

CASEY HOCKEY CLUB

2008

ANNUAL REPORT

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008

Time flies when you're having fun!

This year began on a low note with the vandalism of our clubrooms and theft from the canteen but repairs to our clubrooms, a new alarm system and security screens solved that problem and suddenly everything turned positive. An influx of new players both senior and junior and an enthusiastic charge into pre-season following wins in the Summer competitions set the stage for a promising start to the year.

The Shootout Cup was again a rousing success both in the hockey played and in the promotion of our club as a growing force in outer eastern hockey, resulting in another win for Casey on the field and a fun day for all. The Golf Day gave members and parents a chance to get to know each other in a fun environment and was enjoyed by all involved. A new relationship was forged with Eastern Hockey Club in an Annual Competition, which can only benefit both clubs. The inaugural Trophy is in our possession. All this fuelled expectations leading into the 2008 Winter season.

Our Junior unit began the year with promise following the arrival of new Players and Coaches and enthusiasm was high. Unfortunately we had also lost some experienced players for a variety of reasons and this left us with some teams graded higher than appropriate and a shortage of players in some teams. All of our teams displayed Great Spirit and constantly strived to perform at their best throughout the season despite these difficulties and judging by the comments from the players themselves, everyone enjoyed their Hockey. The U/15 Girls provided the highlight of the year with an exciting Grand Final resulting in a well deserved Premiership Flag. Well Done Girls!

All of this highlights our need to structure a strong Junior Recruiting and Development Program for 2009 and strive to attract experienced and talented Coaches to staff it. The need for Parents to become actively involved in this program is imperative if it is to succeed. One of the encouraging aspects of this year has been the number of parents who have stepped into Team Mngr positions Coaching and Umpiring duties for the first time and this willingness to learn about the game and be proactive bodes well for the future.

The arrival of a number of experienced players in both our mens and womens teams provided the impetus for an exciting and energetic preseason and the appointment of Phil Wagg to the MSL4 side and Tracey Brown to the WM1S team meant new ideas and new challenges were the order of the day. The influence of Phil was evident early and the resulting Minor Premiership and promotion to SL3 for 2009 is a true reflection of his value and the teams performance.

The Senior unit performed well as a whole with 5 of the 6 teams playing Finals and the Mens thirds, MM4S providing the first Senior Mens Premiership since 1993. Well Done Team!

Our Veterans teams, although hidden away on Monday nights, flew the Casey flag high during the season with our Vets C grade finishing on top and winning promotion to B grade for 2009 and our Vets D grade winning many friends with their sportsmanship and enthusiastic style of play.

All of the Coaches, Team Managers and Umpires deserve our heartfelt gratitude for the job they have done this year, some for the first time. It is too easy to dismiss the contribution of these people as we enjoy our own game but without their commitment, patience and expertise; we would not get to enjoy it at all. I can only encourage more of you to get involved and share the load; it is heavier than you think.

Off field, the year was also exciting and challenging. This has been our first full year in our new clubrooms and the challenge has been to make it the home away from home it needs to be. The Social committee has endeavoured to run functions to attract all to use our fine facilities but unfortunately while all who attended enjoyed themselves, the numbers were down on expectations. These functions are a big part of our fundraising and without support, the finances of the club feel the pinch. The Canteen has operated well and has provided a good range of delights for the discerning palate with obvious appreciation.

We have resumed payments to the sinking fund for ground replacement following the hiatus during construction of the clubrooms and we should finish the year with the rooms fully paid for. The Working Bee to finish the season was well attended and the ground, lights and surrounds are in good order to start the New Year.

This club, like so many others, operates on the efforts of dedicated, committed members. We are solely self-funded and we strive to keep fees at the lowest possible level. To do this effectively, we need the involvement of as many of our members as possible in a variety of areas. This year we spent over \$5000 on umpiring, this could be decreased by a bigger involvement of senior players in this task. Fundraising is the life source of this club and any ideas and proactive involvement in this area is welcomed with open arms.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the members of this year's Committee. I have immense respect and admiration for them all having watched them on a weekly basis take up the challenges that regularly confronted them and come out ahead most of the time.

The Committee this year has operated 2 members short from the outset and this has meant some things have not been done as effectively as we would have hoped. We have also lacked numbers on subcommittees in most of our portfolios and while I believe this committee has achieved most of what we set out to do, I acknowledge that with added support, more would have been achieved.

I urge every member to consider how he or she can best become involved in the operation of our club and help us all to be better.

Carina Venturi who published our newsletter this year deserves a special mention. Carina turned a simple newsletter into a visual delight with her imagination and expertise that has been enjoyed by all. Thank You Carina.

This AGM is my last official duty with Casey Hockey Club. I am moving to Qld to take up duties as a fulltime Grandfather and part time fisherman. This has been my third stint at Berwick / Casey and as one who was here at the beginning 20 years ago, it gives me enormous pleasure to see the growth and development of our Club to its present strong, healthy position. We are now at the stage, both geographically and historically to become the pre-eminent Hockey Club in the eastern suburbs over the next 3-5 years. This is an opportunity, which we should not miss out on. I encourage you all to get involved and make it happen.

I thank all of you who helped to make my time here as enjoyable and memorable as it has been. I will be keeping a keen eye on the Internet to follow our clubs fortunes in the coming years and I will take any opportunity I have to drop in and say hi! Good luck for the future.

GO CANNONS!

Kev
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2008

2008 has been a year the Club has enjoyed considerable on field success. I congratulate all players and spectators for the way they have represented Casey and thank especially all the coaches, umpires, team managers and volunteers who have made it possible for us to play.

While our senior membership increased this year, we entered only one extra team which played in the PWHA. This team has been one of the success stories for 2008, as it opened up hockey to women unable to commit to weekend games and has become an enthusiastic unit with a waiting list.

Junior memberships were stable, although spread unevenly over age and grade levels. Continual recruiting of players is vital for the ongoing viability of the Club and will become even more challenging in difficult economic times.

From an administrative point of view, there is increasing reliance on computers and the internet, which I personally have found challenging. Thanks to Committee members who have been of great assistance in this area.

I would like to thank all the hard working members of the committee in 2008. They have brought new ideas and energy to the Club while overseeing the maintenance of our core activity. I look forward to their continued involvement in the Club

I'd especially like to thank Kevin for his hard work this year. His dedication, extensive hockey knowledge and experience will be greatly missed by the Club. I wish him well in his future adventures and retirement.

Finally once again, I would like to encourage members and parents to consider becoming involved at committee or sub-committee level.

CLUB REPORT 2008

FOR THE SEASON 2008 THE CASEY HOCKEY CLUB ENTERED 19 TEAMS WITH THE VICTORIAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION WHICH COMPRISED OF 3 MENS , 3 WOMENS , 2 VETERANS AND 11 JUNIOR TEAMS RANGING FROM U/9 TO U/17. WE ALSO ENTERED A WOMENS TEAM IN THE PENINSULA COMPETITION WHICH WAS PLAYED ON MONDAY NIGHT
HOW EACH TEAM PERFORMED AND TROPHY WINNERS FOR EACH TEAM IS AS FOLLOWS

MEN

TEAM	POSITION	BEST AND FAIREST	RUNNER UP	COACH'S AWARD
SL4	1 ST	BRYAN YOUNG	MATTHEW LIGHT	NICK WOOD
M1 EAST	7 TH	CAMERON RITCHIE	PAUL FERNE	SHANNON DUBOIS
M4 SOUTH	2 ND	ROBERT STRANG	MICHAEL BANNISTER	ANDREW AXTON
VC EAST	1 ST	NO TROPHIES	AWARDED	
VD EAST	8 TH	NO TROPHIES	AWARDED	

WOMEN

WSL3	3 RD	LIZ MACULAITIS	FIONA YOUNG	DEBBIE JACOBS
WM1 SOUTH	4 TH	SUE BARLING	SAMANTHA WAGG	CARLIE STEWART
WM3 SOUTH	3 RD	LIZ NICHOL	STACEY GLOVER	REBEKAH HODSON
PENINSULA	4 TH	MARINETTE DAMES	SUE CARR	NIKKI SIMUNIC

JUNIORS

U/17A SHIELD	8 TH	LUKE COUSINS	BRYAN YOUNG	ALEC KNIGHT
U/17 P S	10 TH	STEPHEN LOMBARD	ANDERSON MURRAY	
U/15 P .A	7 TH	ROBERT THIRD	BRYCE ALARDS	NICK MUNRO
U/15 SOUTH	5 TH	ANDREW KENNEDY	LACHLAN HENSTOCK	ALEC FOY
U/15 GIRLS	2 ND	JESSICA CACHIA	CATHY GUY	EBONY TOTH
U/13 P A	9 TH	SAMANTHA WAGG	LINDSEY RITCHIE	LACHLAN ARCHER
U/13 PS	10 TH	EBONY STURGESS	JACK DAVIS	MATTHEW LANGLEY
U/11A SHIELD	7 TH			
U/11 PS	6 TH			
U/9 SOUTH W	2 ND			
U/9 SOUTH M	8 TH			

IN SUMMARY A VERY GOOD SEASON FOR THE SENIOR TEAMS IN THE CLUB WITH SIX TEAMS MAKING FINALS WITH THREE OF THOSE TEAMS MAKING GRAND FINALS WITH THE METRO 4 SOUTH TEAM WINNING THE GRAND FINAL AND THE STATE LEAGUE 4 AND VETERANS C EAST BEING RUNNERS UP

ALTHOUGH THE JUNIOR TEAMS DID NOT HAVE THE SAME SUCCESS AS THE SENIOR TEAMS WE DID HAVE TWO TEAMS PLAYING IN THE HIGHEST GRADE IN THEIR AGE GROUP AND TWO TEAMS PLAYING THE GRADE BELOW. IN HINDSIGHT THE OTHER TEAMS WERE GRADED TOO HIGHLY.

A POSITIVE RESULT WAS THE UNDER 15 GIRLS WINNING THE GRAND FINAL.

THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS MADE REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

BRYAN YOUNG - VICTORIA U/18 MENS

MATTHEW LIGHT - VICTORIA U/16 SCHOOL BOYS

LIAM ALARDS - VICTORIA U/12 PRIMARY SCHOOL BOYS

SAMANTHA WAGG - VICTORIA U/12 PRIMARY SCHOOL GIRLS

REBECCA GUY - U/12 VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL GIRLS, U/14 VICTORIA GIRLS INDOOR, U/13 GIRLS SHARKS

LINDSEY RITCHIE U/14 VICTORIA GIRLS INDOOR, U/13 GIRLS SHARKS

ALI AQUINO U/13 BOYS SHARKS

PAUL ROSS- OVER 55 VICTORIA TEAM

STEVE GRIGOLEIT - OVER 45 STATE

DEBBIE JACOBS - OVER 35 STATE

TRACEY BROWN - OVER 40 STATE

FIONA YOUNG - OVER 45 STATE

CONGRATULATIONS TO FIONA WHO WAS SELECTED IN THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR THE SECOND TIME

THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS WERE SELECTED FOR DEVELOPMENT TEAMS:

ERIN JONES, ALICIA SONN AND GRIFFIN MCPHEE- U/11 BOYS, U/12 GIRLS

LINDSEY RITCHIE, ROBERT THIRD, JAMES MUNRO, DANIELA VENTURI – VIC STIX SQUAD

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS WHO REACHED MILESTONE GAMES DURING THE SEASON THIS REQUIRES A LOT OF DEDICATION AND TIME TO ACHIEVE THESE MILESTONES

50 GAMES

RUAIRIDH JACKSON

TOM MARKS

GEORGE COOK

MONIKA YOUNG

JULIAN COOK

RACHAEL GUY

REBECCA GUY

MATTHEW LANGLEY

PERRI MCLEAN

JOSH HONDOW

LACHLAN DANIEL

100 GAMES

NICK MUNRO

BRYCE ALARDS

NICK ALARDS

GLEN OLIVER

ALI AQUINO

PENNY DAMES

JAMES COOK

JULIAN GUY

NICK WOOD

BEN SMITH

STEFAN YOUNG

CHERYL HOWARD

KEELEY BROWN

JANE HARRIS

DENNISE ROSETTI

150 GAMES

CHRIS WOOD

JARRYD BECKWITH

ALEC KNIGHT

IVAN DAMES

200 GAMES

PAUL ROSS

250 GAMES

TRACEY BROWN