

# 2009 Annual Report

**SYDENHAM HOCKEY CLUB  
INCORPORATED**

**ONE HUNDRED & ELEVENTH  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



[www.sydenhamhockey.co.nz](http://www.sydenhamhockey.co.nz)

**The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Sydenham Pavilion, Sydenham Park at 7.30pm on Monday the 30th November 2009**

## AGENDA

1. Apologies
  
2. Confirmation of minutes of 16th February 2009, 110th Annual General Meeting.
  
3. Matters Arising
  
4. Presentation and Adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st October 2009
  
5. Election of Officers
  
6. Fixing of Subscriptions for 2010

Proposed Subscriptions	
6 & 8 aside	\$85
11 aside	\$115
Youth	\$230
Open Turf Grades	\$340
Open Grass Grade	\$210
  
7. General Business

### NOTES From the Constitution:

[8] [a] The Annual subscription shall be fully paid by the 31st of May and shall be paid to the treasurer

[9] Resignations must be received in writing by the secretary prior to the meeting.

[12] VOTING AT MEETINGS:

All voting may be by show of hands and in case of votes being equal the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a casting vote. If any four members should require the voting to be by the way of ballot, thereupon such voting shall be taken by ballot in ordinary way.

## SYDENHAM HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED 2009 OFFICE BEARERS

### Patron

Walter Perry

### Ladies Patron

Dot Copley

### President

Dennis Cox

### Mens Club Captain

vacant

### Ladies Club Captain

Nicola Pulley

### Junior Club Captain

Steve Smith

### Hon Secretary

Merle Hall

### Hon Treasurer

Bruce Cameron

### Hon Auditor

Julian Smith

### Committee

Joan Johns, Rae Clarke, Alan Redmond  
Vanessa Cox, Craig Iggo, Jaqui Turner, Peter Gallagher,  
Ilya Snowden

### Life Members

*Messrs:* W Perry, J Messervy, M Hall,  
K Cumberpatch, S Jesset,  
A McAllister, R Fergus, B Perry, R Ganda,  
T Ganda, M Macann, A Tizzard,  
A Prattley, M Coulter, D Kirwan, R Fife,  
D Cox, M Fitzsimons, A Redmond, R Spiers,  
P Mulgrew. *Mesdames:* D Copley, B  
Simmonds, D McKinnel, J Mackay,  
Miss D Quinn

### Fully Paid Members

*Messrs:* R Calvert, B McLaughlin, D Whalley,  
B Hill, D Petherbridge, R Ambler, B Hall

### Non Financial Members

The following are the current non - financial members of the club.

Alex Norris; Brian Spencer; Cynara Lewis; Dean Hoare;  
Dominique Gibson; James Powell; Kiriana Te Amo;  
Lynley Baxter; Peter Skudder; Rebecca Maltby;  
Sasha-Rae Friese; Shayden Norris; Stefan Pope;  
Vanessa Cox

## Presidents Report

It is with pleasure I present this report. The Club is in good spirit with a good financial backing. We are short on open graded numbers making it difficult to offer the range of teams for our players. To this end we intent to be organized much earlier for next season and are already implementing several strategies to assist this. We have a new experienced coach for the top Ladies team, are actively pursuing talks with the Selwyn Club with a view to possible amalgamation and plan early release of intended teams and contact personal. A Key Requirement to this will be further improved communication with all Club members.

Recognition to all our Coaches and Managers from last season is due including some younger members of the Club assisting with underage teams, without all the support we would not have teams.

Prize givings for Senior and Junior members had great attendance's and were enjoyed by all who attended, a positive note for 2010

The proposed alterations to the Clubrooms is on track and we can look forward to a resurgence in our ability to utilize a first class facility in conjunction with the Cricket Club.

Key Committee members who have contributed make for fewer meetings and shared workload, thank-you to them and please give serious consideration to assist by making yourself available particularly in the key positions of President and Club Captains.

Congratulations to those who gained awards, representative honours, and to those who just enjoyed playing for Sydenham in 2009.

D.A.Cox

## Team Reports

### 3rd Division Men

At the start of the season we only had 7 full time players for this grade. The club was conscious that if we didn't enter a team there would be players with no team and going forward this wasn't going to be in the clubs best interest. The job then was to be able to field a consistent team each week and maintain this for the season. We achieved part of this equation, we did in fact field a team each week but unfortunately the consistency of the make up was not as we had hoped. This reflected in the early to mid season results where consistency was a word that couldn't often be used. Towards the end of the season we did manage to have a more consistent look to the team thanks mainly to a number of MWKO players who filled in on a too regular basis.

The final placing of 5th in both the championship and the Porritt Cup competitions was a good result after taking into account the difficulties earlier in the season. At times this team played some attractive hockey and if the nucleus can stay together with a few new regular players it could be an interesting 2010 season. Many many many thanks to all the people who helped out by filling in during the season. Congratulations to Yatz who won the most meritorious player of the year trophy and to Billy Reimer who won the most improved under 20 player cup. Alan Redmond.

### Men's Mid Week Men

The 2009 season was, as far as placings go, our most successful for several years - we officially finished 3rd in the championship competition. While 3rd is good we were well beaten by the top 2 teams in the grade which highlights the very wide range in the teams abilities within the Mid Week Open grade. We are finding the grade is starting to become a lot younger with 2 University teams, one of the Harewood teams and a Hornby team all decades younger than us. Quite a few of our games we were able to keep up skill wise but Struggled with the pace of the younger teams. We had an unusual draw with 8 of our first 11 games at Nunweek Park at 8.40pm - not ideal, had to change our team talk venue. I would like to thank the guys for their effort during the season and the people who filled in for us, sometimes at short notice. I would also like to acknowledge the teams effort in winning the Burgess Cup, Bruce Cameron the Eric Pullen Cup, Andrew Cornish the Graeme Cox Cup (Masters) and Craig Iggo the Rosebud Trophy. Look forward to a full turn out again in 2010. Team Management.

### Youth Men

This year the Youth boys team assembled together for the upcoming season a couple weeks out from their grading games with the loss of a couple of the senior members and coach from the team from the previous season. With little time to prepare the guys did extremely well in qualifying for the second division of the Youth Boys competition. The start to the season proved to be difficult for the guys with a new coach bringing a new style of play to what they had been used to previously and adjusting to it proved difficult. While not winning and playing to there potential the guys seemed to find ways to hang in there and remain competitive in almost all the early games. As the season progressed and the cohesion of the team came together the guys played some fantastic hockey and rivaled some of the competition leaders beating the teams that finished 3rd and 4th in the competition. Finally finishing up an unlucky 7th. While in the Porritt Cup the guys again played some extremely good hockey and were very unlucky to lose 1 nil to St Bedes in the first game and then 2-1 to Selwyn (with the winning goal coming in the last minute of play!) in the second. Finally beating Rangiora in the final game to finish 3rd in a very close Porritt Cup competition. Id like to thank the guys for a great season. Was a privilege to coach such a great group of young men and to see you guys develop and come together as a team

and in the end play a really exciting and great brand of hockey. Hope to see you all back next year and continue the development you all have shown. Also I would like to thank the parents for all their support throughout the season coming along and being the most vocal supporters week in week out even with the tough competition from some of the parents from other teams!! Was great for the boys. Also what else was great for the boys and a big thank you to is Johnny, Karl and Shayden for turning up to most training's with the guys. Is really good for them to test themselves against bigger and more skillful players to give them something to work towards and big part of their development over the season is due to training with you guys. And last but certainly not least a massive thank you Angela for all your efforts in organizing the guys and myself for the whole season. Without you and skills I'm sure the season would have been chaos! So a massive thank you for all your hard work. Certainly hope to have you back on deck for next season.  
See you all over the summer or next winter!  
Bjorn Dix

## **2nd Division Women**

This year has been a learning curve for all of us. With our great success last year in division 3 we went up a grade this year to division 2. This brought a new level of skill & game for us with losing a few players from our team at the end of last year's season. This season we spent forming a new team. The first few games were very interesting as we were all still learning each others names & how we played. As we played each game we started to improve. With lots of hard work at practice & persistency we started to play well as a team. By the end of the season we have improved hugely as a team. We came from losing by a few goals to drawing some games & some just losing by 1 goal. So all in all we took on the challenge & did the best we could. Thank you to Gita our coach for putting in the hard yards with us year & forming a great new team. Thanks to all the players for their continuous hard work & dedication & to all our supporters for their efforts to come down each week & give us the support we needed  
Jacqui Turner

## **Mid Week Open Women**

The team had a 9 win/loss record with 3 draws, finishing the 21 game season in 6th place out of ten. There was some very good hockey played throughout the season with the highlight beating the eventual competition winner. In fact they either beat or drew at some point with all the teams bar one above them on the table, but unfortunately consistency was not our strongest point. We were sorry to lose Nicola and Dom early in the season through injury, I hope they are both well on the road to recovery. Alicia Jones stepped in for Nicola as goalkeeper and did an admirable job and was a worthy winner of the goalkeeping award at the Club's prize giving.  
It was heartening to see the improvement and the willingness by the players to try new skills and tactics

learnt at practice in game situations. Thanks to all the regulars who attended practice, I hope the number can be increased next season.

The social committee calendar kept the team spirit up with dinners; bring a supporter nights and the odd drinks after a game. Finally thanks to the team for playing to the final whistle, the grass grade players that were called on when we were short, to Nicola for her support and umpiring, which was much appreciated and to Dom for support and assistance at games.  
Ian Hill

## **Grass Women**

A Great Season!

Finally, a new uniform! A couple of weeks late but that was fine it was worth the wait. After the winter season we had them numbered and we're also using them for our summer Masters team. One comment from one of our girls was that she finally felt like one of the team. Only one new player, Leanne Dunbar, was a welcome addition to our team.

We managed to come 3rd in the competition, a great result, but the best thing of all was the fun we had, and the fantastic team spirit that resulted.

We had lots of home games and it was hard to leave the club rooms after each one, with lots of laughing and talking up how well we played and how we could improve.

Our ground was also one of the best, thanks to the Council, and to Vanessa Cox for keeping onto them. A big thank you must also go to Merv Chambers for umpiring all our games.  
Joan Johns

## **Women's Division 5 Team**

Last year the team easily won Youth Grade Division 2 and a place in Youth grade Division 1. At the beginning of the season we learnt that there was Grade Creep amongst the girls secondary school teams so the Sydenham team had to follow the competition to Division 5.

The team was fortunate to have a squad of 16 girls, which meant that a full team could be fielded though the School holidays and 'flu season. Maddy Frew, Evana Philpott, Sarah Morley and Anna Wardman made the impressive leap from Primary Super 8 to playing Women's Grade; Cynara Lewis and Rose McIlhone-Shepherd moved to the club from school teams, and half-way through the season Meg Middleton rediscovered her love of hockey returned to her old team. The first few games were easily won (8-2, 9-2) so forward Eleanor Bigsby opted to move up to the Division 2 team to level the playing field. The team then went on to win another ten games, drew one, and lost three. They entered the Championship final the favourite but a fired up Girls High team direct from school tournament week won 4-3 in a close game.

Captain Pip Middleton was awarded the Len Guy Cup for her solid, reliable work as Inner and consistently doing her best. Our goalie Rachel Oosterman had her season cut short with illness and Maddy Frew, stepped up and into the goalie gear.

Teams must find their own referees at this Grade so we were relieved when Pete Gallagher, Nick Morley, and Spencer Friese good-naturedly agreed to be corralled into referee duty.

This was the second year that Kiri Te Amo coached the team. She taught the girls to analyze the game and use set plays. A fair and respected coach, one of her challenges was to motivate the girls to improve their hockey skills and focus. She had to work hard to get them to talk to each other on the field, and cease talking during practice. We wish Kiri all the best as she concentrates on taking her own hockey to the next level. The Supporters on the sideline had another companionable year meeting up each week to enjoy moments of great hockey and offer their amateur advice when the game turned to custard. Next year we look forward to building on the success and camaraderie of this team.  
Alice Shanks

## **Juniors**

### **Junior Club Captains Report**

Well,09 was a fantastic season with some great results from some of our teams. It was really good to see the enthusiasm from the beginning to the end of the season. This was in part to the fantastic energy that all our coaches put in. Without the free time that they give up our club wouldn't do so well. At the beginning of the year we had Chris Leslie from CHA come and complete a coaching for coaches course. This was very well attended by our coaches and showed in the final results of the season.

For the beginning of the 2010 season we will be having combined trials with the Selwyn Club. This will mean that the players will be placed in teams of similar playing ability and not be out of their depth. By doing this it will be easier for players to move through the grades according to ability.

I would like to thank all Coaches,umpires,parents and of course the players for a good season and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Thanks  
Steve Smith

### **Girls Super 8 Black**

We had a few changes this year, losing 3 strong members of the original team that has been together for the last 3 years. This year we had a real mix of players with 5 from the team last year, a couple from last years black team and 4 new players, a couple of who had never played before.

Because of my other coaching commitments on Saturdays I wasn't able to be at a lot of their games so Peter Elliott helped me with the girls this year. This year the girls moved up to Division 1 and started off being slightly intimidated losing their first three or so games then something clicked and they started playing great hockey. They were strong and played a great passing game with the excellent structure. Unfortunately we were victims of a rule being enforced for not having an under 18 umpire and lost our points on a game, costing us a chance of a top placing. I think

these girls were one of the strongest teams in the grade, but unfortunately the points placing didn't reflect this. Overall it was a good season and the girls were a pleasure to coach. Most of them are now ready to move up to 11 aside hockey next year.

Shelley Cumming

### **Intermediate Boys 8's:**

We started this season with a solid core of boys that had come up from Junior 8's last year along with a couple of new players. It was great to work with an enthusiastic and keen bunch of boys who really enjoyed their hockey. The primary focus for the season was on working together as a team and developing understanding of positional play and this was very evident as the season progressed. Lucas Mehlhopt co-coached the team with me and it was great to utilize his skills and knowledge of the game. The boys were typically competitive and keen to do well and played with determination. A few of the boys had a turn at playing goalie and did a great job in this new role. Toward the end of the season we were placed 4th in our division and maintained this placing -so the boys can be very proud of this effort. As voted by his team mates, Most Valuable Player went to Cameron Douglas. Most Improved Player went to Andrew Bannock.

Kathy Dwyer

### **Girls Intermediate 8 Black**

The Intermediate Black Girls went from strength to strength this season, with skills developing and great team work on the paddock. Our competition was really close with the teams being well graded and the girls being in the top 3 all season.

Many of the girls developed in their roles as the season went on and by the end of the season all had cemented a position and many were exploring other roles in the team and discovering how other positions worked and what fitted for them best. Hopefully this development will continue in the future and you will all be back again next year.

Runner up in the second division of the Intermediate grade was a worthy result for the girls, many of whom have been together now for 3-4 seasons. Come rain or shine they showed up and played their hearts out. Being a parent of the a girl in the Black team was a rewarding role this season, with some very entertaining tense games of hockey to enjoy. I thank all those parents who supported the team this year, thank you for being there for all the girls, your encouragement and you enjoyment of what has been I think our best season to date. It's sad to think this will be the last season for the team to be together as a whole, but this does allow opportunities for the girls to go further and have different experiences, all the best for next year.

A Big thanks to Steve and the club for making this opportunity possible for my girls and I think I can say for all the Girls in the Black team, you do a great job and make it easy for the coaches.

Thanks to the girls, I really enjoyed the season, loved your passion and encourage you to come back next year for even bigger and better things.  
Vaughan

### **Girls Intermediate 8 Blue**

Another excellent year for this team. The majority of the girls have played together previously, however we had a couple of new additions, in-fact, who had not played hockey before - they had no difficulty slotting into the team and finding their roles quickly and strongly. The girls started in Division 3 and were then elevated to Division 2 about 2/3 through the season. This could have been a disaster for them but as usual after their first couple of big losses in the new grade, they pulled together and lifted their game to another level. Their dedication and commitment to the team meant that, to the surprise of many, we ended up in the play offs for a place in the finals. It was a pretty impressive season, with improved skills and team work, and the emphasis on passing, the girls really deserved to end on the high note that they did. Congratulations to you all!

Awards:

most improved player - Zoe Arts

most valuable player - Emma Hewitt

Well Done!

Annette Bone

### **Junior 8 Boys**

We started the season with just 8 boys, 2 off which had never played hockey before. This made the season challenging in the sense that we didn't have any subs on the sideline. Six weeks before the end of the season we welcomed two brothers too our team which made life easier. We had a good mix of wins and losses and managed to score goals in every game we played. As the season progressed we started to get the idea about positional play and talking and passing on the field. We were in division 2 off our competition and managed to finish 2nd in our division which was a very good result. I would like to thank Justin Lawson who refereed every Saturday for us and Alison Nicoll who helped on Thursdays at practice. I look forward to seeing all the boys back again next season.

Charlotte Robb

### **Girls Junior 8**

It was a great season for the Sydenham Junior 8's Girls. At the start of the session the girls were following the ball around the field in a huddle, all trying to get their sticks on the ball at the same time. What a transformation! At the end of the season we were seeing a completely different team with more positional play, players running into spaces, calling for passes, passing the ball stick to stick and controlled dribble. Not only did the team manage to move up a division mid season, they also

managed to make it to the play offs and finish runners up. Great result!

Part of this success can be attributed to the pre-season coach training. The skills and training techniques learned here were able to be directly implemented into the practices. While mastering some of the stick handling skills was a challenge for most of the team, the exercises were appropriate for the age group.

Darrell Smith

### **Mini 6 Aside Team**

The 2009 Sydenham Mini's team was this season, an all girls team:

Luka Beswick, Keeley Black, Eliza Dwyer, Charlotte Fenton, Prue Flanagan, Emma Keast, Georgia Nicholl, Amanda Smith and Breanna Sutherland.

The girls had a fantastic season and really began to develop some great fundamental hockey skills.

None of the girls had played hockey before and over the season developed a great understanding of some of the tactical concepts of the game, such as attacking, defending and being part of a team.

At times we felt as though we were playing against Marist all season due to this club's large number of girls playing in the Mini's grade!

Our team had a mix of wins, losses and draws over the season, which obviously provides them with great learning experiences when playing any sport.

A few of the girls started showing preferred positions on the field regarding the attacking and defensive roles.

All the girls played throughout the season with a great team spirit and had a positive and enjoyable season (despite the several 2 degree morning games)!!

The 2009 Mini's team was a great bunch of girls and a joy to coach.

Helen Keast

### **Super 8 Girls Blue**

This season our team consisted of 10 players, the majority of whom all played together last year and have moved up a grade. Admittedly the girls didn't have the success they had in the previous season but they showed real commitment.

This year was the first time the girls had the experience playing with and against a goalie. Which proved too difficult to score. However our goalie proved to be a born natural and saved many goals with real attitude. This season the girls concentrated on staying in position, passing and calling. By the end of the season we began to see the girls working together calling and the games getting closer and closer. With us finishing on a win.

The girls were fantastic to coach and showed great enthusiasm and attitude even in the face of loss. All in all it was an enjoyable team to coach and the support from the parents was much appreciated, their enthusiasm on the sideline, especially the final

Meegan

### **Web Site**

We try to keep the web site, [www.sydenhamhockey.co.nz](http://www.sydenhamhockey.co.nz) up to date, and will make this our main way of communicating with you during the year, displaying any items of interest or news. You can also register your details or notify a change of address. If you have team news, special results or any or photos you would like us to display complete the "Tell Us Your News" link. *So keep a watch for updates and why not add the site to your favourites.*

### **Acknowledgements**

Thanks to all those, who helped out at the gift fair fund-raiser once again. This once again contributed greatly to club funds, your time is appreciated. Hopefully you will all be available to help again in 2010.

### **Coaches**

Once again a big thank you to all those who volunteered as coaches for the various teams. The club could not operate without you, and your contribution is much appreciated.

### **Obituaries**

The club extends its condolences to the family members of anyone associated with the club who passed away during the year.

### **Supporters**

We wish to thank all those parents, family members and friends, who turned up to watch and support our teams during the year.

### **End of Season Trophy Night**

The Senior end of season trophy night was this year held at the Cashmere Club. It was well organised by Joan and Vanessa and was a huge success. It was a great venue, and the associated quizz night was also very enjoyable. Thanks to all those that went along, participated and helped organise the event.

### **The Last Word**

The upcoming AGM is your chance to be involved in the future direction of the club, so please attend and have your say

## Trophy Winners

---

### Len Guy Cup

"The individual player in the underage(u15,U18) grades whose performance was the most meritorious"

*Pip Middleton*

---

### Dot Copley Trophy

"The most meritorious women player in an open grade team"

*Kelly Grant*

---

### Bull Memorial Cup

"The goalkeeper whose performance was the most meritorious"

*Alicia Jones*

---

### Eric Hawker Rosebowl

"The most improved woman player "

*Suzie Yates*

---

### Bernie Hall Trophy

"The outstanding coach of a mens team"

*not awarded*

---

### B Adams Trophy

"The most improved under 20 player "

*Billy Reimer*

---

### Eric Pullan Cup

The player in the lowest open grade mens team whose performance was most meritorious"

*Bruce Cameron*

---

### Burgess Cup

"The mens open grade team whose performance was the most meritorious"

*Midweek Open Men*

---

### Lloyd Cup

"The umpire of the year"

*Nicola Pulley*

---

### Ladies Coaching Cup

"The outstanding coach of a womens team"

*Ian Hill*

---

### Holland Cup

"The individual player of the club whose performance was the most meritorious"

*Yateen Lallu*

---

### Fleet Trophy

"The player with the most positive attitude and best effort in the under 15 womens team"

*not awarded*

---

### R.A.Fox Trophy

"Club member of the year - , who by their efforts has given the most to the club and the game during the year"

*Joan Johns*

---

### G Cox Memorial Trophy

"For the outstanding Masters player of the year"

*Andrew Cornish*

---

### Rosebud Trophy

"Social cup to be awarded for the purpose to be decided by the cup holder of the previous year"

*Craig Iggo*

---

### Patel Cup

"The most improved womens team"

*Ladies Grass Team*

---

### Beckenham Footwear Trophy

"The most meritorious performance by a womens team"

*Division 5 Ladies Team*

---

### Super 8 Girls Black

Most Improved : *Abigail Tillard-Lowe*

Most Valuable : *Maddy Taitimu*

---

### Super 8 Girls Blue

Most Improved : *Alexandra Cox*

Most Valuable : *Jazmine Burling-Claridge*

---

### Intermediate 8 Girls Blue

Most Improved: *Zoe Arts*

Most Valuable: *Emma Hewitt*

---

### Intermediate 8 Girls Black

Most Improved : *Aleisha Cotterill*

Most Valuable : *Danielle Williams*

---

### Junior 8 Girls

Most Improved : *Julia Siddall*

Most Valuable : *Matilda Booth*

---

### Intermediate 8 Boys

Most Improved: *Andrew Bannock*

Most Valuable: *Cameron Douglas*

---

### Junior 8 Boys

Most Improved: *Jonathon Rose*

Most Valuable: *Charlie May*

---