Year 6 and below all teams were 6 aside and at Year 7 and 8 the option of playing 6 aside and 11 aside. Given that our club attracts a lot of new to hockey children at year 7 and 8 level, the 6 aside option was an unqualified success – all three teams effectively winning their respective grades – more on that below.

It meant however that we ended with 17 teams (a far cry for seven teams in 2011). The Minis teams were replaced with Funsticks which established a 12 week program for Year 1 and 2 children at Sumner school on Thursday nights which attracted upwards of 30 children co-ordinated ably by Fleur Allinson.

Probably the most pleasing aspect of the season was the selection of a good number of boys and girls in the various Canterbury primary rep teams selected towards the end of the season. This is a reflection on the good coaching programmes and talent identification systems we have put in place over a number of seasons.

PREMIER GIRLS TEAM:

Coached by Rebecca Scully and Tanyia Legge this team recorded possibly the best result (3rd) in the last eight years. The team carried over six players from the 2014 season, with the balance of the team coming up from the 2014 "B" team, 8-aside teams and from outside the club. The main focus for the team was to turn them into a "Star Team" and not a team of stars. After what was a rocky start in the first round of the competition the girls steadily improved their skills, fitness and understanding of their positions and the structure around the game and were a STAR TEAM.

New shirts were presented to the girls by the some of the CPL team prior to the first match up against Marist for the season which resulted in a 4-0 win, another highlight for the team with perhaps one of their best games of the season (along with a 1-0 loss to HSOB/Burnside who won the competition) – the inspirational words from the CPL girls had a great impact on the girls that day!

PREMIER BOYS TEAM ("RED DOGS")

With Matt and Josh calling it a day after four seasons we were lucky to get two senior members of the Shirley Boys 1st XI to coach – Christian Wood and Silas Dalley (also CPL players) the 11 aside boys. With some key members of the 2014 team returning and an influx of five boys from St Marks, the team quickly played above its 2014 ranking and made the top six eventually getting fourth, but competitive with every team. The highlight for the coaching staff was two hard fought draws with Harewood - our traditional rivals!

KWIKSTICKS YEAR 7 AND 8 TEAMS:

Fergus Watts (CPL player) stepped in and took over the coaching of the boys who didn't make the 11 aside team. Most of these boys were new to hockey. Fergus quickly got them going and winning. There were unbeaten all season – the Year 7 boys will be ready for higher honours and in fact a number trialled for Development teams later in the season such was their improvement. Fergus proved to be a hit with the parents too and received the highest positive feedback of any of our coaches.

Rob McGregor coached what ended up being two 6 aside girls' teams due to a sudden influx of girls from other clubs or new to hockey. As has been the case over the last few years – Rob can basically turn any group of girls into champions in the space of a season. He was ably assisted by Ella Cowles.

The main growth in the junior teams in the club was at Year 5 and 6 where there were three boys and three girls teams where they was perhaps only two in previous years. This caused some difficulties for the club as we needed to kit out each team with goalie gear and with coaches. Thankfully several parents stepped up to augment our established coaches. On the boys side we fielded three strong teams – with the Seahawks playing in the tough top division and the Pirates and Rockets coming out on top in Division 3. The Pirates and Seahawks (who trained together) were fortunate have Tara Wingfield join Lars and Keeley in making a very effective coaching unit.

At Year 3 and 4 level we also experienced growth with six teams. Katherine Pierce has been instrumental in looking after this level including finding new coaches for the four girl's teams. On the boys side the Year 3 (Breakers) and Year 4 (Waves) teams ended up in the same grade by the end of the seasons. The Waves finished in the top two of their grade but the Breakers are definitely a team to watch.

Having 17 teams in 2015 has put some pressure on providing training space. The new turf at Shirley Boys has been well used by the club – with four teams training at once at some sessions and the small turf at Mt Pleasant School has also been well used. This year Sumner School has been added to our pool of training venues.

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 Nunweek Park 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.

Team Coaches/ Managers:

Premier Girls 1:	Rebecca Scully and Tanyia Legge (Coaches) Kelley and Paul Stephenson (Managers)
KwikSticks Red and Black:	Rob McGregor (Coach), Ella Cowles (Assistant)
Premier (Red) Boys:	Christian Wood and Silas Dalley (Coaches) Ian Dalley (Manager)
KwikSticks Boys (Black):	Fergus Watts (Coach)
KiwiSticks Girls (Sharks):	Andrew Hastie (Coach), Tully Hatelly (Manager)
KiwiSticks Girls (Rocky Sticks):	Mark Lodder and Sauvanah Wyld (Coaches)
KiwiSticks Girls (Penguins):	Donna Henderson and Kate Gossett (Coaches) Tom Rochford (Manager)
KiwiSticks Boys (Seahawks/Pirates):	Lars Dalley and Tara Wingfield (Coaches) Keeley Legge (Assistant)
KiwiSticks Boys (Rockets):	Hugh Williams (Coach), David Owendale (Assistant) Chelle Burns (Manager)
MiniSticks Boys (Waves):	Jason Lawn (Coach), Lynn Jones (Manager)
MiniSticks Girls (Dolphins):	Marlene van der Bent (Coach)
MiniSticks Girls (Mermaids):	Katherine Pearce (Coach)
MiniSticks Girls (Stingrays):	Andrew Hawkes (Coach)
MiniSticks Girls (Red Sticks):	Lynne Janson (Coach)
MiniSticks Boys (Breakers):	Murray Harrington and Dean Munt (Coaches)
FunSticks Coordinator:	Fleur Allinson

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. We were pleased to award a new trophy for the boys sponsored by Lee Munt. The recipient is an outstanding player who shows leadership and is a positive influence on the team's performance.

Thanks to Katherine Pierce, Rob McGregor, Ele England and Pat Barwick for helping with the junior club throughout and supporting me as junior club captain.

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Thanks for a great season – see you next year.