

RATHC



2015

DEAR BOOK

The
**ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
HOCKEY CLUB**

Two Thousand and Fifteen Annual



Note:

Uncovered by an enthusiastic team of archaeologists, this tome was discovered after remaining buried for generations. Though pages are missing and lacking in written word, what remains allows us a curious insight into the history of two thousand and fifteen and what it held for those people pictured. A civilisation of long ago, feared forever lost...

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Many thanks to our Board that stepped up in December, after most of the elected board from the AGM resigned. Each performed their task with enthusiasm, dedication and all received good results for each of their separate responsibilities.

All the board, I believe, have done a wonderful job considering the very little support from a great majority of the club. Members support with both functions and rosters this year was poor. I have a few plans to try and turn it around next season, but without members participation it will be difficult. We have to remember that the facilities have duties that have to be performed to keep it operating and also a fact that there are three or four new turfs arriving in the Perth area over the next couple of years, which will make funds from turf allocated games hard to get.

Many thanks to our tireless facilities workers Ally Candlish, Joy Klink, Rhonda Ford and Katherine Anson. Without these ladies our facilities wouldn't have worked.

Our Juniors: were our success story this year, with a good increase in numbers. This by itself created some problems for a couple of sides because once nominated, we lost a couple of players and found ourselves short in a couple of teams. I watched all junior teams play this year and I am impressed with the ability coming through and the standard of hockey being played. Gives this club a bright future.

Our Ladies: as a group, we have to try hard next year to regroup and increase our numbers. We had to reduce our team numbers by two and also rely on many juniors and Vets to prop up the remaining teams.

Our Gents: tried hard with four teams making it into the finals and our Vets being defeated in penalty flicks in the grand final.

Well done to the J7/8A boys winning their grade; our clubs only premiership for the year.

Congratulations to Maddie West, Sabrina Sadler, and Cain Evans who made the State Junior Squads.

Paul Ingraham, Rona Craig made Vet teams.

Donna McKeown State Coach U13 Girls and Wendy selected as manager.

Allan Sadler made the nationals for umpiring. Jade and Kyle also achieved successful promotion in Umpiring. Well done Allan Sadler whose control with umpiring is the envy of other clubs.



Big thanks to Christian Oskam who succeeded in finding coaches for most of our teams both senior and junior. He also ran some specialised coaching clinics for our elite goalies and also pioneered and organised along with Jeff West and Jon Smedley, our first coaching academy. It seemed to be very successful considering three out of the four nights was terrible weather.

Special thanks to Dean Evans, Graham Pilcher for their efforts this season, along with our three imports Nicole, Dan and Peter whom as far as I am concerned with their input on and off the field are welcome back anytime.

Next season, we really need to build up our club spirit that is lacking in a lot teams. This will take a lot of effort and I also believe we need some real large advertising for recruitments, especially in new areas Golden Bay, Secret Harbour and the large one, Baldivis.

I have enjoyed the challenges but disappointed by the number of help. Hopefully we can turn it around next season.

Cheers,
Alan Mills

RDHC

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J5/6 C GOLD

With the 2015 season now behind us, it is interesting to look back at the chalk marks that show our growth from the beginning of the season as players, as people and as a club. On reflection we can see the challenges that stood before us at the beginning were not unsurmountable and the kids have all enjoyed a fabulous experience.

We began in a flurry as we strove to fill three teams and several players were promoted from grads early on and despite the pressure on numbers we can certainly say none of the players missed field time. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the coaches and parents of all three teams for ensuring we always had a supportive environment for these players. I believe this is a real strength of the club and a key reason for our success.

The J5/6 C Gold players exemplify sportsmanship that really is something special. We suffered a couple of big losses, but the kids were just happy to be out on the park, still smiling and giving their best. When we did get a win, everyone was elated. This imbalance demonstrates how enthusiastic everyone is about hockey and mateship.

As a younger group, I took the decision at the beginning to only train once a week. Despite this, the skill development throughout the season was fantastic. We transformed from a roving scrum to a (relatively) disciplined and structured team. I think it is clear that this team is the beginning point for some future champions.

We had a few carnivals throughout the seasons and I think Narrogin was among the best of these. I'm not sure if the kids had more fun out on the paddock (yes, literally a paddock) or together back at the dorms. I think those that attended this year will be among the first to commit to next year.

I would like to make special mention of Jackie Burnside for managing this side this year and to our junior umpires throughout the season who all performed this tough job wonderfully. Thank you also to all the parents who made the season possible and lastly and most importantly the real champions, the players of J5/6 C Gold 2015.

David Abbott

J7/8 BOYS B

At the start of the 2015 season we had 36 boys registered for 7/8, a new club record. It was decided to run 3 teams, but before even a stick was flown in anger, Luke was lost to a season ending knee complaint. Hopefully we will see him next year.

The A side managed to secure Dean Evans as coach, who introduced Dylan Archibald as a new player to the club, who brought step Dad, John Bozzuwa to coach the C's.

Early Season and Bunbury

The B side took many weeks to become settled with the team using 25 players including two 5/6 future stars in Zac Facey and Art Hills. Wins and goals were hard to come by, with a 2-1 win over Kwinana, followed by 4 defeats on the bounce.

At Bunbury, we lost George, Coop and Kai to the A side who were playing championship, but were bolstered by a number of C players to create two full squads. The B side was competitive throughout, winning some, losing some and having a thoroughly good time. It was clear some players really developed in the Carnival atmosphere, with Mitch, Jake and Declan all flexing their muscles and showing good development.

After Bunbury

In the games that followed Bunbury there was a noticeable change in attitude in the boys, as if they had decided what was necessary to do well. We settled into a regular squad of 11 players, with Ben VK missing the next 7 games with a broken wrist, and new boy Alex Donovan filling the right wing spot.

A defeat to Wolves Grey was followed up by an emphatic win 4-1 away at Wolves Red. This was followed with an 8-0 thrashing of Kwinana. The boys were on a roll; 3 more wins including a walkover against YMCC put the boys into finals contention. This effort is put into clear perspective when you consider the boys were in last place only 6 weeks earlier.

The team were showing real strength at the back with Goalie James, leading the back four of Hugh, Coop, Declan and George. The regular midfield of Slade, Kai and Mitch, ran hard every game and it was no surprise they were the seasons top scorers. Up front Alex, Jake and Harry created many chances and were unlucky not to score more than they did. Michael Treen, became super sub before the end of the season, playing wherever needed and giving his all.

Narrogin – The Friendly Carnival

In the July holidays a mix of boys from all three teams represented Rocky at the Upper Great Southern Carnival in Narrogin. This is the most wonderful carnival and the 3rd year the boys have visited. Fifteen 7/8 boys, a similar number of 5/6's and assorted Mum's, Dad's and carers, all stayed in communal school accommodation, played loads of hockey and had a great time. The 7/8 boys missed out on Finals by 1 point and an oversight!

Back at the business end of the season the boys had a few nervy games that included a memorable win against eventual league winners Wolves Grey, securing the boys a finals place.

The Finals

The preliminary final was played at Stevens Reserve, Fremantle and was against UWA, who had edged the boys 1-0 only 3 weeks earlier, but the boys were confident they could win.

Backed by a parent chorus that could be heard past Mandurah, the boys put their heart and soul into the game, but UWA matched them particularly in the second half. The Rocky boys eventually losing 2-0. It was to their great credit they all stayed to watch the C's final match also played in Fremantle.

Player		Total Games Played	Total Goals Scored
Abbott	Oliver	2	0
Archibald	Dylan	1	1
Arnold	Cameron	4	1
Buckley	Hugh	14	0
Burman	James	14	0
Crick	Jarrold	1	0
Donovan	Alex	11	4
Doyle	Tobin	1	0
Durey	James	1	0
Espley-James	Jake	11	4
Facey	Zach	1	0
Graydon	Cooper	12	0
Henderson	Ryan	5	2
Hills-Filardi	Kai	13	5
Hills-Filardi	Art	2	1
Hollingsworth	George	13	1
Marks	Daniel	1	0
McKeown	Declan	15	0
Pieri	Mitch	13	6
Potter-Buckland	Preston	2	0
Roots	Ben	5	0
Tan	Ben	3	0
Treen	Michael	4	0
Tucker	Slade	11	8
Van Koolbergen	Ben	6	1
Wright	Harry	12	2

1	Kwinana Tigers	Won	2-1
2	YMCC	Lost	2-1
3	Newman Knights	Lost	3-2
4	Lions (Gold)	Lost	5-3
5	UWA	Lost	6-0
6	Westside Wolves (Grey)	Lost	3-0
7	Westside Wolves (Red)	Won	4-1
8	Kwinana Tigers	Won	8-0
9	YMCC	Won	5-0
10	Newman Knights	Won	6-2
11	Lions (Gold)	Won	4-2
12	UWA	Lost	1-0
13	Westside Wolves (Grey)	Won	2-1
14	Westside Wolves (Red)	Lost	3-2
Final	UWA	Lost	2-0

In summary, it has been a great pleasure to watch these young athletes develop through out the season, and to become friends with the Mums and Dad's and I look forward to watching many of them go on to great things in hockey and beyond.

The boys have benefited immensely from the coaching of others during the season, from Dean and John, Chris Pieri and perhaps most of all Peter Dobson and Dan Mills, two English 1st team players who spent a lot of time with the boys.

Thanks also to Tess Abbott and Dee for keeping me organised and to Allan Sadler for providing the best crop of young umpires we have seen to date.

LADIES 4S...

We started the year, not even able to scrape together a full 11 players and most weeks saw us beg and plead and grovel and sell our souls to pull together a side. Here is a list of our fill-in's: Mikayla, Tatum, Sarah W, Sunee, Claire, Katarina, Bec S, Kim C, Dee, Ingrid, Ally, Terri, Robyn, Sue, Krysta, Mel A, Pam, Sam & Emma. I think I got you all. Thanks heaps everyone here; couldn't of done it without you.

What we lacked in numbers, we remedied in determination, pretty much holding 3rd place on the ladder right up until the last couple of rounds. (Ousted by 1 measly point to Kalamunda.) We consisted of a combination of last years 4s and 5s, our brand new faces were Mel C and Tori (hello, pleased to meet you!), we had returners from long ago (Molly and Lisa- welcome back!) and our wonderful juniors tolerating the more marinated of the teams debatable leg speed (Brit, Ash and Sabrina- you crazy, amazing kids!)

We started off as quite possibly the most polite team I have ever had the pleasure of captaining. Apologies were immediate for slight bumps, balls were fetched for the other teams free-hits and an extra five yards breathing space were given. I'm all for sportsmanship and if you can't play with integrity then there ain't no room for you on the turf. But it was amusing to see the evolution of the "the hungry beast" begin to emerge throughout the team, as our wins continued to amount to good September standings. All of a sudden the opposition could jolly well go and get their own ball.



And I'm proud to say you epitomised the meaning of "team". You encouraged, supported, picked-up, stood-up for and laughed with each other, all season. Totally what makes it worth it on those icy Sunday nights at PHS when regular people are snug as bugs in bed. (Don't be envious of those people, coz they didn't have YOU!) In fact the only real negative comment heard repeatedly was "Shut up Derek." With Love from Sally.

So Kaylee sent a missile of a ball into a Freo players boob. Sabrina and Rachel filled the comment section on the cards with injuries. Taryn actually nearly played every single game until she decided to go to Europe. (She got her mum to fill in. Not a 4s team without a Palermo!) Linc gave us some awesome "spin-round" game plays that only Brit managed to achieve. Katherine learnt that Deep Heat and open scrapes is the epidermal equivalent of a chilli festival. Molly didn't let a bit of jet lag get in the way of the important things, like playing right half in the pouring rain. Danni saved a bunch of goals every game and was BSOT (Best Smelling On Turf). Tori juggled motherhood and hockey like a pro. Ash couldn't be stopped but she sure could stop the opposition. Mel gave it her all and was always in the right spot as the "sneaky wing". Lisa was amazing and then she got new eyes. They didn't help her to see she was being picked up at Duracraft. In front of her Mum.

Thanks to the people who helped find us fill in's and answer the questions I couldn't. Thanks to the parents of our juniors, extending the "winter weekend dream" so their daughters could help make a team. Thanks to our umpires, namely Geoff Roberts and to Allan Sadler for finding us "Peeps" every week. Thanks Bec Edwards, for the positive reinforcement after games when you could. Family, friends and all supporters who stayed to watch- awesome. And Derek Robinson. Valiant effort running our sometimes non-existent bench. Thank you very much!

We sumo'd and baby gated and ahoy'd sailed and brought it all the way up to semi-final. Though our season ended there, it's a testament to what can be achieved with a bit of hard work and a 'give-it-a-whirl' attitude. Fours, you are all amazing, I couldn't be prouder. Thank you from the bottom of my game socks and see you all next year for TOTAL DOMINATION!

Georgi

MENS VETS...

May I say first up, it has been a privilege and quite a honour to captain the "Vet's 50-3" side for this season. I was only going to be captain for 6 weeks, but it was decided that instead of changing captains I would be more beneficial to stay on as captain.

On our first games day I was asked to be captain, this was only 10 minutes before game time. We lost that game and my thoughts was "what have I let myself in for". What would the players think of the new captain? It turns out that they did not mind.

Our first half of the season was great; 5 wins, 2 loses and a draw. Things looked promising for the rest of the season, we were 2nd on the ladder. The Vet's had been playing well as a team. We had seen some brilliant goals scored in the games and had to fight hard to win or even to draw the games. Who could forget the brilliant reverse stick goal from the top of the "D" by Kirsten to help us come out with a draw?

Unfortunately the second half of the season we did not fair as well, only 2 wins in 8 games. It did not help that we lost 2 players to injury, 1 player to retirement and 1 to work commitments and looking back, if we had these players, we would have most likely won a few more games than what we did.

As a team we played extremely well, but we could not find the back of the net in the second half of the season, not through lack of trying. If I had a dollar for every miss, I would have enough to pay for next years fees.

This year we finished 5th on the ladder, it came down to the last game. We had to win to play in the finals, but unfortunately we fell short of the mark.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players for the support you have given me over the season. I look forward to next season to play hockey with a very talented bunch of hockey players.

Thanks

Ray Goddard





Minkey Pink Team 2015

Coach: Danielle Butler
 Back Row: Caitlinn Fallon,
 Chelsea Kennedy, Will Minchin,
 Tom Lyons, Lateisha Baggio
 Front Row: Austin Randall, Kelly Hunter



Minkey Blue Team 2015

Coach: Alex Ashby
 Back Row: Jye Bilick, Elias Ashby,
 Zoe Wilson, Ari Bilick,
 Bailey Arnett, Jameson Hunter,
 Brayden Veverka
 Front Row: Olivia Colgan,
 Dawson Hunter



Minkey Red Team 2015

Coach: Phil Minchin
 Back Row: Thomas Minchin,
 Sway Minervini, Mercedes Baggio,
 Alyssa Baggio, Peyton Nagel,
 Bronte MacDonald, Mason Cousins
 Front Row: Cameron Mossop,
 Cyndall Almeida





Minkey Green Team 2015

Coach: Clayton Phillips
 Back Row: Tjay Wilson,
 Harry Nash, Zack Whittle,
 Max Roots
 Front Row: Kobi Turvey,
 Taleah Phillips
 Absent: Matthew Taylor



Grads "Blue Monkeys" 2015

Coach: Brayden Buckwell
 Back Row: Lachlan Hunter,
 Amelia Lloyd, Dakota Ferrier,
 James Burnside, Owain Adams
 Front Row: Maya Fernandez,
 Sharlie Brown
 Absent: Sarah Chudleigh



Grads: Team Tsunami 2015

Coaches: Sabrina Earle-Sadler,
 Shaye Maher
 Middle Row: Jamie Gibson,
 Bryce Illingworth, Lacey Hunter,
 Isobel McLoughlan, Emily Handley
 Front Row: Abigail Farrington,
 Madison Stitt, Franchesca Waddell,
 Mia Gurbiel
 Absent: Wally Wiese, Sophie Jarick,
 Abigail Dargue





Grads Yellow Team 2015

Coach: Jade Vorenberg
 Back Row: Logan Waddell,
 Atari Saxby, Poppy Johnston,
 Sam Lyons
 Front Row: Caitlyn Smook,
 Alleayah Watts
 Absent: Abigaila Sione



J5/6 C (Gold) Boys Division 2015

Coach: Dave Abbott
 Manager: Jackie Burnside
 Back Row: Joseph Burnside,
 Felix Abbott, Campbell Froude,
 Rico MacDonald, Ben Evans,
 Kai Sandhu
 Front Row: Jesse Evans, Ruby Pieri,
 Reece Weber, Tyrell Hill, Sean Craig
 Absent: Cooper Whitehead



J5/6 B (Gold) Boys Division 2015

Coach: John Wood, Laurie Walker
 Manager: Dianne Wing
 Back Row: Kieran Cullinane,
 John Wing, Ashton Crouch,
 Callum Baxter
 Middle Row: Liam Logan-
 McCallum, Finlay Gow, Ethan Wood
 Front Row: Blair Walker





J5/6 A Promotion Boys Division 2015

Coach: Tim Price, Chris McHugh
 Manager: Katrina Hunter
 Back Row: Chris McHugh,
 Zach Facey, Seth Brown, Kevlah
 Waretini-Roberts, Kaleb Swarbrick,
 Tim Price, Katrina Hunter
 Middle Row: Harrison Morley,
 Tim Tan, Art Hills-Filardi,
 Jake Thomson, Matthew Blignaut,
 Hamish Facey
 Front: Nicholas Anson



J5/6 A Reserve Girls Division 2015

Coach: Emma Ross
 A/C: Krysta Briggs
 Manager: Sarah Wall (absent)
 Back Row: Poppy Forsyth,
 Xanthe Bohle, Brianna Pink,
 Olivia Meerton, Alexis Lee,
 Amy Calleja, Keara Braedon
 Middle Row: Maddison Fallon,
 Madison Kennedy, Keoni Myers,
 Brianna Beckwith, Emily Ross,
 Kyra White
 Front Row: Hannah Wall (GK),
 Grace Moon



J7/8 C Boys Division 2015

Coach: John Bozuwa
 Manager: Neil Gray
 Back Row: Neil Gray, Bailey Martins,
 Josh Gray, Daniel Marks,
 Ryan Henderson, Ben Roots,
 Cameron Arnold
 Front Row: James Durey, Dylan
 Archibald, Preston Potter-Buckland,
 Patrick Chatterton, Tobin Doyle





J7/8 Boys B (White) Division 2015

Coach: John Wright
 Manager: Dee Wright
 Back Row: Alex Donovan, Cooper Graydon, Declan McKeown, Jake Espley-James, Hugh Buckley, Slade Tucker
 Front Row: Harry Wright, Mitch Pieri, Kai Hills-Filardi, James Burman, Ben Van Koolbergen, George Hollingsworth



J7/8 A Promotion Boys Division 2015

Back Row: Damien Crick (A/C), Conor Bullock, Ben Tan, Ethan Lamont, Cain Evans, Oliver Abbott, Patrick Burnside, Samuel Edlington, Dean Evans (Coach)
 Front Row: Flynn Stephens, Kye Meddings, Jarod Crick (GK), Thomas Meerton, Mitch Pieri
 Absent: Tess Abbott (Manager)



J7/8 A Promotion Girls Division 2015

Coach: Nicole Cordero
 Manager: Christine Jones
 Back Row: Amber Morley, Rachel Jones, Rosee Johnston, Emily Gunther, Terri Nash, Kaitlyn Taylor, Britney Wall
 Front: Ashley Crealy, Larnee Cathcart, Georgie Kruger, Tegan Crick, Maddy West, Shantelle Klopper, Isabelle Vlahov





J9/10 B (Black) Boys Division 2015

Coach: Gavin Fitton (Rt)
 A/C: Aaron Bygraves (Lt)
 Manager: Jodie Phillips
 Back Row: Oliver Mobsby,
 Riley Fisher, Sam Moon,
 Luke Phillips, Liam Gould,
 Alex Bussey
 Front Row: Kristian Walker,
 Alekzander Gaviel-Russo,
 Htet Hnine, Nicholas Edwards,
 Jacob D'Souza
 Absent: Braddy Trainor, Liam Doyle,
 Harry Mears



J9/10 A Promotion Boys Division 2015

Coach: Donna McKeown
 Manager: Catherine Maher
 Back Row: Callum Price,
 Jake Yendell,
 Tiaan Von Rechenberg, Wian Ewald,
 Callum Maher,
 Jayden Meddings, Dylan Burney
 Front: Michael Steicke,
 Connor Gunning, Matthew Anson,
 Jesse Watt, Ben Watt,
 Samuel Mackney-Walker
 Absent: Liam Gould, Sam Moon,
 Aaron Wells



J9/10 A Promotion Girls Division 2015

Back Row: Garry Maher (Coach),
 Zoe Jordan, Michaela Brown,
 Mareleen Slabber, Shaye Maher,
 Jenny Ngo, Kiara Goddard,
 Chelsea Smith, Dave Walker (A/C),
 Peta Koko (Manager)
 Front Row: Jennifer Gunther,
 Annie Koko, Hannah Kruger,
 Natalie Walker,
 Sabrina Earle-Sadler, Emily Smith,
 Kim Bakker, Lexie Trevenen,
 Megan Donovan
 Absent: Sarah Johnson (A/C)





J11/12 A Promotion Boys 2015

Back Row: Jeff West (Coach),
Jonathon Cooper, Kye Butcher,
Matthew Newbound, Nic Keating,
Craig Lindstedt, Nathan Mitchinson,
Thomas Mincherton,
Russell Newbound (Manager),
Matt Beaumont (A/C)
Middle: Kyle Bullock,
Caleb Beamont, Daniel Kloppe,
Walter Koko, Darcy L'Estrelle,
Jonathon Fernandez, Sam Eaves
Front: Jaxon Johnston
Absent: Nick Byrne



J11/12 A Girls Division 2015

Coach: Dan Mills, Chris McHugh
Manager: Sue Greenaway (absent)
Back Row: Caitlin Crocetta,
Kimberly Carroll, Hazel Morley,
Ashlee Craig, Tatum Gittins
Front: Mikayla Stephens,
Krysta Briggs, Charley Timson,
Jade Vorenberg, Summer Woolmer,
Absent: Kailee Greenaway





TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

PRESENTATION NIGHT









Note:
Through thick and thin, I
think we can all agree, a
club that "Nutbushes"
together, stays
together...

