



Avon Hockey and Avon/St. Michael's Junior Hockey Annual Report 2015

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Club Directory

Nature of Club:	Field Hockey Club																														
Club Deed Date:	22 May 2001																														
IRD Number:	81-925-186																														
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President's Report

I am pleased to report on the activities of the Avon Hockey Club in 2015, being the 15th season for the club, and my first as President.

One of the 2015 highlights for me was attending the Junior prize giving at St Michael's School. We enjoy a strong partnership with St Michael's and to see the number of children and parents involved and their enthusiasm reminded me of the many friendships and great occasions that participating in our sport can bring. A huge thanks to all of the parents for their support throughout the season, but in particular recognition needs to be given to Michael Graveston who leads the junior section jointly with fellow Junior Club Captain, Katrina Morgan. Their efforts along with the help of Kurt Gurden and the assembly of youthful coaches is a fine example of community and how the foundation is laid for hockey in New Zealand; encouraging participation and enjoyment for the betterment of the junior players. Who knows how far some of these players will go in our game, but it is great they have started young and are well placed to experience as many exciting opportunities as possible from hockey in the years ahead. The club has committed to increase the resourcing for the junior section with spend on uniforms and equipment, in part as recognition of the great effort being put in by all the volunteers and parents. Thank you to all those involved for making our junior section what it is today.

Congratulations to those chosen for representative teams in 2015; Hamish Church - Canterbury A Primary Boys, Daniel Carlile - Canterbury B Primary Boys, the following in the Canterbury Development Boys Team – Shahid Ali, Logan Cartwright-Keast, Louie Harvey, Rihan Lallu; and Jake Goddard – Canterbury Development Training Boys Team.

In addressing the Senior section of our club, it was pleasing that we had fresh coaching appointments for both the CPL Men's and Women's teams in the form of Nigel Iggo and Matt Walcott respectively. The teams themselves had contrasting seasons with the men starting strongly before plateauing and the women off to a slow start but being constant improvers throughout.

The second highlight of the season for me was the second round performances of the H&B Avon CPL Women's team. It was very satisfying to see the individuals lift in confidence and their play as a team improve as the season progressed. They could boast having the competition's leading goal scorer in Siobhan Scott-Nielsen who was ably assisted by Kiriana Brown and Charlotte Arthur on attack. With performances from the home grown marquee player Sarah Walcott and fellow NZ Junior representative Jackie Eden combining with the composure of Emma Symes in the mid-field we looked to have a very competitive side against all teams. A top four spot was secured and fourth place was the final outcome. The team was coached by Anna Morgan and Matt Walcott and the progress they oversaw must have brought a real sense of pride in 2015 and high expectations for 2016 if the nucleus of this team stays together.

The CPL Men's team were early competition leaders and looked to have gained a lot from Richard Storey's move from Otago and having a number of talented school leavers join the club. However the wins dried up in the second round and we could not secure a top four playoff position by the end of the regular season. What was pleasing though was a big improvement in both the on-field and dug-out conduct of the squad and with it the opportunity to enjoy the contest has returned. Also of note was a number of Div1 players got the chance to test themselves in the CPL grade as Nigel found himself short-staffed at times, demonstrating a pathway for those willing to work hard at their game in the lower grade. There was a huge fillip for the team when the season culminated in winning the Challenge Shield with a stunning 4-2 victory over HSOB-Burnside to close the 2015 year out. I think we have a good base for the following season and having secured further coaching resource with Tane Apanui appointed as assistant coach in 2016, the signs are all positive.

I will not recap on all teams as these do follow later in the report, but I must mention the perennial over achieving Mid-Week Women's team who again won their grade. It was great to be present on a chilly winter's night to see our Mid-Week ladies dig really deep for their hard fought 2-1 win over Hornby and

defend the Bill Lynn Trophy for another season. Congratulations to the champion team on behalf of the club, and we look forward to your 2016 exploits and hopefully some other grades emulating your achievements.

A number of our senior members achieved higher honours in 2015 by gaining selection into representative teams, notably the Canterbury Senior Men's and Women's teams, the Beavers and Barracudas who both won their respective tournaments. Avon players included Levi Barrow, Richard Storey, Rob Buhler, Jackie Eden, Elise Yule and Kiriana Brown. At the Under 21 level we had Sarah Walcott and Jackie Eden in the Women's Canterbury team and Ari Barrow in the Men's placing 5th and 6th respectively. Under 18 Regional sides included Jack Piggot and Charlotte Arthur, and Under 18 Association Women's Team Sophie Radovonich and Jess Tolo. A number of players got tournament play through representing provinces outside Canterbury including Ari Barrow and Sarah Walcott in the NHL for the Otago sides with Emma Symes, Zoe Pullar and Gabby Morgan also playing in the National Senior Tournament with other provinces. National honours were conferred upon Ari Barrow selected in the Junior World Cup Men's Squad, Sarah Walcott in the Future Black Sticks Women's Squad and Charlotte Arthur in the Junior Black Sticks Women's Squad. Also to our Masters players of whom there are too many to name, well done on your representative duties in 2015. Congratulations to you all.

As a special mention, the 2015 CHA Awards dinner in October saw Charlotte Arthur being awarded Canterbury Hockey's Outstanding Young Female Player of the Year, and Ari Barrow the Men's Under 21 Most Valuable Player. Congratulations to these two very talented young club members.

I would like to thank the committee who have worked so effectively over the 2015 season. My stated goal as President is to do as little as possible in my role, and this has been achieved due to the capable group of volunteers that make this club function. A lot of the committee members perform other duties too such as umpiring and coaching so you really are the heart of the club and you fully deserve the praise and thanks of the members. You all bring a great mix of skills to the table and we seem to find the right person at the right time to get the job done. I think we are making steady progress in a difficult economic and social environment that befell our traditional catchment area. Essential to our club's health is a sound set of books and good control of the cash flows. Huge thanks must go to Kurt Gurden as Treasurer who again was awarded the Ross Gillespie Trophy in recognition of his work. Kurt puts in a lot of hours for the Club so I would ask all members to assist making his role as easy as we can by getting subs paid as timely as possible and communicate directly with Kurt should you have any queries.

Our financial position has improved further over the year. Big thanks must go to our sponsors and the charitable trusts that support us, and we should look to support them in return if at all possible throughout the year: Hair Art & Beauty, Texture Group Landscaping, Endeavour Solutions, Nandos Riccarton, The Lion Foundation, NZ Community Trust, and Pub Charity.

I cannot close off on the 2015 year without paying tribute to Mavis Harvey who passed away in May. Mavis had been a long term volunteer and supporter of the Avon Hockey Club and its predecessor clubs as well as the wider hockey community over many years. Her smiling face following her grandsons as the 3rd generation of players at the turf has been missed. My memories of Mavis are very much entwined with our Patron, Trevor Harvey, as they were so often standing together when barracking side-line in my playing days, one somewhat louder than the other, but both as enthusiastic as each other in how we were competing on the field. Our condolences went out to Trevor and the Harvey family at the time of Mavis passing. For those of us that knew Mavis, I'm sure there have been, and will continue to be, many occasions when the memories of her cheerful ways come flooding back when down at the turf for many seasons to come.

Thank you to all members for your commitment to the Avon Hockey Club in 2015. I think we are in good stead both from player numbers and player talent point of view and we have had a strong year financially. As in the game, we cannot become complacent however, so please be enthusiastic in all that you bring to our 2016 year. Whether it be attendance and effort at training, performance on game day, getting the subs paid, assisting the committee, joining in on club activities please bring your A-game as you will find the more you put into Avon Hockey Club life the more you will get out of it. Bring it on strong in 2016.

Dave Grundy, President

Treasurer's Report

This was my third year of bean-counting for the club, and it was a very solid year in that. My two goals for the year were simple:

- 1) Strengthen the club's financial position so that we can afford to support our coaches/managers and members in a much more cohesive manner than we have in the past.
- 2) Obtain funding to get the entire senior club into new uniforms.

I am very happy to report that both goals were achieved. The club's financial position improved dramatically throughout the year, and there were a number of factors for this. Firstly, we are very thankful to The Lion Foundation and Pub Charity who provided the club with grants to support our turf and match fees. These are very high costs to us, and the support of these awesome organisations assists us to keep subs down to our members. The club also graciously received uniform and team sponsorships from H&B, Endeavour Solutions Limited, Nandos Riccarton and Texture Group – we are very thankful to these organisations for their support. On top of this, player numbers in our senior teams were higher than normal which assisted to offset the significant losses we make on fielding our teams. The club also did an excellent job with its two primary fundraisers – being two pub quizzes and junior chocolate sales. Issy Thomson and Mike Graveston deserve special mention and thanks for their efforts in running these.

The club is extremely thankful to the New Zealand Community Trust who provided grant funding of \$11k to kit the senior club out in new uniforms. This was very generous of them and we proudly wear their logos on our shirts as a token of their support.

Looking at the financial statements, these show a net surplus of \$24,981. While this looks an amazing result, I must stress this is not a cash profit! Firstly, the surplus includes the \$11k grant from NZCT as income, however the uniforms do not come through as an expense, they are classed as an asset to the club and do not offset the grant income in the P+L. It was also a one-off year sponsorship-wise, with the new uniform purchase came the one-off opportunity to get uniform sponsors. As mentioned previously, our teams had higher numbers, and the club was much more efficient in the way it booked turf time to ensure no wastage, an issue we have experienced in the past.

Looking forward, we have been busy preparing for the 2016 season. We have lodged three grant funding applications already to Mainland Foundation for junior uniforms and goalie gear, Pub Charity for turf and match fees and NZCT for junior uniforms. I am happy to report that the Mainland foundation have graciously granted \$1.7k for junior goalie gear (the uniforms were not funded, hence we have applied to NZCT for these), and Pub Charity, the awesome organisation they are, have granted the club a further \$5k. We have prepared a very detailed budget which has allowed for the purchase of new gear, senior player incentives, coach thank-yous and subs rates that have either remained consistent or decreased on 2015's subs. No subs have increased if players pay on time.

I want to thank Rob Gillespie and Levi Barrow who done an awesome job supporting the Treasurer role in 2015 – your assistance has been invaluable. And a special thanks to our awesome committee for their input also, we could not do it without you!

Kurt Gurden, Treasurer

Junior Club Co-ordinator's Report

I'm hoping that the individual team reports will cover the highlights and progress of each team during the 2015 season. I leave it to you all to read these. The dedicated coaches, team managers and the parents ensure the success of each season. A big thank you to all for making it all work!!

This year saw a very healthy growth in numbers. My figures state we had 99 junior members. I'm sure there was another one to make that 100. This meant that we were represented in all Junior grades except the girls 11 aside Kwik Sticks. All 6 aside grades had 2 boys and 2 girls teams entered. Each week all teams played with full numbers.

However, with this growth and the move from 8 aside to 6 aside put extreme pressure both on equipment and uniforms. We owe gratitude to Nando's, owned by Yateen Lallu who has also been one of our long term coaches and Junior supporters, for jointly funding with the Avon Club two teams of new uniforms. We also had first aid kits donated for every team thanks to the Knight family. This took off the pressure for the season.

We were very well represented by the Boys in Canterbury Hockey Association representative teams, even with a mention in The Press regarding Avon/St. Michaels having the greatest numbers represented. Our two top boys that need a mention are Hamish Church and Daniel Carlile. I know again this is focused on elsewhere in this report. It would be nice to have some girls in these representative teams, and this will be a focus in 2016.

Our coaches are wonderful and we are blessed that they return each year to give of their time and talent. Katrina Morgan, after I think 14 years, is having a well-deserved break in 2016. We hope she will return at some stage but in the meantime we thank her, from the bottom of our hearts, for her dedication, leadership and input. We all will miss you. In the meantime we have been very strong with coaches. Our secret is bringing on, in our assistant coach programme, young players who leave in Year 8 but come back to help. But if you, or you know someone, who would like to help in this area please let us know. We congratulate Hugh Williams, 2015 Coach of the year and Ella Stewart, Assistant Coach of the Year.

Where too from here? Avon never goes to sleep and are focusing on supporting greater growth of our Junior Club. Since October, we have been meeting and have secured funds for another two hockey junior goalie kits. We have applied for funding for 70 new Junior uniforms which would allow us to outfit all our girl teams into new uniforms and give us more uniforms for 2016 growth. We haven't heard the final outcome of the uniform application so, keep fingers crossed. We hope to supply each coach with a handy gear bag to help keep things together.

We will be also having a new on-line registration ability introduced and I'm hoping that we don't need to run a manual one alongside as we did last year!

In 2016, my big focus will be ensuring that we resume with a 11 aside Girls Kwik stick team. It will happen! And to return the Fun Sticks programme back to the same venue and date/time as our other Junior teams practice programmes that has been done!

I could say more but I can hear Kurt saying get that report to me! Before I close I want to say a big thank you to Kurt Gurden a man with such passion who can juggle so much at once, your support is immeasurable. Thank you for co-ordinating the kids summer hockey competition, it has removed a large amount of pressure of me

In closing I look forward to seeing you and doing it all again.

Michael Graveston, Junior Club Co-ordinator

Avon Hockey Senior Representative Players and Coaches

Future Black Sticks Men's Squad

Ari Barrow

Future Black Sticks Women's Squad

Sarah Walcott

Junior Black Sticks Women's Squad

Charlotte Arthur

New Zealand Maori Men

Simon England

NZ Senior XI Men

Rob Buhler

New Zealand Maori U21 Men

Simon England

New Zealand Masters Men

Peter Benden

Marty Higgins

Malcolm Begg

New Zealand Master Women

Leisa Francois

Helen Keast

Canterbury Hockey Junior Female Player of the Year: Charlotte Arthur

Canterbury Hockey U21 Men's Player of the Year: Ari Barrow

Canterbury Hockey U18 Women's Player of the Year: Charlotte Arthur

Canterbury Senior Men – Beavers

Levi Barrow

Rob Buhler

Richard Storey

Canterbury Masters Men 60+

Malcolm Begg

Marty Higgins

John Maunsell (as player and manager)

Canterbury Senior Women – Barracudas

Jackie Eden

Elise Yule

Kiriana Brown

Matt Walcott (as assistant coach)

Canterbury Masters Men 55+

Graham Belcher

Geoff Chalken

Peter Benden

Ian Hume

Murray Tasker (as manager)

Canterbury Under 21 Men

Ari Barrow

Jack Piggott

Canterbury Masters Men 50+

Brendon Forrest

Peter Currie

Canterbury Under 21 Women

Sarah Walcott

Jackie Eden

Matt Walcott (as assistant coach)

Canterbury Masters Men 45+

Paul Bamford

Shane Hunter

Simon Howe

Tony McDonald

Andrew Howell

Canterbury Under 18 Men

Jack Piggott

William Carter

Matt Walcott (as coach)

Canterbury Masters Women 55+

Robin Cox

Isobel Thomson

Canterbury Under 18 Women

Charlotte Arthur

Canterbury Association Under 18 Women

Sophie Radovonich
Jess Tolo
Anna Morgan (as assistant coach)

Canterbury Under 15 A Girls

Anna Morgan (as head coach)

Canterbury Primary B Girls

Tanyia Legge (as assistant coach)

Canterbury Masters Women 45+

Tanyia Legge
Kim King

Canterbury Masters Women 40+

Leisa Francois
Veronica Hay
Helen Keast

Canterbury Masters Women 35+

Jennifer Watters

Avon Hockey Senior Prizegiving Awards

Men's Player of the Year: Ari Barrow (CPL Men)

Women's Player of the Year: Sarah Walcott (CPL Women)

Goalie of the Year: Rob Gillespie (CPL Men)

Most Successful Team: Mid-Week Open Women (Winners of Championship and Porritt Cup)

The Whistle Award: Ari Barrow (CPL Men)

Club Person of the Year : Kurt Gurden (Treasurer)
(Ross Gillespie Trophy)

Avon Hockey Sponsors



Avon Hockey is grateful for the support it has received during the year from Pub Charity, who continue to assist the club with turf and auditor fees.



During the year, Avon Hockey were able to put all senior teams into new uniforms. NZCT granted the our club \$11,000 to assist with this. This was an amazing contribution from NZCT and we thank them for their support. We proudly fly NZCT's logo on our uniforms to acknowledge their support.



Avon Hockey appreciates the support of the Lion Foundation for assisting our club with payment of turf, match and training fees.



Avon Hockey continues to thank Hellers and Nick Harris for supporting several fundraising events during the year by providing sausages and bacon. These were provided for the full benefit of the club.



We thank H&B owner Carla Thompson for her support of our CPL Women's team. H&B are the naming sponsor of the team as well as their uniforms.



We thank Endeavour Solutions Limited and Peter Hooker for their support of our MWO Men's Blue team. Endeavour Solutions Limited are the naming sponsor of this team uniforms.



We thank Texture Group Limited for their support of our Division 1 Men's team. Texture Group Limited are the naming sponsor of this team.



We thank Nando's Riccarton and Yateen Lallu for his support of our Avon/St. Michael's Mini Sticks Boys Movers and Shakers teams. Nando's Riccarton are the naming sponsor of these team's uniforms.

Avon Hockey Senior Competition

CPL Men

Coach: Nigel Iggo

Manager: Tom Kensington



The Team:

Andrew Milward
Zach Staples
Rob Buhler
Duncan Bridgeman
Elliot Darling
Jack Piggott
Charles Barnes
George Stilwell
Levi Barrow
Ari Barrow
Rob Gillespie
Stephen Raika
Willy Carter
Richard Storey
Rob Gillespie

Awards:

MVP: Rob Buhler & Rob Gillespie

Most Improved: Levi Barrow

Final Placing: 4th Place (Porritt Cup), 5th Place (Championship)

Write-Up:

A wider training group of 2014 CPL and Div 1 players started a fitness program in November 2014 where fitness test results were recorded. This led into a higher intensity fitness program leading into turf trainings in late January. I believe for many the extra work over summer gave better base fitness leading into and through the 2015 season.

Trials were held and a squad was taken to Dunedin pre season for the Toast Cup tournament before final selection was made. This tournament was more benefit to the team than playing in the Super Six tournament and I would be keen to do this again in 2016.

We welcomed back to the team Richard Storey and a new player in Willy Carter. Goals and team discipline's were set early and while we didn't achieve all the results some major goals were achieved by the team, in the way's of discipline and fitness.

We were hit hard this season with injuries and illness. We lost for the season at trials Thomas Kensington and three weeks in Tui Molscan with injuries, and through the season were hit hard with the flu. This impacted greatly on getting a full team to trainings and games. Also with the number of students and representative training commitments meant we never achieved a full team at a single training during the season. While the team culture was great, not being able to train as a complete team had major negatives on our performances.

The highlight of the season was winning The Challenge Shield against HSOB 4-2 and tucking the shield away for the summer. This will be a huge motivation for the team at the start of 2016 to hang onto the shield.

Nigel Iggo, Coach



CPL Women

Coach: Anna Morgan and Matt Walcott

Manager: Katrina Morgan

The Team:

Margot Thomson
Jackie Eden
Jess Tolo
Emma Symes
Zoe Merrick
Amy Walcott
Sarah Walcott
Anna Millar
Elise Yule
Zoe Pullar
Charlotte Arthur
Lizzie Thomson
Gabby Morgan
Kate Allen
Sophie Radovonich
Eloise Nevin

Awards:

MVP: Jackie Eden

Most Improved: Sophie Radovonich and Amy Walcott

Final Placing: 5th Place (Porritt Cup), 4th Place (Championship)

Write-Up:

2015 was a much improved year for the women's CPL team, with the Eels finishing 4th in the CPL competition and 5th in the Porritt Cup.

There were many new faces this season, not only the team itself but also the club. Overall there were 6 new players that joined the club in 2015, and we also had 2 other players returning back to the club after a break from hockey. However as the season went on a number of players had to pull out of the team for various reasons and commitment issues, which was unfortunate. One of the most notably was Margot Thompson who regretfully had to leave the club as she moved to Auckland.



Despite this we managed to keep a strong base of 14 players together throughout the season, that showed a huge amount of improvement as a team by the end of the season.

The girls set a number of goals for themselves throughout the year, one of the biggest being to make the top 4 by the end of the regular season.

It was a somewhat up and down season to begin with as the girls fought hard each week for a win, but as the year went on the team started to become more and more familiar with playing alongside one another, and eventually became more competitive with the top 3 teams in the competition, HSOB, Carlton Redcliffs, and Harewood. The most notable win of the year came mid-way through the season when the Eels beat Carlton Redcliffs 5-1, who eventually finished 2nd in the CPL after losing to HSOB in the final. It was one of the best performances of the year by the Avon Prem Women, and proved to be a vital victory in their campaign to finish in the top 4 as they narrowly edged out Hornby for the 4th spot by only a few points.

The competitions top goal scorer for 2015 was also taken out by one Avon's newest club members, Siobhan Scott-Nielsen who joined the club at the beginning of the season. This was a great achievement by Siobhan who proved to be a major threat in front of goal each week.

With the girls clinching 4th place that gave them a spot in the semi finals, however it was against HSOB who were undefeated throughout the whole year.

Unfortunately, we lost that match, and also went on to lose the 3rd/4th playoff the following week. Regardless of these results, the girls showed a huge improvement from the previous season, and proved that they can compete with every other team in the competition.

The 2016 season looks very promising, with the Eels looking to build from 2015 and compete for a top 4 finish once again.

Matt Walcott, Coach

Division 1 Men

Coach: David Grundy

Manager: Will Morrison

The Team:

Kurt Gurden
Shane Hunter
Will Morrison
Andrew Kelly
Nick Knight
Simon England
James Burge
Liam McIntyre
Hayden Bruce
William Zhou
Josh Thompson
Tom Harrison
Callum Pawsey
Chris White
Logan Riley

Awards:

MVP: Chris White
Most Improved: Callum Pawsey
Most Lethal: Will Morrison

Final Placing: 5th Place

Write-Up:

The Texture Group Div1 Avon Men's team enjoyed a hard fought 2015 season. After the first complete round we had performed well and were sitting third on the table in a very even and competitive grade.

We demonstrated a good defensive ability but too often could not take our chances at goal on attack. Some sides showed better improvement than my coaching could deliver however and we slipped in the second round, narrowly missing the top four playoffs. We did battle on to finish a credible 5th place. As the feeder to the CPL team it was pleasing to see Rob Gillespie earn his promotion and many players getting regular opportunities to test themselves at the higher level. Thanks to Texture Group for their sponsorship, Will Morrison for his organisational skills and the guys for my heated jacket in readiness for further progress to be made next season.

Dave Grundy, Coach



Division 1 Women

Coach: Paul Bamford and Issy Thomson

The Team:

Courtney Wills
Rose Wells
Veronica Hay
Gen Vesey
Emma-Jane McLennan
Helen Keast
Leisa Francois
Jennifer Watters
Stephanie Lambley
Miriam Hammersley
Johanna Church
Katrina Morgan
Lauren Iggo
Olivia Pither
Shannon Gordon
Tessa Noakes

Awards:

MVP: Tessa Noakes
Most Improved: Joanna Church

Final Placing: 6th Place

Write-Up:

Our women's season started with a few new team members this year. With no Div 2 team and therefore no players to call on during the season when short, we introduced some younger talent into the side.

With that Issy and I found we had a team of very capable and talented players, dedicated and always willing to learn new skills. Their dedication and commitment on the field was always 100% - from a coaching point of view, Issy and myself were always proud of the way the team played.

A mixture of youth and experience helped performance, and achieving consistently better results as the season progressed was an important goal. Round One was possibly better than Round Two and we didn't quite reach the placing we strived for at the end of the season.



However, Round Two had numerous results where we really showed how well we could play. A key victory, and a memorable one, was beating the HSOB team. Also, reversing the first up loss at the start of Round Two was a real boost and helped pull us up to play off for places six to eight. However, some last game results effectively left us 6th overall for the season out of nine teams. I have no doubt that this team can certainly improve their placing in 2016.

The Div 1 team is still a feeder to the Premier Women's team, with a number of the young women from previous seasons moving up, and this all bodes well for our club.

We both certainly enjoyed coaching and being a part of an enthusiastic team during the season. We didn't always get the results we wanted, however sometimes there are games like that! We both look forward to coaching again in 2016.

Paul Bamford/Issy Thomson, Coaches

Youth Girls

Coach: Jennifer Watters

The Team:

Ella Stewart
Francesca Castleton
Gemma Rowlands
Jade Cartwright-Keast
Jessica Wright
Jorja Bain
Katelyn Boon
Kiryandeep Sandhu
Lucy Southern
Mya Pouaka
Silke Konnerth

Awards:

MVP: Gemma Rowlands
Most Improved: Jorja Bain

Final Placing: 9th Place

Write-Up:

This year's team were a positive, spirited bunch of ladies who worked hard every match. They played in the under 18's division two category however were mainly made up of under 14 year olds. More often than not games were played in freezing cold conditions and the team coped admirably in adverse conditions. Jade thoughtfully captained the team and always was positive in her approach with half time team talks giving space for the team to contribute and kept constructive. Numbers were regularly made up with younger girls playing up from the Kwik Sticks Girls team or new players and most note worthy was the welcoming nature of existing players to new ones.

The most improved player, Jorja Bain, started at the beginning of the season and it was great to see how much her playing improved as the season progressed. Jorja always ran for that ball that looked as if it was going off and towards the end of season more times than not she reached the ball before it did! Gemma Rowlands was named as the most instrumental player of the season, it was her first season as a goal keeper and she had a natural flare for it made many awesome saves over the season. The defence had a busy season and worked hard reducing many goal scoring opportunities from the opposition. Silke Konnerth worked hard as a striker and had thoughtful passing mature beyond her years, which other teammates picked up on in turn improving their thought in passing. The last game of the season was probably the most exciting with the result being decided by a penalty shoot out. Mya Pouaka had stepped in as goalie and in her debut was instrumental in saving several shots which resulted in the win.

The crescendo of the season was a joint meal out with the Kwik Sticks Girls Team at Nandos. the team social at Laser Strike. Special thanks need to be given to all the parents who gave great support throughout the season and in particular Andrea Konnerth who assisted with team talks and coaching.

Jen Watters, Coach

MWO Men Blue

Coach: Peter Hooker

The Team:

Tony McDonald
Darren Small
Chris Gourley
Andrew Howell
Brendan Forrest
Peter Hooker
James Tait
Kyle Blackman
Nathan Brand
Peter Bell
Richard Kneale
Sam Matthews
Tane Apanui
Anthony Zonneveld
Kulwant Denya
Peter Currie

Awards:

MVP: Rob Tan

Final Placing: 5th Place

Write-up:

2015 was a rebuilding year for the team, with a number of our key players from 2014 pulling out to either play at a higher level or take a break. With the initial numbers looking low, we recruited hard and managed to fill the team with 7 new players in 2015.

We struggled to get a consistent set of players each week due to commitments and suffered for that. We were competitive however a couple of soft losses lead us to miss out on the Top 4, leaving us 5th place after the normal season (slightly ahead of the Gold team).

The final pivotal game of the season against Southern we lost on strokes (7-6) to fight out a 7/8th place.

The new strip, courtesy of Endeavour Solutions sponsorship was a great addition but couldn't aid the team's results.

Lowest placing we have had aside, it was an enjoyable season and a year of rebuilding leaves us with the prospect of a better placing next year.

Peter Hooker, Coach

MWO Women

Manager: Gillie Watson

The Team:

Maria Wake
Robin Cox
Eloise Nevin
Kathryn Bolton
Natalie McIlraith
Gillie Watson
Debbie Ware
Jackie Jeffrey
Joanne Dodge
Stephanie Williams
Susie Stewart
Vivienne Campbell
Whitney McIntyre
Mellinda Fitzgerald
Allison Smeath
Tiffany McCrea-Lennon
Janelle Calder

Awards:

MVP: Alison Smeath

Player's Choice: Natalie McIlraith

Most Valiant: Maria Wake

Final Placing: 1st Place

Write-Up:

We had another fantastic season, it started off a little bit shaky when we seemed to struggle to get 11 women on the field, due to ladies on holiday and injuries. The worst of which was Maria Wake loosing 2 bottom teeth and receiving a huge amount of damage to her mouth from an opposition's stick! but 6 weeks later she was back and we were really finding our form. I think we came about 3rd in the Porritt Cup.

We then started the MWO Championship, and played some great games. In total we scored 60 goals and only had 12 scored against us. The Semi Final was a nail biter we were all very determined to make it through to the



finals again, and it was a huge relief to then win the final for the second year running, proving to us all it was down to the skill of the team and not just good luck!!!

It was a great season and we had lots of fun, I would like to thank Mel Fitzgerald for all her help with umpiring and Robin Cox for answering my SOS calls.

Gillie Watson, Manager

MWO Men Gold

Manager: Les Smith

The Team:

Malcolm Begg
Peter Benden
Geoff Chalklen
Ian Hume
Stephen Church
Bruce Coxen
Matthew Cusiel
Marty Higgins
Brendon Church
Richard Nairn
Jordan Moore
Graham Belcher
Murray Tasker
David Upjohn
Anthony Cherry
Simon Howe

Awards:

MVP: Simon Howe

Final Placing: 9th Place

Write-Up:

Another middling season the gold team. The season came with a number of ups and downs, with the men player their share of good and bad games.

The guys battled away but it was the younger players, especially Jordan Moore and Simon Howe that provided the team with plenty of energy and stamina. At the same time, the team benefited with the skills of the more experienced players, especially Beltch, AC and Marty.

Congrats go to Marty and Malcolm who assisted with the masters 55-60 year olds and to all other players who went away with masters.

Les Smith, Manager

Grass Men

Mangers: James Chalmers & Shane Rhodes

The Team:

Shane Hunter
Shane Rhodes
Nigel Lippert
Geoff Chalklin
John Mansuel
James Chalmers
Stephen Church
Ewen Douglas
Malcolm Begg
Terry Gallagher
Murray Tasker
Peter Hooker
Rob Tan
Brendon Church
Graham Belcher
Sam Montgomery
Andrew Kelly

Awards:

MVP: Peter Hooker

Final Position: 2nd Place

Write-Up:

The grass boys start out really strong with a number of players, which assisted given a large number of injuries. The team battled their way into the final but were unfortunate to go down to a strong Southern United side in atrocious weather conditions.

The team received new uniforms half way through the season, which seemed to take a while to start delivering the goods, with the team suffering a mid-season slump, however a strong wave of form into the finals.

Andy Kelly, Player



Grass Women

Manager: Mel Sutton

The Team:

- Robin Cox
- Stephanie Pole
- Mel McLauchlan
- Mel Sutton
- Ange Barr
- Karen Morganty
- Kathryn Bamber
- Lee Orpwood
- Nicola Leslie
- Kim King
- Sandy Freeman
- Yolanda Kelderman
- Karen Harper
- Renee Dooley
- Suzi Simmonds

Awards:

- MVP:** Mel Sutton
- Most Improved:** Steph Pole

Final Position: 7th Place

Write-Up:

The women's grass team had a good season though not as successful as recent years. We all enjoyed it. Grass hockey is serious but also fun and very social.

It was great to have a full time goalie again as Kathryn had decided this was a position she enjoyed. By the end of the season we had an updated set of goalie gear which made her life more comfortable. Thanks Kathryn.

We had our usual core players to hold the team together and a great bunch of girls who filled in for us when necessary, thanks to all of them.

As usual, we enjoyed the support of the guys when we played at the same ground and thanks to Chawky and Lloyd for umpiring during the season.

We finished the season with a barbecue for both grass teams at Terry Gallagher's place at Kirwee. He and his wife run a B & B and have a stunning outdoor area and lovely garden. As well as great food and a few ales we played croquet, had golf shots at a pin and a crazy cryptic quiz which had clues around the grounds.

A big thank you to Terry and Jenny for making their place available to us.

Robin Cox, Player

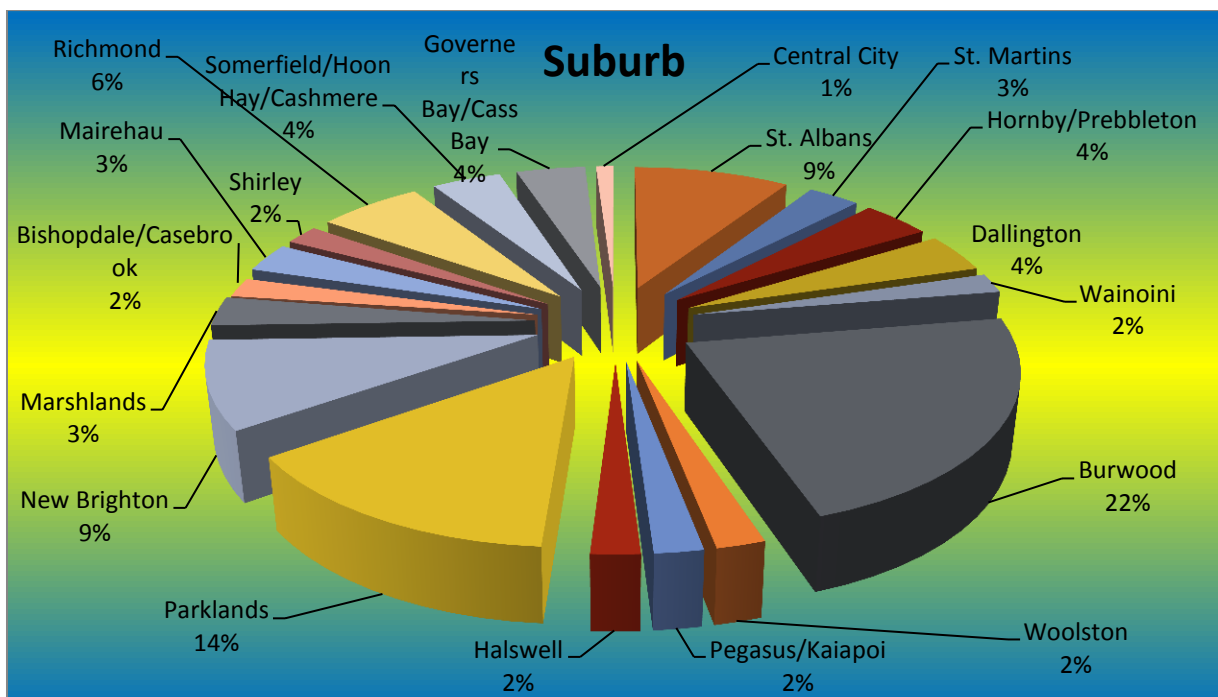
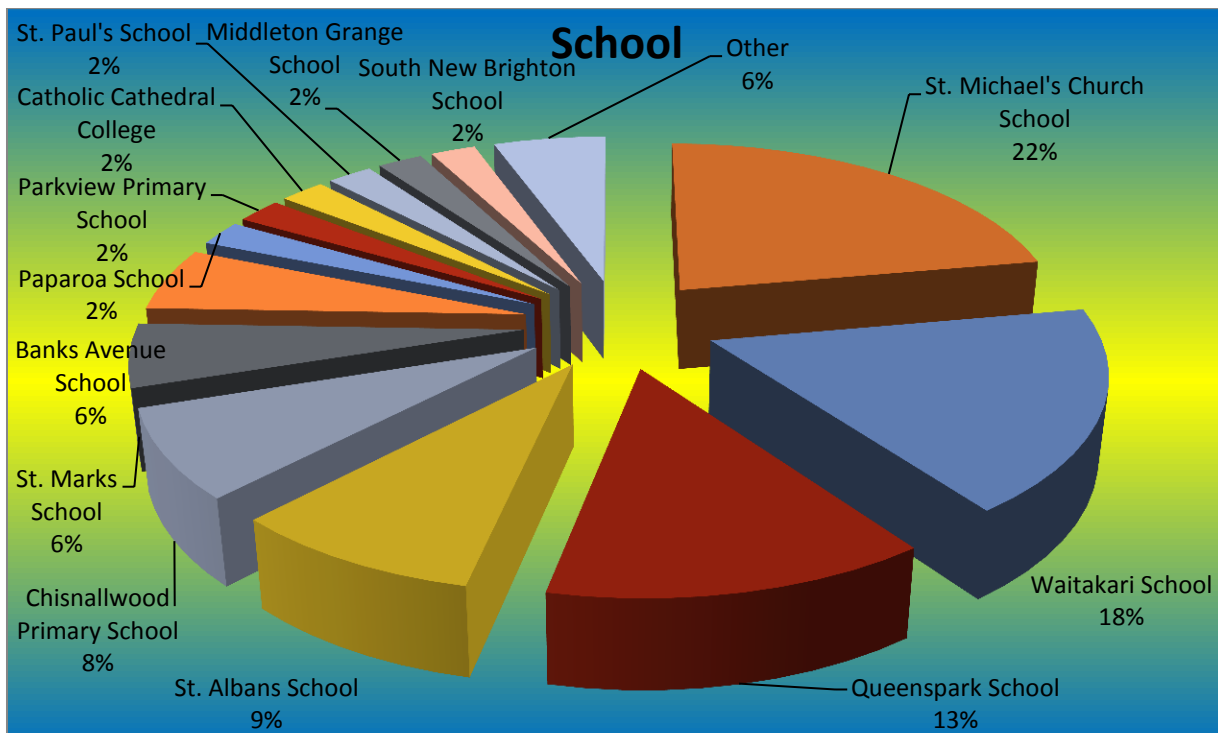


Avon/St. Michael's Junior Competition

In 2012, Avon Hockey Club joined forces with St. Michael's Church School to form a partnership for its junior hockey teams. Katrina Morgan has been amazing from the Avon side, and Mike Graveston has shown so much dedication from the St. Michael's side. We continue to grow our junior numbers, and the club experienced a 25% growth during the 2015 hockey year.

Where do we attract our players from?

We welcome players from all over Christchurch to join our club. The below graphs show our current junior club geographical make-up by school and by suburb.



Avon/St. Michael's Prizegiving Awards

Boy's Player of the Year: Hamish Church (Kwik Sticks Boys 11-a-side)
Girl's Player of the Year: Gemma Rowlands (Kwik Sticks Girls 6-a-side)
Coach of the Year: Hugh Williams (Mini Sticks Girls Swans and Angels)
Assistant Coach of the Year: Ella Stewart (Kwik Sticks Girls 6-a-side)

Kwik Sticks Boys 11-a-side

Coaches: Shaun Graveston and Josh Carlile
Manager: Michael Graveston

The Team:

Anthony Deane
Daniel Carlile
Charlie Newnham
Hamish Church
Logan Cartwright-Keast
Guy Whall
Campbell Hutton
Rihan Lallu
Corbyn Dempsey
Henry Bagshaw
Liam Duncan
Louie Harvey
Shahid Ali

Awards:

MVP: Daniel Carlile
Most Improved: Guy Whall

Final Placing: 5th Place

Write-Up:

The Kwik stick boys had a very successful start to the season, starting of the grading games with some very high scores. The team pulled together and bonded well. After winning the Division two grade in 2014 it was a very big step up for the boys and they did well to fight like they did. Sadly the season did not continue in the impressive way that it started, after facing the super power that is Marist. This was the first significant loss that the boys faced and I felt that they were shocked by the very well drilled and composed composed team, that were not afraid to do back and arounds!!! As coaches

Josh and I tried to make the practise session focus on team bonding also pushing the boys to improve and learn skills that they had not learnt before. As coaches, it was difficult to introduce new players into the higher grades, as they themselves were only just learning the grade, throwing them in the deep end.

One of the weaknesses in the team was our defence, our forwards and midfielders worked very well together and on many an occasion pulled out some very good plays. Sadly the defence struggled as pretty much all of our new player were better suited for this area. The boys worked very very well and ended the season at 5th place, in my opinion 3rd was a very possible reality and it was only missed by one or two very close games that sadly were slightly out of reach.

Overall, I don't think the season went as well as I had envisioned but the boys played well and worked hard to receive the 5th place position. It was rewarding to see the newer players towards the end of the season understanding the game and spirit of hockey more. It was also pleasing to see such a large number of players from our team that made it into representative teams.

Shaun Graveston, Coach



Kwik Sticks Girls 6-a-side

Coach: Katrina Morgan

Manager: Alice Barrett and Ella Stewart

Umpire: Thomas Bennett

The Team:

Ashlee Barrell
Beth Coakley
Danielle Turner
Emily McGifford
Kate Holden
Luisa Dewar
Katelyn Boon
Sophie Stewart
Rebekah Gray
Emma Bennett
Madi Tucker
Gemma Rowlands

Awards:

MVP: Sophie Stewart
Most Improved: Danielle Turner

Final Placing: 3rd Place

Write-Up:

2015 was another year of development with low numbers at the beginning of the season saw us move to the 6 aside grade and then just as the season got underway we had an influx of players and the Kwik Sticks team went from not looking like we could even field enough for six to having six subs on the sideline.

Many of the girls had the opportunity to play for the Avon Youth team, which will be the team they play for next year before moving into the Open Grades. For the girls development it is great to have a youth team for the girls to move on to.

In the competition this year, we came third overall which was fantastic! The girls really clicked as a team and if there was a prize for the most enthusiastic team I would put my money on them winning it.

The girls created a really positive vibe and it was very easy to coach a team that got on so well. I hope to see all the year 7 girls back next year for another great year. Many thanks to the parents, the managers, my umpires and my assistant coach.

Katrina Morgan, Coach



Kiwi Sticks Boys Makos

Coach: Kurt Gurden

Assistant Coaches: Daniel Hayward and Louie Harvey

The Team:

Jake Goddard (Captain)

Ben Cox

Alex Brandrick

Oliver Battrick

Jacob Mitchell-Hall

Caleb Forsythe

Chris Griffith

Will Herriot

Awards:

MVPs: Ben Cox and Jake Goddard

Most Improved: Alex Brandrick

Final Placing: 3rd Place

Write-Up:

The Makos had a great year on the field and were a fantastic team to coach. The team were made up of boys from St. Albans School and Queenspark School, and most had not played hockey with each other prior to the season.



The team had a slow start to the season as they worked out their positions and how to play with each other as teammates. From game 3 onwards, the boys gelled well and began winning most of their games, against very strong opposition. The boys' best games came when they passed the ball and utilised their opportunities when shooting for goal. The defence was also very strong due to our defenders ability to make strong tackles and mark their players out of the games.

The forward structure was led by our captain and top goal scorer Jake, who led the boys well and scored a total of 21 goals over the season. He was joined in the forwards by Chris, Oliver and Will who developed their attacking skills throughout the season. Alex Brandrick stepped into the most challenging position on the field, centre-half, and did an outstanding job controlling and distributing the ball. The backs were led by our awesome newbie, Ben Cox, and veteran Jacob Mitchell-Hall. Caleb Forsyth stepped into the goal keeper position and did an outstanding job keeping the ball out of the goal.

A highlight of the year was to have Chris, Ben and Jake trial for the Canterbury representative teams. Jake received a very deserving position in the Canterbury Boys DTS team – a great achievement for such a fantastic player and leader!

Kurt Gurden, Coach



Kiwi Sticks Boys Panthers

Coach: Daniel Hayward

Assistant Coach: Kurt Gurden and Louie Harvey

Manager: Vicky Thornley

The Team:

Josh Thornley
Billy Knight
James Benzie
Phoenix Newman
Giorgio Haendle
Seth Hosken
Albie Eden
Casey Te Whatu
Thomas Withell

Awards:

MVP: Josh Thornley
Most Improved: Phoenix Newman

Final Placing: 4th Place

Write-Up:

The season started with quite a few new members joining Avon/St. Michael's including the Coach and so it was a learning year for the Panthers. We were pretty average in the beginning with everyone getting to know each other and working out our strengths.



By the end of the season, the Panthers were working well and understanding the need for teamwork. This showed in how well they lifted their game.

The team was led up the front by goal scoring machines James, Billy, Giorgio, and Seth. The middle was controlled by captain Josh, and newcomer Phoenix, who improved dramatically through the season. Phoenix also assisted in the backs with Tommy and Albie who developed into solid defenders. Casey also improved dramatically as goalkeeper, making continuous outstanding saves.



Daniel Hayward, Coach

Kiwi Sticks Girls Blitz

Coach: Bede Byers
Assistant Coach: Meg Byers
Manager: Julianne Perry

The Team:

Elizabeth Mackey
Kate Mackey
Laura Wolland
Gemma Francois
Jasmine Hanrahan
Caitlin Nicholas
Elizabeth Perry

Awards:

MVP: Caitlin Nicholas
Most Improved: Laura Wolland

Final Placing: 3rd Place

Write-Up:

What a great team spirit these seven young ladies have. All prepared to give their best at training and every game. Sometimes the darkness enveloped them at training seasons. Undeterred by rain, playing in wet conditions, that sent all but the hardened of parent supporters running for cover. All standout sports persons bringing their own skills to the game. Great friendships were formed over the season.

The defensive play in this robust team consisted of the formidable defensive play from goalie Laura Wolland and on occasion by Jasmine Hanrahan.

Kate Mackey is a stand out back, who provided great support for Laura. Intercepting the ball and flicking it forward, creating a fast fluid return of the ball.

Centre forwards Elizabeth Perry and Elizabeth Mackey tirelessly chase the ball, looking for gaps in the field, making great passes, and being confident and committed when going for goal. Elizabeth Perry scored the highest number of goals for the season.

The next high scoring player, Caitlin Nicholas, is a very strong, dynamic player who plays with confidence in wing position. She was supported by Gemma Francois, another strong wing player, who never gives up possession of the ball, even when intimidated by several of the opposition. Penalty corners were swift and precise.

Last but not least, Jasmine Hanrahan, an adaptable all round great player, who plays with limitless energy and is the embodiment of team spirit.

A standout moment for Blitz 7, was whilst playing the top team. Caitlin Nicholas scored within the first few minutes of the game. Even though Blitz 7 were defeated, they played with heart and soul.

Julianne Perry, Manager



Kiwi Sticks Girls Wonder Girls

Coach: Bede Byers

Assistant Coach: Meg Byers

Manager: Tanya Meikle

The Team:

Gemma Jackman

Brydie Cattermole

Zoe Marino

Briannah McGregor

Ella Meikle

Suzi Fox

Ruby Lennox

Awards:

MVP: Ruby Lennox

Most Improved: Suzi Fox

Final Placing: 3rd Place

Write-Up:

The girls entered a year of development this year as they started expanding their stick skills and on field awareness while fostering that fighting spirit that lead them to several impressive come from behind wins later in the season. Despite a tough beginning to the season, the team never lost hope and ended up playing some remarkably entertaining hockey for the reliable crowd of parents that showed up week after week. New to their game this season was the penalty corner which was a difficult play to defend. However the girls quickly learnt that resolute defence in the face of these corners normally arises from having the sticks down and everyone buying in on defence. Once this was achieved, our break away attacks were executed efficiently and regularly, catching the opposition out of place and outmanned at their defensive end. These attacks often lead to many of our goals as the girls started learning to space the field and pass accurately. With these developments in play, the girls skills in dribbling, passing and vision also improved. We look to build on these in years to come as the girls enter the higher grades where passing and field spacing become ever more important.



The season ended with a group lunch at Winniebagoes thanks to the organisation of the some of the parents. A massive thank you goes out to the team manager, Tanya Miekle and to Mr. Jackman who often filled in as a referee. Thank you for all the training sessions and games that all the parents attended. We look forward to another season ahead of us in 2016.

Bede Byers, Coach

Mini Sticks Boys Movers

Coach: Yateen Lallu

Assistant Coach: Reuben Lefebvre

Manager: Glen Bongartz

The Team:

Marcus Elson

Vivek Lallu

Raj Ravji

Peter Smith

Mason Stolzenberger

Caleb Knight

Douglas Bongartz

Tanirau Flavell

Awards:

MVP: Vivek Lallu

Most Improved: Caleb Knight

Final Placing: 2nd Place

Write-Up:

In a nutshell the team finished 2nd, losing 2 games in the season. The boys played well and passed the ball around really well, and they all performed well individually throughout the season. Our player of the season was Vivek Lallu and most improved was Caleb Knight.





Yateen Lallu, Coach

Mini Sticks Boys Shakers

Coach: Kevin and Angus Jonker

Manager: Kerri Rowlands

The Team:

- Alex Smith
- Brett Rowlands
- Samuel Bennett
- Quinn Harvey
- Lincoln Jones
- Rory Forsythe
- Hugo Earl

Awards:

- MVP:** Brett Rowlands
- Most Improved:** Hugo Earl

Final Placing: 3rd Place

Write-Up:

- Lincoln was a natural goalkeeper, always protecting the goal.

- Brett was a do what you are told player, if the coach said chase this opponent down he did it, he was everywhere he was needed on the field. He could read the play.
- Quinn and Alex were mighty strikers, they would take turns scoring, set up goals for each other, pat each other on the back after every goal.
- Hugo was shy to begin with but once he got going he got into the play.
- Sam played as a half, running back and forth constantly.
- Rory, liked to back up Lincoln, defending mostly but now and again would get into the middle.



Kerri Rowlands, Manager



Mini Sticks Girls Swans and Angels

Coach: Hugh Williams

Assistant Coach: Mitchell Power

Managers: Kelly Sullivan and Jasmine Hanrahan (Swans), Matthew Parkes (Angels)

Swans Team List: Awards:

Katie Battrick
Sophie Stewart
Emma Gray
Ruby Francois
Leah Hanrahan
Holly Boyd
Paige Lyon
Samantha Walker
Mereana Morgan

MVP: Leah Hanrahan
Most Improved: Emma Grey
Final Placing: 6th Place

Angels Team List: Awards:

Breanna Spink
Samantha Brown
Sophie Dawson
Poppy Knight
Piper Le Beau
Caley Van der Kroon
Darnae Parkes
Brooke Marino

MVP: Caley Van der Kroon
Most Improved: Brooke Marino
Final Placing: 4th Place

Combined Write-up:

Both of these teams had their ups and downs for the season. Wins were in short supply, yet there were some outstanding victories. Much of the difficulty we faced in the first half of the season was in part due to the grading, and in part due to the fact that both teams were practising together in very cramped conditions.

It wasn't until the second half of the season, once this had been changed, that we saw passing games develop, as well as a real sense of team. Both teams started to see in the second half of the season what they could achieve when they worked together, and started to find some satisfaction as their skills improved and it all started to click.

Hugh Williams, Coach



Avon/St. Michael's Summer Hockey

Avon/St. Michael's enters summer hockey teams into the pre and post Christmas competitions. The teams play on Tuesday afternoons/nights at Nunweek Park. This year, we entered seven teams into the competition.

Avon/St. Michael's Shakers

The Avon/St. Michael's Shakers were our first ever Yr. 1-4 team entered into the summer hockey competition. They play quarter field hockey with many players having not played hockey before.

The Team: Lydia and Shantelle Hosken, Quinn Harvey, Hugo Earl, Matthew Dalaney, Tanisha Tritt, Paige Lyon, Brett Rowlands, Oliver Elliot

Coach: Hugh Williams

Avon/St. Michael's Blitz

The Avon/St. Michael's Blitz played in the Yr. 5-6 competition. The grade was aimed at primarily developing and up-and-coming players, with our experienced Yr. 5-6 players assisting each week.

Regular Players: Josh Thornley, Elizabeth Perry, Gemma Francois, Will Herriot, Albie Eden

Fill-in Players: Jake Goddard, Jacob Mitchell-Hall, Ben Cox, Oliver Battrick, Alex Brandrick, Seth Hosken, Phoenix Newman

Coach: Kurt Gurden

Avon/ St. Michael's Makos, Jaguars and Panthers

These teams were entered in the Yr. 7 & 8 competition. The players were split into different teams each week to encourage a social and fun aspect to the competition.

Players: Alex Brandrick, Oliver Battrick, Ben Cox, Jake Goddard, Phoenix Newman, Seth Hosken, Jacob Mitchell-Hall, Liam Duncan, Henry and Kate Bagshaw, Louie Harvey, Charlie Newnham, Logan Cartwright-Keast, Madi Tucker, James McRobb, Kelvin Milne, Kate Bloomfield, Luisa Dewar, Katelyn Boon, Gemma Rowlands, Hamish Church

Coaches: Kurt Gurden, Hugh Williams, Michael Graveston

Avon/St. Michael's Globe Trotters

The Globe Trotters were our youth team, made up primarily of ex-Avon/St. Michael's players and friends of these players.

The Team: Gemma Rowlands, Jamie Kerr, Meg Byers, Jess Wright, Jade Cartwright-Keast, Daniel Carlile, Thomas Bennett

Avon/St. Michael's Show Ponies

The Show Ponies consisted of experienced players, representing primarily the junior coaches of Avon/St. Michael's and ex-St. Michael's Church School students.

The Team: Kurt Gurden, Hugh Williams, Josh and Daniel Carlile, Bede Byers, Shaun Graveston, Daniel Hayward, Tyler Cleverley

Avon/St. Michael's Representative Players

Avon/St. Michael's was again proud to have seven boys selected in Canterbury representative teams. All boys attended various tournaments around New Zealand and played high quality at these tournaments. Sadly, we didn't have any girls selected into representative teams as unfortunately the number of girls trialling for representative positions was significantly higher than the boys teams.



(Above: Six of our boys following the South Island tournament weekend in Christchurch. Left to Right: Jake Goddard, Louie Harvey, Shahid Ali, Daniel Carlile, Logan Cartwright-Keast, Rihan Lallu)

HOCKEY
Development teams named
 Canterbury Hockey have named their primary development team for 2015.
 Avon St. Michael's are best represented with four players in the squad as well as a strong contingent from HSOB-Burnside and Harewood.
 The selection panel also named their training squad which will work towards developing their game in the hope that they will one day progress to play hockey for the region and beyond.
 The teams begin training on Nunweek Park this Thursday.

Primary Development Team
 Shahid Ali (Avon-St. Michael's), Robbie Bargrove (Cathedral Grammar), Johnny Bullen (Cathedral Grammar), Logan Cartwright-Keast (Avon-St. Michael's), Louie Harvey (Avon-St. Michael's), Max Hill-Cattermole (Carlton Redcliffs), Dominic Johnson (HSOB/Burnside), Rihan Lallu (Avon-St. Michael's), Luke MacLeod (Harewood), Hunter Mason (Harewood), Jayden McIntyre (HSOB/Burnside), Alex Meates (Marist), Jacob Millich (Marist), Dougal Robertson (HSOB/Burnside), Felix Varley-Clapp (Harewood), Harry Withers (Carlton Redcliffs).

Primary Development Training Squad
 Malek Connor (Harewood), Tom Edwards (Harewood), Benjamin Forgie (Carlton Redcliffs), Liam George (Harewood), Jake Goddard (Avon-St. Michael's), Ty Gradowski



(Above centre: Hamish Church and the Canterbury Primary Boys A team finished 2nd at Hatch Cup)



(Above right: Jake Goddard was named most improved player for the Canterbury Development Boys Training Squad – above is Jake at trails)

(Left: Avon/St. Michael's was recognised as best club represented in The Press for the junior development teams)

Canterbury Primary Boys A Team

Hamish Church

Hamish was lucky enough to be selected for the Canterbury Hatch Cup team this year. They started their season with good wins against Mid Canterbury U15 and the South Canterbury Hatch Cup team.

He learnt a couple of new positions and played the last part of the season as either the starting left or right half.

They finished their representative season in the Hatch Cup played in Timaru. They reached the final and played Auckland. It was a close game but Canterbury conceded 2 early goals and couldn't catch up. The 2nd half was nil-all. The supporters were all dressed in red and black and were very loud with horns and hooters.

This was Hamish's 4th season as a Canterbury rep and made many friends on the way and has thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it.



Write-up and photos courtesy of Lee-Ann and Andrew Church

Canterbury Primary Boys B Team

Daniel Carlile

Daniel has had a great year of hockey. Over the early season he started playing with more confidence and it showed with his running and tackling, and followed into the opportunity to play for the Canterbury B team. This team was of very even ability with all the children getting on and having great fun both on, and off the turf.

A very busy few weeks of training and games, helped lift Daniels hockey skills and he really enjoyed the high expectation of the coaching team.

So they went to the Mcgrath Cup in Rotorua and found it hard the first day to find their form, although they won both games. On the second it was a tough, physical, game against Auckland that they lost by 2. And so it was a playoff for 3rd and 4th against North Harbour and another win.

A great season that has established friendships and given Daniel a great sense of belonging.



Write-up and photos courtesy of Noel Carlile

Canterbury Boys Development Squad

Louie Harvey

This has been Louie's third season of playing Hockey. After starting in 8-aside, he was excited to take the step up to our Primary Boys Team and also be selected for the Canterbury Development Squad this year.

He really enjoyed the Canterbury experience and making friends with the boys from other clubs. With tournaments in Timaru, Christchurch and Oamaru, Louie learnt heaps about tournament play and the fun and excitement that goes along with this.

Louie played mainly in the midfield for his club. The move to rep hockey saw him also play in a variety of positions across the defence.

He thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities this season provided and is keen to keep learning and growing his skills.



Write-up and photos courtesy of Tim Harvey

Logan Cartwright-Keast

Having three other players from the Avon club 11-aside team in the Dev team assisted with team skills that were already familiar to our boys. In saying that, the whole team gelled really well together on and off the field. On the field some superb team skills became evident early on in the matches we played. We won all pool games then went up against South Canterbury in Sunday's semi final. Toughest opponent of the draw and we went down 3-1. Logan really enjoyed the experience of the matches, team camaraderie and coaching/team fairness directed from JD and Josh.



Write-up and photos courtesy of Karen Cartwright-Keast

Shahid Ali

Shahid had another enjoyable and successful season playing for the Boys' Development Team. He began the season with Academy sessions set up for those boys who had played the previous year in the Dev Team. He thoroughly enjoyed the teaching and learning and he believes he improved considerably. He was unfortunate to not trial for the A's and B's as for some strange reason at the last minute, others who hadn't been part of the process were called in. Shahid being the positive young man that he is wasn't phased by this and immediately began to prepare for the Dev Team trials - well success again for him. He really loved being one of the 'big boys' in the team, this presented him with a leadership opportunity and gave him some cudos with the young ones who had just joined this year.

Again the tournaments were a time of learning, adapting and of being flexible. Shahid began at centre half, played on the right wing, at left or right half, centre forward and even in the backs. It must be good having a versatile player in your team. All his games were played with his usual presence as in physical presence as he tried to dominate. Shahid is passionate about hockey and it shows in his dedication and work ethic which improved hugely over the representative season. Hopefully he will be chosen again for something next season and the learning will continue as will the fun.



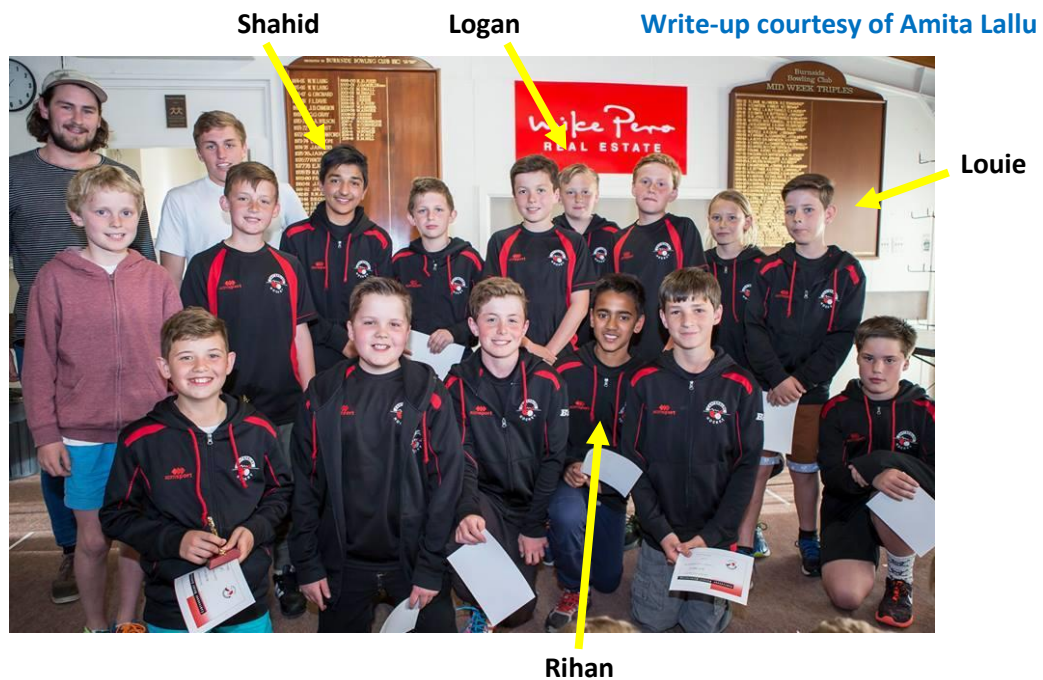
Write-up and photos courtesy of Kirstie McDonald

Rihan Lallu

Rihan was very excited and happy to be selected for the DS team of 2015. He was in the DTS last year and this was a small step up to what he already experienced and gained with some of the boys from last year.

Rihan played the half position in most of his games and although he struggled with the sheer pace of this position, he soon proved himself valuable by making good tackles and throwing some great passes. He even went on to score a great final goal for his team in the 3rd/4th playoff against the DTS team.

The team went from strength to strength both on and off the turf and towards the end of the Oamaru Tournament, Rihan was playing with confidence and positively contributing towards his team. Rihan is looking forward to the trials for 2016 and is hoping to make selection for another year representing Canterbury. We are proud of Rihan's achievements and grateful for the efforts of both coaches, manager and parents who turned it into a truly wonderful experience for this DS team of 2015!



Canterbury Boys Development Training Squad

Jake Goddard

Jake first picked up a hockey stick last year at an Avon/St. Michael's training session. Thanks to the wonderful coaching he received, he was selected for the Canterbury Development Training Squad. After playing 6 a-side club games, Jake was challenged with a whole new game of 11 a-side tournament hockey.

For most of the boys, it was their first year of rep hockey and they were all excited and really dedicated to the game and their team. They played three tournaments and came up against a lot of older, more experienced boys (including a few of our club members). The boys played so well together as a team, forming great friendships and building that trust in each to work well on the field. They put their heart and soul into each game with many wins along the way but even when they didn't win it, it was still a victory for them!

Jake found his niche in the Left Mid position and really improved on his ball skills. His signature move was the German Spin which he learnt from his Avon/St. Michaels assistant coach, Daniel. It always got a cheer from the crowd and being the smallest player in the team it was a very tactical move! His nickname in the team was "Midge" and the players soon learnt not to under-estimate the small guy!

Jake has a real passion for hockey and he loves the intellectual and physical challenge the game offers. The skills he has learnt and the knowledge of each team mates position and strengths on the field have made this a really tactical and challenging sport which is always exciting to play (and watch!).

Thank goodness he was recruited (unwillingly at the time) by Angela Bagshaw!

Avon/St. Michael's also congratulates Jake on being named the Most Improved Player for the Canterbury DTS Boys Team!!



Jake

Write-up and photos courtesy of Hayley Musgrove



Financial Statements

Avon Hockey Club Incorporated

31 October 2015


Statement of financial performance for the year ended 31 October 2015

	Note	<i>This Year</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Revenue			
Subscription Revenue		46,862	46,028
		46,862	46,028
Other Revenue			
Barbeques and Pub Quizzes		2,876	927
Chocolates Sales		6,736	4,073
Donations Received		441	1,794
Gear Sales		135	226
Grants Received	7	22,000	11,910
Interest Received		182	10
Prizes		-	100
Refunds and Umpiring Revenue (Canterbury Hockey)		770	2,844
Raffle Ticket Sales		-	197
Sponsorships Received		3,695	-
Training Turf Hire (Recharged)		861	1,000
		37,696	23,080
Total Operating Revenue		84,558	69,109
Operating Expenses			
Affiliation and Turf Fees (Canterbury Hockey)		41,526	44,585
Depreciation		2,461	1,887
Hockey Playing Gear		461	1,251
Training Turf Hire (Shirley Boys High School and St. Andrews College)		6,413	8,177
		50,861	55,900
Administration Expenses			
Audit Disbursements		35	25
Audit Fees		1,000	1,000
Bad Debts		413	-
Bank Fees		67	67
Coach Training		-	43
Consultancy Expenses		2,130	1,120
Entertainment and Prizegiving Expenses		509	294
Fund Raising Expenses		4,170	3,005
Gifts		-	218
Subscriptions		390	360
Website Expenses		-	32
		8,714	6,165
Total Expenses		59,575	62,066
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		\$ 24,983	\$ 7,043

The accompanying notes and auditor's report are to be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

Statement of financial position as at 31 October 2015


	Note	This Year	Last Year
EQUITY		\$ 33,288	\$ 8,305
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash Balances	5	18,022	6,708
Accounts Receivable		1,645	5,699
GST Receivable		-	600
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment (at Book Value)	6	15,237	3,590
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 34,904	\$ 16,596
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable		317	7,113
Sundry Accruals		1,184	1,179
GST Payable		115	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 1,616	\$ 8,292
TOTAL NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		\$ 33,288	\$ 8,305



 David Grundy (President)

12/03/2016


 Date



 Isobel Thomson (Vice-President)

12/03/2016

 Date



 Kurt Gurden (Treasurer)

12/03/2016

 Date

The accompanying notes and auditor's report are to be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

Statement of movements in equity for the year ended 31 October 2015

	<i>This Year</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
NET SURPLUS	<u>24,981</u>	<u>7,043</u>
Balance Retained as Income added to Equity		7,043
Equity at Start of Year	<u>8,307</u>	<u>1,261</u>
	<u>\$ 33,288</u>	<u>\$ 8,305</u>

The accompanying notes and auditor's report are to be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2015

1 Statement of Accounting Policies

These are the financial statements of Avon Hockey Club Incorporated. The club is an incorporated society established under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 by a deed dated 22 May 2001.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The club qualifies for differential reporting based on the following criteria:

- . It is not publicly accountable and
- . Is not large, as defined by the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants

The club has adopted all available differential reporting exemptions.

Measurement System

These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis. The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars (NZ\$).

Particular Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the club in the preparation of these financial statements.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at their estimated realisable value.

Grants

Grants received are recognised in operating revenue unless specific conditions are attached to a grant and repayment of the grant is required where these conditions are not met. In these cases, the grant is treated as a liability until the conditions are met.

Goods and Services Tax

Financial information in these accounts is recorded exclusive of GST with the exception of receivables and payables, which include GST. GST payable or receivable at balance date is included in the appropriate category in the Statement of Financial Position.

Plant, Property and Equipment

Property, Plant and Equipment are recognised at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Depreciation rates are disclosed in the asset schedule.

Taxation

The club meets the tax exemptions of section CW 46 in the Income Tax Act 2007 and therefore is not subject to payment of income tax.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

2 Contingent Liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities at year end (31 October 2014: \$Nil).

3 Capital Commitments

There are no capital commitments at year end (31 October 2014: \$Nil).

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2015

4 Subsequent Events

There have been no events subsequent to balance date which would materially affect the financial statements as at 31 October 2015 (31 October 2014: \$Nil).

5 Cash Balances

	<i>This Year</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
ANZ Cheque Account	794	6,680
ANZ Online Account	17,198	-
Heartland Everyday Community Account	30	28
	<u>\$ 18,022</u>	<u>\$ 6,708</u>

6 Property, Plant and Equipment Summary

	<i>This Year</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
	Book Value	Book Value
	Cost	Accum Depn
Playing Equipment	81,103	65,866
	<u>\$ 81,103</u>	<u>\$ 65,866</u>
	15,237	3,590
	<u>\$ 15,237</u>	<u>\$ 3,590</u>

7 Grant Funding

Avon Hockey Club Incorporated received the following grants during the year (31 October 2014: \$11,910).

	<i>This Year</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Christchurch City Council	-	2,000
Pub Charity	5,000	3,693
Lion Foundation	6,000	6,216
NZCT	11,000	-
	<u>\$ 22,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,910</u>

8 Related Parties

During the year, Kurt Gurden donated \$186 (31 October 2014: \$1,481) to Avon Hockey Club Incorporated, as a member of the committee. The donation was unconditional.

During the year, Avon Hockey Club Incorporated reimbursed committee members of the club for expenditure incurred by those persons on behalf of the club.

There were no other material related party transactions.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Avon Hockey Club Incorporated

We have audited the financial statements of Avon Hockey Club Incorporated on pages 36 to 40, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 October 2015, the statement of financial performance, and the Statement of Movement in Equity and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and for such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.


Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, Avon Hockey Club Incorporated.

Basis to Qualified Opinion

As is common with other organisations of a similar nature, control over some cash receipts prior to being recorded is limited and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control. In this respect alone we have not been able to obtain all the information and explanations that we have required.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for any adjustments that might have been found to be necessary had we been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning cash receipts, the financial statements on pages 36-40 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Avon Hockey Club Incorporated as at 31 October 2015 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.



12th March 2016

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