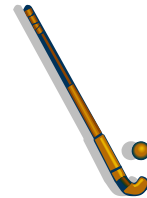




Carlton Redcliffs Hockey Club
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Annual Report

November 2014

To be presented at the

Carlton/Redcliffs Hockey Club AGM

At the Speight's Ale House - Ferrymead

30 November 2014

7.00pm

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of 2013 AGM Minutes
3. Presentation and adoption of Annual Report and Accounts
4. Election of Officers
5. General Business

Office Bearers for 2014

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	David Bain
Coaching Coordinator	Lee Munt
Committee Members	Helen Scott, Rob McGregor, Sam Kumbaroff, 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

2014 REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

NZ Black Sticks

George Enersen	Willie Davidson	Nick Haig (guest club player)
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NZ Development Squad Men

Willie Davidson

NZ Under 21 Squad

Kirsty Nation

NZ Youth Olympian

Dominic Newman

NZ Maori U21 Men

Vaughan England (co-captain)

NZ Indian Men

Shashil Govind

Canterbury Cats NHL Team 2014

Sarah Byers	Libby Masefield	Jacqui Moorfield
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Canterbury Cavaliers NHL Team 2014

Willie Davidson	George Enersen	Fergus Watts
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Senior Men's Team

Chris Goldsbury (Captain)	Vaughan England	Chris Ryan
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Senior Women's Team

Kirsty Nation	Kate Chapman	Claudia Leighs
Annabel Tayles	Isabelle Brown	Sally Moorfield (Coach)

Canterbury Under 21 Regional Men

Vaughan England	Kip Mouldey	Dominic Newman
Fergus Watts		

Canterbury Under 21 Regional Women

Kate Willis	Kirsty Nation (Guest player – Southern U21)
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Canterbury Regional Under 18 Men

Silas Dalley	Brian Lee	Dominic Newman
Josh Kumbaroff (coach)	Matt Walcott (coach)	

Canterbury Regional Under 18 Women

Julia Chamberlain	Megan Fitzgerald	Kendall Holland
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Canterbury Association U18 Men

Will Undy	Christian Wood
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Southern U18 Women

Izzy Brown (guest player)

Canterbury U15B Boys Team:

Henry Shaw	Mitchell Davis	Lars Dalley
Regan Black	William Duston	

Canterbury Primary A Boys (Hatch)

George Pierce	Josh Kumbaroff (Coach)
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Canterbury Primary B Boys

Akshay Patel

Canterbury Development Boys

Oscar Parker	Eshaan Patel	Henry Crump
Hayden Chapman (Assistant Coach)		

Canterbury Primary A Girls (Collier)

Anoushka Chiswell	Francesca Williamson
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Canterbury Primary B Girls

Paige Stolzenberger

Canterbury Development Girls

Bella Stephenson

Development Training Squad

Rebekah Bradbrook

Erika Kingi

Canterbury Masters

Women's 35+

Sarah Lee
Tracy Jones

Men's 55+ (Silver Medal)

Robbie Hardie

Women's 40s

Tana Sullivan

Coach Men's 55+

Lee Munt

Women's 45+

Jayne Crawford
Kim King
Marian Crookbain
Chris Rayward
Sue Shearer

New Zealand Masters (World Cup Rotterdam)

Coach NZ Men's 45+

Lee Munt

Coach Women's 45+

Lee Munt

Trophy Awards for 2014 Season

Peter Prutton Cup

George Enersen

Audrey Timlin Memorial Cup

Ele England

Monica Munt Trophy

Jacqui Moorfield

Rodney Hefford Memorial Cup

Mark Coleman

Amanda Hooper Memorial Cup

Dominic Newman

Pamela Thompson Cup

Pearl Cardwell-Massie

The Schoeman Trophy

Jeremy Symonds

The David Cox Trophy

Katherine Pierce

Senior Most Valuable and Most Improved Player Awards

Team

CPL Men

CPL Women

Division 1 Men

Division 1 Women

Division 2 Women

MWO Men

MWO White

MWO Red

Youth Boys

MVP

Andy Dunbar

Sarah Byers and Jacqui Moorfield

Christian Woods

Claire Ruru

Frances Neeson

Steve Thomas

Katrina Curtis

Fergus Lowen

MIP

Silas Dalley

Ally Bradley

Shayna Black

Carolyn Davis

Jamie Hing

Canterbury Hockey Award Winners 2014

Canterbury Hockey Association – Service Awards 2014

Jeremy Symonds ~ Bronze

Lee Munt ~ Gold

Shirley Haig ~ Gold

Ralph van Ysselsteyn Trophy; Men's Player of the Year

Nicholas Haig

Tony Hayde Trophy – Coach of the Year

Joshua Kumbaroff

Representative Most Valuable Player

George Enersen – NHL

U18 Association

Christian Wood

Main Competition Winners

Premier Men's Team – Competition Winners (Final)

MWO Women White (Division 2)

2014 TEAM PLACINGS ~ SENIOR

CPL Men – Winners South Island Super 6

CPL Men – Winners Championship Final

CPL Women – runners up Championship Final

MWO Women, C/R White Team – 1st equal Porritt Cup; Division 2

Youth Men – 3rd

JUNIOR AWARDS:

Amanda Hooper Award: 11-a-side Girls MVP midseason

Cara Donaldson

	MVP	MIP
Premier Boys (Red)	George Pierce	Henry Crump
Premier Girls (1)	Francesca Williamson	Paige Stolzenberger
Premier Girls (2)	Belle Ashby/Molly Doherty	Rebekah Bradbrook
Super 8 Boys (Black)	Flynn Hunter	Oliver Lewis
Super 8 Boys (Red)	Noa Tahau	Guy Greening
Super 8 Girls (Racers)	Mila Ballin	Lily Owendale
Girls Intermediate 8 (Rocky Sticks)	Emily Lodder	Yasmin Kollar
Girls MiniSticks (Teal)	Olivia Hawkes	Holly Smith
Girls MiniSticks (Black)	Neave Ballin	Tessa Durkin
Girls MiniSticks (Red)	Gracie Hately	Keira Hall
Boys MiniSticks (Rockets)	Seb Burns	Josh Murray
Boys MiniSticks (Waves)	Riley Jones/Fletcher Lawn	Alun James
Junior 6's Mini (Red)	Lily Ballin	Maggie Tyler
Junior 6's Mini (Black)	Isabel Ward/Fynn Harrington	Oliver Munt

President's Report – Pat Barwick

2014 was another steady year for the Club with some good results in both senior and junior areas of the club, but also some disappointing loss of numbers in the open grade team area. Our solid performances are again with the CPL teams and it was good to see a return of the women's team to the top ranks in the competition and solid performances on the men's side again winning the Championship round. The Junior boys and girls both performed very well and a large number of young players were again selected into Representative teams and enjoyed that learning experience.

A number of the club teams at all levels made good use of the SBHS Turf for training and we are continuing to build our relationship with the school. The small turf at Mt Pleasant School is also a great benefit to the club as well, and has strongly influenced the number of children now playing hockey in our community. The great number of parents and new coaches helping out with increased numbers of teams has been very helpful and will continue to be needed as we go into a different format next season - more small sided team competitions.

We worked hard to develop better structures for registrations and fee payments this year - with a new website and newsletter to keep members informed and being able to pay on line through this. A few mistakes were made as the development was getting up and running and hopefully these will have been well adjusted and improved again for next season. It is sometimes an ongoing struggle to get subs in whatever system is used but we continue to strive to make it easy for our members and will most certainly keep updating and improving our systems. The better interactive website, and using social media has been great and I know that members are generally better able to find information and keep in touch. Have to thank George Enersen and his team for their continued time and support in this area.

A big thanks to Ian Dalley and Rob McGregor who once again oversaw the junior programme with a number of great parent helpers. The work involved with the youth team and the young players is massive and at the same time they both contribute to other areas of the sport - on the CHA Junior Committee, competitions committee, and coaching other teams as well. Can't really thank them enough.

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 efforts. We are fortunate to have such great people involved.

Congratulations to all those that 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, very recently George Enersen (previously NZ Development), and Willie Davidson selected to play in the Japan series. Dominic Newman went to the Youth Olympics earlier in the year and along with Kirsty Nation was selected into the Futures team to play in Australia shortly. Selections continued with Shashil Govind for the NZ Indian Men and Vaughan England for the U21 NZ Maori team.

Pleased to announce that at the CHA Awards dinner a number of members were recognized - Gold Service Awards were received by Shirley Haig and Lee Munt and a Bronze Award went to Jeremy Symonds. Nicholas Haig won the Men's Player of the Year award, and George Enersen won the Most Valuable player. Josh Kumbaroff was recognised as the CHA Coach of the year!

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. Dave Bain as Treasurer had a tough year and has made some strong recommendations for us moving forward. To Women's Club Captain Sarah Byers, who along with her mother Claire, was also strongly instrumental in getting a very successful Hockey Jockey Fundraising night completed again, and George Enersen as Men's Club Captain who also keeps the website up to date ... To both a very big thanks. Everyone did their bit and I thank you for your efforts in keeping the club moving forward.

We were saddened at the passing of long time club stalwart Pam Thompson towards the end of the season. During nearly 20years of service Pam filled many roles at the club and was always a willing volunteer, with the players always at the centre of her heart and she really cared about the teams she coached or played with. President, Women's Club Captain, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Member - she worked very hard for the club. Pam was also fully involved in masters' hockey, continuing to play in the Canterbury 50+ team as well as being on the local committee. In 1996-98 she was selected into the NZ Masters team and from 2003 -2011 she was appointed to the NZ Masters Council. Pam was a volunteer in all areas of hockey - helping at CHA tournaments, fundraising and was also a member of the supporters club. Last year she was awarded a bronze

service award by Canterbury Hockey. She is certainly missed by the club and we again give our sympathy to Brendan and the family.

The committee will be continuing to build the club even more in 2015 with special effort now being needed in the youth areas as we work to retain those juniors as they transition into high school. We also have a plan to do more to support our coaches with education and guidance, and to work in the local primary schools to ensure that children in our community have every chance to play and enjoy hockey. 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 need to get a solid succession plan in place to ensure that we can keep our players and attract new members on a regular basis. 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!

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.

Pat Barwick

President

Treasurer's Report – David Bain

In terms of finance it has been another extremely challenging year for the club however we have continued to make some progress.

Highlights include

- The introduction of a pre-season development academy for Junior players that made a small profit
- A highly successful Jockey Fundraising night that raised over \$9K
- The introduction of Mt Pleasant School turf for minis
- Increased use of SBHS turf reducing reliance on CHA turf time

The challenge for 2015 and beyond is for the club to set clear financial targets that are aligned with their objectives to grow and develop the clubs financial position.

If the club wishes to continue to rebuild and achieve financial stability, it will need to significantly increase the revenue it receives from subscriptions.

Although fees were substantially increased this year, this only partially met the full cost of CHA charges. Administration of payments at the start of the season must be stronger and more professionally focused. By using the online registration and fee payments, players must pay their subs in advance and registering of teams with CHA should be delayed until all team members have paid.

With the transition to new Junior 6 aside structure next year, the Junior club will lose 8 aside teams and have more 6 aside which go straight to 11 aside. We need to understand how the fee structure from CHA will change and what impact this may have on our income and the Junior fees that we charge.

In terms of the role of treasurer for 2015 and beyond, the club needs to either appoint a treasurer who is a qualified chartered accountant and can prepare annual financial accounts

OR

Commit to paying for the services of an independent accountancy firm who can support the treasurer by preparing annual financial accounts.

Without a qualified accountant in or supporting the role of treasurer the club is placing itself in a financially vulnerable position.

Men's Club Captain Report – George Enersen

Men's hockey at Carlton Redcliffs is in a very healthy state with a rich asset of players. The 2014 season produced 24 Canterbury Representatives from primary right through to the National Hockey League and Masters. To cap this, the club produced five New Zealand men representatives across the Youth Olympic team, Under 21 Maori team, NZ Indian and the Blacksticks Men. This year we etched two more Carlton Redcliffs players (George Enersen and William Davidson) into the New Zealand Men's honours board joining the well-established Nick Haig whom is still an associated player to the club. This is a huge success for the club, something that no other men's club was able to match in the 2014 season.

At the Canterbury Hockey Associations (CHA) annual prize giving six males picked up individual awards including Canterbury's player and coach of the year awards whilst once again the CPL Men took home the trophy for winning the Canterbury Premier League.

This year a special mention needs to go to our coaches particularly Josh Kumbaroff and Mathew Walcott for their success and ongoing commitment to developing young players in Canterbury, you are both very admiral role models. Lee Munts contribution across the club and Canterbury Masters shall be considered as outstanding and this contribution and passion toward hockey was recognised by a gold service award at the CHA prize giving. Lastly, I would like to thank Vaughn England for his commitment to the club, which goes largely unrecognised. Standing up to the plate again saw Vaughn taking on the coaching role of the youth team whilst playing in the CPL Men's team, representing Canterbury and partaking in the Lincoln Scholarship Programme. Without the commitment of people like Vaughn, these younger teams in the club would not be possible.

On a less positive note, the 2014 season also signalises the end of an era for Jeremy Symonds whom has been an integral part to the CPL Men's success. Leading the team to five out of seven finals along with three championships and four competition wins, Rodders as most of the men's players are more familiar with will leave a large gap in the coaching stocks for men's hockey at Carlton and we hope to retain his valuable skills in some capacity. Jeremy a special thank you from myself and the rest of the CPL men, your contribution is a true representation of our success and we could not have reached our heights without you, you will be missed.

Coaching for 2015 on the men's side of the club is going to largely determine the success and sustainability for men's hockey in the Club moving forward. Whilst I am confident that the CPL Men will continue its success under potential self-guidance, the Division 1 team presents the Club a real concern if a coach cannot be found. The past two seasons has seen a lot of talent depart the club from this side due to poor management in terms of coaching. It is vital for the future of men's hockey at the club that we secure a coach and increase the number of young men playing in this team. Whilst the CPL team has boasted an impressive record over the past 10 years this would not be possible without a Division 1 team, and with an ageing population in the CPL team we need to be developing players to bring through in the future.

In 2015, we welcome anyone wishing to play for the Club and encourage those younger players to keep knocking on the doors of those higher teams. I encourage those who are thinking of coaching to take up the challenge, and finally I hope to see all our current members back for another successful year.

Premier Men – Jeremy Symonds (Coach)

After a hugely successful 2013 season the focus this year was always going to be to replicate the form of last year. Early season runs around Hagley Park and 2 teams entered into the local 6 aside premier competition kept players both aerobically fit and match fit as well. By the final week of the six aside competition the guys had two teams in the top 3 and managed to take second and third places. Coming into the South Island Six Aside weekend the team was ready to solidify the success at local level and with one team entered the guys managed to take out a close final against foes Harewood.

The first half of the season proper was severely interrupted with a new 7 team format causing a bye as well as holiday weekends which meant that in the first round of competition we never managed to play more than 2 games in 3 weeks. Even with this setback and a few injuries the team rallied to come through the round losing only one match and things looked good to find some form and be in the chase for the round robin title. Consistency proved to be a problem however, and a couple of stumbles against Harewood and University left us in 3rd overall after the round robin. Fortunately the competition format gave us a chance to make the final albeit through the quarter and semi-finals. Whether it was the pressure of making the final or the fact that the team had finally put together consecutive week after week hockey they played 3-4 games of tremendous hockey. We brushed aside HSOB and a strong University with large victories and had clearly signalled ourselves as true final contenders. After a second year in a row of making the final against Harewood the side knew what had to be done to win. A seriously huge effort up front from the striker and midfield unit allowed a platform of attack and

defence that Harewood never managed to come to grips with. Due to this we managed to take out a closely fought battle in the dying stages of a tense final. In all, not taking the round robin title was disappointing but the strength of the side to pull together and take out the final was impressive considering the run without losses required to make it.

Many players excelled throughout the season and mentions must be made of the leadership qualities of Simon Munt and Captain Mark Coleman who was voted the 'Rodney Hefford Memorial' recipient. Andrew Dunbar was the recipient of the MVP award after some huge midfield efforts and performances in the finals series. Those selected for the Canterbury under 21 men this year were Vaughan England, Fergus Watts and Dominic Newman. Dom Newman was also selected to represent NZ at the Youth Olympics and in the NZ Six Aside Team. Vaughan England was selected for the NZ Maori Team and Shashil Govind for the Indians. Canterbury B selections went to Chris Goldsbury, Vaughan England and Chris Ryan with that team winning the national tournament. The Canterbury Cavaliers had 3 Redcliffs players in George Enersen, Willie Davidson and Fergus Watts, they placed 3rd at Nationals. Strong showings over the last few years by Goalkeeper George Enersen and Striker/Midfielder Willie Davidson meant that we now have 2 new Internationals in the Club. Both Players will soon play for the Blacksticks in upcoming tests a testament to the effort of the last 5 years and to the level of hockey being played by this team. 2014 was yet again a successful year for the Premier Men.

Jeremy Symonds - Coach

Men's Division 1 – Nick Tompkins

A challenging year for this team. The team fought hard but really struggled this year and our results probably showed. A lack of playing numbers and suitable lower graded teams to call on really began to show toward the end of the season.

A positive thing to come out of the season was that a number of our Division 1 players were given the opportunity to play for the CPL men throughout the season when they were short. This in itself shows the quality and importance that the Division 1 team holds within the club. The club needs to focus on the lower grades to build a future for the premier squads and club in general. We need to continue to be developing this younger talent to build for the future.

I wish my fellow team members the best over summer and hope that the club can build numbers to support teams as well as provide coaches and support for all.

Youth Boys – Vaughan England

We have a great group of players who were eager to turn up to training and willing to learn. Like every team there were ups and downs in the season. We started off really well – after the first four games we were top of the table and ended up dropping to fifth after an additional three games. We then proceeded to pick ourselves up, re-focus and finished third overall.

My goals as a coach was to see a general improvement from each of the players over the season and to finish in the top four. It was pleasing to see both of these goals met.

A big thank you to Simon England for helping out when I was unable to coach – it was really appreciated and I know that the team learnt from him as well. Thanks also to Ian Dalley for keeping the messages to the team going and also for his management. A team is only as great as its support crew and we had a great crew and fantastic group of supportive parents.

Looking forward to 2015 where I hope to coach you once again, see you all on the turf next season, keep up the off-season fitness and training.

Midweek Open - Murray Johnson

With the bulk of last year's team remaining intact we entered this season in a much better position than in the previous year. The feeling amongst the guys was one of real enthusiasm and true belief that we could again enjoy a fun and successful season.

As the team progressed through the rounds we were playing some really good hockey and doing enough to keep in touch with the leaders (Harewood of course), and then through a couple of surprise results we found ourselves in second position after the final round. This meant we were playing Harewood again in the final and as always we backed ourselves to play some very good and competitive hockey, we took all the opportunities that

came our way but unfortunately came up a couple of goals short and had to settle for second place in the comp. Taking everything into account the boys played with a lot of heart and skill and were disappointed not to win the final.

Throughout the season there were some great performances with everyone contributing. I would like to mention our MVP Steve Thomas who always kept the opposition at bay and to Wazza and GP for leading the team with great energy and thanks to 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 2015.

Cheers - Muzza

Women's Club Captain's Report – Sarah Byers

The 2014 season saw some great success but also some deep sadness with the loss of a prominent Women in our Club, Pam Thompson. She was a stalwart of our club and was loved from juniors through to seniors in her role as a mentor, coach, player and committee member.

The Women's teams took to the 2014 season with CPL, Division 1, Division 2 and two Mid-week open teams.

The CPL women had a fantastic year bouncing back from a disappointing 2013 season, to make the 2014 CPL final! This success was hugely driven by the addition of two experienced and respected coaches, Sally Moorfield and Shirley Haig. The season was filled with great enthusiasm and ended with eagerness for more success next year, so it is exciting to see where this team is heading.

The Division 1 team had a mixed season with a common theme of player unavailability and inconsistent performances. There were however some very encouraging efforts and players who committed fully to the side. As this team is the stepping stone to our premier grade, we hope to see this team rebuild and strive for its full potential in the coming season.

The Division 2 team had a tough start to the season with injuries and player promotion resulting in a lot of young players taking the step up into the side. The team however continued throughout the season with a positive attitude and eagerness to learn despite some tough defeats. With such positive mind-sets from the players, it will be exciting to see how the team continues to develop next season.

The MWO Red and White teams braced the cold and wet weather on Tuesday evenings to have another great season filled with the usual challenges but most importantly packed with a lot of camaraderie and fun. While both teams battled with a slow start to the season and injuries throughout, the addition of some new players and the continued resilient attitude meant both teams ended on a high! It is fantastic to hear that both teams are already looking forward to the next season, which will hopefully bring some more eager players and a little less rain!

The women's teams also all got behind the hugely successful fundraising event of the third Jockey Show that was held in August. It was fantastic to see the support from all teams, including the brave models from both CPL and Division 1 teams! Events like this prove what a great club we are and what amazing support we have from the community.

Overall this year saw some mixed results however I think it can be agreed that all of the teams had a lot of fun and are ready to learn from and build on the success of the 2014 season. 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.

I am excited to see what next year holds and hope everyone has a lovely summer break.

Premier Women – Sally Moorfield and Shirley Haig

The season started with trials and trainings through February. On February the 22nd, eight of the players ran in the "Run to Remember" in honour of Amanda Hooper who died in the Earthquake.

The team was selected - a delightful bunch of young women who quickly came together to form a strong unit. During the season they developed their skills with the training sessions taken by Shirley on the Monday evenings and their team work and set plays taken by Sally on the Wednesday's. This dual coaching worked well for both the players and the coaches.

The team finished 3rd on points after 3 rounds. The highlights were beating Avon 10 -1 and also Harewood, in the game of the season, 1-0. In this match we welcomed Black Stick Gemma Flynn to our team. We again beat Harewood in the semi-finals. After a tight match, where we came from behind to level the score, we went on to win in the penalty shoot-out.

Taking on the High School Old Boys/ Burnside team in the final, it was disappointing that they received dispensation to play the Black Stick captain against us, despite her not playing the required 3 matches. We played a great final but went down in a fighting 5-3 loss.

Coming from a position of 5th last season to 2nd this year was a credit to the team spirit that the girls had and their commitment to trainings and each other.

The Jockey Fundraiser was once again held and the players all were happy to model and sell tickets to raise funds to help their team and the club. Congratulations to the many players who stepped up to represent Canterbury. Thanks to Helen Scott the manager, Sarah Byers who organised the umpire roster (a thank-less task) and her co- captain Jacqui Moorfield, for leading the team so well.

Sally Moorfield and Shirley Haig - Team Coaches.

Women's Division 1 – Lee Munt (Coach)

It would be great to start this report with a totally positive vibe but that would be stretching the truth somewhat. However it would also be less than honest to suggest that all was doom and gloom as I firmly believe that the positives still outweigh the negatives.

Whilst the results reflect a gloomy performance overall, these results must be taken in perspective. Firstly mixed in with the mediocre performances there were some very encouraging efforts which suggested that the gulf between this team and the 'Rock Stars' was not that great. Secondly for the most part the group trained well and endeavoured to take on board what their dear old coach was trying to put across and as a coach this is always the most satisfying aspect of the roll.

I still have some nagging doubts as to whether or not the group as a whole understand the importance of the Division 1 team in the Clubs structure. Too often we struggled for consistency in the makeup of the team due to non- availability of players, some sickness, some holidays, some work some general indifference, and as a result too often we fielded scratch teams and turned in less than satisfactory performances.

I guess it is probably unrealistic on my part to expect that if you make a commitment to play for a team then you do your utmost to up hold that commitment, a sentiment that I have always held as a player, coach and umpire. Those members of the team that were always at training/ games rain hail or snow, well done, that is the commitment I am talking about.

Well that is the negative bleat over with and I can honestly say that once again I enjoyed the company of these young Women who always made me feel as though I was welcome and respected, even when I got angry there were no tears, tantrums or throwing of the toys well not from the girls - I had a few reflective moments though) so thanks ladies.

If the opportunity presents itself again to be involved with this team I can assure all and sundry that there needs to be a different approach taken to ensure that we meet both the Clubs expectations and those of the individuals to ensure that our playing strength is maintained and we can act as a true foil for the Premier team.

Have a great summer and as always don't be strangers, I consider you all to be friends and as such I am always available for a chat and a coffee.

Women's Division 2 – Pat Barwick (Coach)

A tough season for this team with 3 players needing to be promoted to Division One after only a couple of weeks and then suffering 4 serious injuries before we had reached end of the first round, which took players out of the game for the remaining season. Losing half of our selected team meant we promoted and used regularly our young players from the previous youth team. It was a big ask for them but they were really positive, trained regularly and developed so well. These young players developed very quickly!

I was very proud of the overall attitude of the team in simply continuing to play and learn despite some heavy defeats - the positive attitude of the few senior players was outstanding and Captain Frances Neeson and injured newcomer Trish Frederickson both contributed greatly to the overall happy atmosphere in the team. We enjoyed the support of a number of MWO players who had to fill in for us too.

Thank you to John Stead who filled in the coaching role whilst I was at the world cup and to Trish who managed a couple of other times when I had to be away!

Midweek Open Red – Katrina Curtis (Captain)

With the summer season filtered away, the annual dusting of the hockey sticks began for the girls of the Red team. A line up not too dissimilar to the previous year but with many of our mid field gone, we had to go out and find some new halves! Luckily, Jen Auckram and Kim Morton were keen for a Tuesday run-around and young Becs Stewart, was picked up to complete. Alicia Gibson graced us with her return to the game also and her eye for the ball and hard hits were the cement of the back line!

The main season had its ups and downs, good wins and some unlucky loses. We had a few injuries throughout the season and unfortunately after a fantastic win against the Hornby Lions 4-3, we had a series of losses that wounded us significantly and saw us finish 9th overall.

After breaking into the second part of the pool, we re-established our play and never lost our positive approach! However, there was something in the water, and both Liz Tayler and Jessie Gemmell caught it, leaving us both elated for their babies to come, but sad for the loss of players!

However, we played on. Young Fenella Bowater joined us and the last 3 games of the season we went undefeated. Firstly, we had a much needed win. Then, wearing the black arm bands ready to have a win as we learnt of Pam passing away just that morning, we fought with everything....against everything! First the cold, then the rain then skin piercing hail and the gale force winds! Sorry Pam, a draw was as good as it was going to get! So the final was played against a team that didn't show up which was a slightly fizzled ending to an overall good end!

It takes a team to play this game and every girl in our team deserves to be proud of their efforts! Looking forward to next season, with a renewed energy from the summer sun, I'm sure it will be a great one!

Midweek Open White – Paula Brennan

The team had a frustrating start to the season with having to get used to playing with players they never had played with before and it was tricky to get the consistency with players, since the team seemed to change player wise each week. In the early weeks we had some close games that we lost and knew we shouldn't have but that came down to inconsistency within the team.

However the second half of the season proved to be quite positive for the team with more game time with each other, we seemed to find our mojo. However we did have a few injuries to key players during the season, which was frustrating for them and the team.

The team as a whole had a great time and enjoyed getting to meet new players and have a few laughs on and off the field. Plus all the ladies were happy to play anywhere (even had a field player play in the goal a few times when our goalie was away) as long as they got game time.

Just like to say I am pretty sure it rained a lot on Tuesday nights over the winter period. Everyone is looking forward to next season. Bring it on!!

Cheers Paula

Masters Hockey – Greg Pierce

The Masters competition was divided into 2 divisions during the entire 2013/2014 season. We ended up in the top half of the draw and found it challenging. We did have some good wins but usually we had our backs against the wall. I think we ended up 5th in the top 6.

Once again we struggled for numbers and would welcome anyone in the 35+ age group in the club who wanted some exercise on a Thursday night.

Junior Club Captain's Report – Ian Dalley

The year got off to a good start with a new initiative known as the Junior Academy. We established pre-season, a skills based programme for year 6&7 boys and girls, many playing 11 aside hockey for the first time. The 5 week programme devised by Chris Ryan (SBHS 1st XI coach) involved 32 children (from both Avon-St Michaels & Carlton Redcliffs) which led into trials for the 11 aside teams.

We were able to enter a 2nd 11 aside girls team for the first time in many seasons. Both these teams did very well with the top side finishing 5th in a very tough top division. The 2nd "Black" team won the 4th Division, expertly coached by Rob McGregor & Hayden Chapman. The boys 11 aside team suffered from the loss of 8 year 8 players from the 2013 team and struggled in the top section at first. The team was re-graded half way through the season they fished strongly in Division 2.

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

The junior teams in the club (year 3-4 and below) showed a significant increase in numbers going from 4 teams to 7 teams including a new team from Sumner/Star of the Sea and 2 MiniSticks boys teams where there was only half a team in 2013. With the coaching talent available at this level, the club is in good heart as we move forward.

Our 8 aside teams also showed a big increase in numbers with all 4 teams carrying large squads. Looking ahead to 2015 we need more coaches for this group as we move into implementing the NZ Hockey 6-aside program. We were however fortunate to have several boys from our Youth team involved at this level as umpires and coaches.

Having 14 teams in 2014 (12 last year, 9 in 2012, 7 in 2011) has put some pressure on providing training space. The new turf at Shirley Boys has been well used by the club – with 4 teams training at once towards the end of the year and the small turf at Mt Pleasant School has also been well used.

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:	James Cowles & Rebecca Scully (Coaches), Tim Chiswell (Manager)
Premier Girls 2 Black:	Rob McGregor & Hayden Chapman (Coaches)
Premier (Red) Boys:	Matt Walcott & Josh Kumbaroff (Coaches), Greg Pierce (Assistant), Sandra McKernon (Manager)
Super 8 Girls:	Caleb Ballin (Coach)
Super 8 Boys (Red):	Mike Bamford & Michelle McSoriley (Coaches)
Super 8 Boys (Black):	Lars Dalley & Keeley Legge (Coaches), Lisa Iliffe (Manager)
Intermediate 8 Girls:	Kim King (Coach), Kate Armstrong (Manager)
MiniSticks Boys (Rockets):	Hugh Williams (Coach), Chelle Burns (Manager)
MiniSticks Boys (Waves):	Jason Lawn (Coach), Lynn Jones (Manager)
MiniSticks Girls (Red):	Josh Hatelly (Coach), Tully Hatelly (Manager)
MiniSticks Girls (Black):	Katherine Pearce (Coach)
MiniSticks Girls (Teal):	Andrew Hawkes (Coach)
FunSticks Red & Black Teams:	Andrew & Marlene van der Bent (Coaches)

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.