

Kings Langley Hockey Club 2012 Annual Report

Overall Kings Langley Hockey Club has had another successful year. We have increased our player base and maintained our fundraising to ensure we continue to be financially viable. Looking back at this year's goals we are moving forward positively but there is still more to be done.

2012 goals

- To introduce an U7 programme - **yes, although the uptake was limited we have made a start**
- To enter 4 teams into the NAJHA competition, 1 in each age division - **yes**
- To increase the number of volunteers, accredited coaches and umpires in the club - **continuing**
- To incorporate - **in progress**
- To broaden and secure KLHC's funding base - **continuing**
- To continue to gain access to Cavanagh Reserve as a season hirer at a rate equivalent to the hire of 1 soccer field by a non-profit sporting group - **yes although is reviewed each year**

As always, the success of the 2012 season has relied on the efforts of our many volunteers. For their enthusiasm, commitment and sporting attitude which has made hockey such an enjoyable pursuit in 2012 I'd like to thank:-

The Committee; Lyn, Patrice, Penny and Mona

Delegated Roles; Tim and Linda

Coaches, Managers and their willing Assistants; Joseph, Casey, Jesse, Roger, Ben, Penny, Simren, Mark T, Peter S, Darren, Kate, Lyn O'R, Patrice and Veena

Umpires; Joseph, Varun, Patrick O'R, Mark, Kate and Lyn O'R

Parents and Players

An overview of the club's activities is provided below.

Active After School Communities Programmes

We ran a promotional day at Quakers Hill PS, also attended by Michelle Rowland and Kate Lundy, introducing hockey to the school. Lyn O'R also ran a very well received and successful School gala day for Quakers Hill East PS.

Beginners

KLHC ran an U7 and U9 program on Tuesday afternoons in term 2. This program linked into the NAJHA U9 Gala Days. Coached by U15 players Casey and Jesse with assistance from Joseph and Lyn the program was once again well received by parents and players alike. We intend to expand this program to include all 10 U9 game days in 2013.

4-a-side

4-a-side took to the courts for a second season. We increased our numbers forming 7 teams and ended the season with A and B grade finals series. Rules and umpiring further evolved, skills and tactics developed and friendships formed. On behalf of the committee I'd like to thank everyone involved with this competition for its continuing success.

The teams were;

The White Knights, The Red Devils, Team Black, The Rusticks, The Lemons, The Shrieking Violets and Hockey Heroes.

And the winners;

The White Knights (A Grade)
The Lemons (B Grade)

Junior Competition Report 2012

The 2012 season has seen us fulfill a major goal set in 2011; we extended our presence in the North Area Junior Hockey Association (NAJHA) competition by fielding for the first time a KLHC team in every age division from U11 to U17, as well as participating in the new U9 competition. Whilst we didn't manage to take out any premierships this year, we have nonetheless made some significant advances.

Foremost of these advances were the move into A division for the first time for not just one, but two of our junior teams, and the progress of the U15 team from largely novice all the way to the Grand Final. It is also credit to the volunteer spirit within our club that three of the five age groups were coached by new faces within KLHC. A more detailed presentation of each team's experiences in 2012 is given below in the individual reports from each team's coach.

U9 Report

10 players registered for KLHC's 2012 U9 program which was ably coached by Casey McGuinness, Jesse Gray and Joseph O'Reilly.

During term 2 the program remained in house at Cavanagh where there was an emphasis on skill development and games. In term 3 KLHC's U9s joined in with the other NAJHA U9 sides playing 5 Saturday morning games.

By and large the U9s were both new to hockey, and new to each other. It was great seeing the development of friendships, confidences and skills that occurred during the program.

Thank you to our 3 coaches; Casey, Jesse and Joseph and also to our mums and dads, cousins and uncles who helped out this year.

Lyn O'Reilly, U9 Program Coordinator

U11 Report

Firstly, congratulations to the team for a great year of hockey. During the year our team showed some great strength and endurance. The backs continuously fought with determination and skill to fend off the sometimes relentless attack from the opposition. The halves played with control and partnership as they moved the ball around to set up the next attacking move and then to be ready to race back to assist in the defensive play. The forwards showed great passing skill, dazzle with the sticks and finally some strong shots at goal – many of which hit the backboard with a resounding thud. Well done to you all.

The U11's team had a variable year of wins losses learning and fun. This included the coaching staff as well as the players. We played in the A division, which meant we came up against some challenging teams that tested our skill and our character. It was great to see our team rise to these challenges and play each game with determination and good spirit. Well done to all the players, as it was a delight to see you all perform in this manner. We also played against some teams who were on par with us and these games provided even challenge and competition. Again it was a joy to see the team play with great attitude and teamwork and to win a number of these games.

Thanks also to Team Manager Penny Johnson and Assistant Coach Ben Freeman for their work and commitment to the team.

Roger Phelps, U11 Team Coach

U13 Report

This season was a tough one. We were playing in the A pool for the first time, which was a big step up from the B pool. We also had three new players, who were very excited to try their hand – or rather, their sticks – at hockey. Our team was consequently a beautiful mix of new recruits and of experienced veterans. Every game and training session showcased the players' incredible teamwork, patience and peer teaching.

Unfortunately, we finished second last this season in a six-team A pool consisting of some very skilled teams. However, we stood as a unit against the tough opposition and we held ourselves in high morale, never allowing for any negativity about the games' outcomes, but rather focusing on our in-game skills, techniques, tactics and fun. We improved phenomenally throughout the season. In fact, our improvement was commented upon by other teams' coaches. Notably, the Ryde Panthers 1 coach approached me after our first game against them to commend me upon the way that Kings Langley all played as a team, despite the fact that we were mismatched in terms of individual skills. We only lost this match by the small margin of 3-4 against the top ranked team, who ended up taking out the U13A Premiership.

There is also no doubt that many new friendships were forged amongst our team members. Many thanks to Team Manager, Mark Tough for his assistance in organising the team, assisting at training and in matches, looking after team gear and standing in as coach when needed.

Simren Kaur, U13 Team Coach

U15 Report

The U15's started this season with a relatively high proportion of players that were fresh to hockey, but none the less very keen to learn and develop their skills. One of the most pleasing things I noted during the season was the tremendous team spirit of acceptance and encouragement for all players, whether experienced or beginner. This had a real effect on team bonding and created a great atmosphere, whether at training or on the competition field.

As a result, during the season the U15's grew in their ability and belief that they could be competitive with the better teams if they all worked together and played to their strengths. This ultimately led to a victory over the top of the ladder teams in the C pool and the chance to make it to the finals. It was a great pleasure to see the U15's battle in the Grand Final and almost take it to a nil all draw in extra time, but even more pleasing was hearing kids and parents alike asking if the team could stay together for the next season. It was a credit to their fighting spirit, but most of all to their team work and being a great bunch of kids. Thanks also to Kate McGuinness in the role of Team Manager and Darren McGuinness as Assistant Coach

Peter Smith, U15 Team Coach

U17 Report

Moving into the oldest age group within junior ranks exposed our U17's to a near adult level of competitiveness, strength and pace. In a small B pool of four teams they were definitely challenged at all times, but never overwhelmed by any of their opponents. With the focus during the season on better passing, improving our positional play and the transition between defence and attack the team secured third place at the end of the competition rounds.

The U17's were a great team to coach. They were energetic, enthusiastic and encouraging of each other, improving enormously through the season to develop a fast paced passing game that created plenty of scoring opportunities. Unfortunately, further progress in the finals was halted after going down by one goal in the minor semi-final after the match was taken to extra time. However, this group of players should do well next year with an increased emphasis on attacking play and on converting opportunities into goals scored.

Thanks to Veena Naidu and Patrice Lorbach for their dedication to their tasks as Team Manager and Assistant Coach.

Lyn O'Reilly, U17 Team Coach

Our club contributed nine representative players to Sydney Junior Hockey Association teams this year; Sara Mallison (U11 Girls 1), Neridah McRae (U11 Girls 1), Thomas O'Reilly (U13 Boys 3), Kristina Yallop (U13 Girls 2), Patrick O'Reilly (U15 Boys 3), Casey McGuinness (U15 Girls 2), Darren McGuinness (U17 Boys 3), Joseph O'Reilly (U17 Boys 3) and Varun Satish (U17 Boys 2). For the Primary Schools Sport Association (PSSA), KLHC contributed two players to the Sydney West PSSA Girls team; Sara Mallison and Neridah McRae and two players to the Sydney West PSSA Boys team; Aiden Johnson-Gustowski and Thomas O'Reilly. For the Secondary Schools Sport Association (SSSA), KLHC contributed two players to the Sydney West Boys team; Patrick O'Reilly and Joseph O'Reilly.

For the second year running we have been fortunate to secure the expertise of Ivan Boulton, an international-grade field hockey coach, to run in-house training sessions for our coaches. Once again, KLHC is very thankful for all the parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles and cousins who have supported the players, transporting them to training and matches and cheering them on in an encouraging and sporting manner that brings credit to both our club and the game of hockey at large.

Looking ahead to 2013, we are hoping to field more than one team in the U17 age group, along with teams in all the other age groups. The U9 competition looks set to run for a little longer due to its success this year. We also anticipate that the second artificial turf pitch at Pennant Hills Park will be ready soon after the season commences, helping ease the pressure on match schedules that has seen such early starts and late finishes in the 2012 draw.

Tim Allen, Junior Competition Coordinator

Coaching

Congratulations to our first time coaches this year, Roger Phelps, Ben Freeman, Simren Kaur, Peter Smith and Darren McGuinness, on doing a fantastic job with the teams. The commitment from all the coaches is greatly appreciated by players, parents and the club.

Umpiring

Thank you to Mark Williamson, Kate McGuinness, Patrick O'Reilly, Varun Satish and Joseph O'Reilly who took on the role of umpiring this year. Congratulations to Patrick O'Reilly on obtaining his Community Level Umpire accreditation.

Equipment

Significant additions to the equipment list were additional goalkeeper kits.

Promotions

The club held stalls at Blacktown Sportsfest, The Meadows PS Family Fun Day, Blacktown City Festival and the Kings Langley Village Fair. It is hoped that attendance at these events will lead to a continuing growth in members next year.

Fundraising , Donations, Sponsorships and Grants

Fund raising efforts were limited to our annual guessing comp and 2 x Bunnings BBQs. Thank you to those of you who were able to help with these activities.

KLHC has been fortunate to retain the following parties as sponsors;

Just Hockey, Graham Waller, Top Focus Physiotherapy, Lalor Thai

We successfully secured a grant for \$42,000 through the Community Building Partnership Program. When coupled with a ward allocation of \$18,000 from Blacktown Councilors Julie Griffiths and Leo Kelly it enabled us to purchase and install a Storage Container at the courts to better secure our equipment.

Finances

A summary of KLHC's financial position is provided below:-

Account 1

- Opening Bank Balance as at 1/10/11 \$1, 557.68
- Closing Bank Balance as at 30/9/12 \$4, 065.29

Account 2

- Opening Bank Balance as at 1/10/11 \$21, 636.76
- Closing Bank Balance as at 30/9/12 \$26, 149.27

Category	Receipts	Payments	Nett
Administration		247.34	247.34
Advertising		1156.71	1156.71
Education and Training			
AASC	596.00	586.05	9.95
Beginners - Coaching		405.00	
- Rego	755.00	192.50	
- Presentation		5.00	
- Equipment		184.80	
Total		787.30	32.30
Junior Comp.-Entry		760.00	

Rego	10675.00	2566.75	
Wkly Fees	445.00		
Training Venue		2025.82	
Match Venue		477.45	
Umpires		158.93	
Presentation		5988.95	
Total	11120.00		5131.05
4-a-side	2740.00	554.50	2185.50
Indoor - Entry Rego	160.00	1100.00	940.00
Equipment / Player Kit	546.00	2204.15	1658.15
Player Uniform	1210.00	785.40	424.60
Interest Acct 1	0.64		
Interest Acct 2	1012.51		
Total	1013.15		1013.15
General Fund Raising	2542.95	657.77	1885.18
Raffles	454.00		454.00
Sponsorship	200.00		200.00
Donations	470.00		470.00
Grants - Sport and Rec.		719.86	719.86
Miscellaneous	1.05		1.05
TOTAL	21808.15	14788.03	7020.12

The following should be noted:-

- KLHC's Total Bank Assets are \$30, 214.56
- 2012 season liabilities are estimated @ \$12794.92 being;
 - Field Hire \$1677.50
 - Registrations \$4589.25
 - Presentation Day \$1000.00
 - Participation Grant \$5528.17
- Estimate of KLHC nett assets @ 30/9/12 is \$12, 619.64
- Estimate of KLHC nett assets @ 30/9/11 was \$9, 108.31
- Estimated financial gain to KLHC across all sources during the 2011/2012 financial year \$3511.33.
- Total revenue from interest, fund raising, raffles, sponsorship and donations during the 2011/2012 financial year \$4022.33
- Total financial gain to KLHC excluding funds raised through non-operational activities **\$511.00**

Prepared by Lyn O'Reilly, Secretary

2012 Awards

Congratulations go to the following award recipients for the 2012 season

	Player's Player Award	Coach's Award	NAJHA Encouragement Award	NAJHA Encouragement Award
U11	Jaidii Freeman	Aiden Johnson-Gustowski	Connor Renwick	Hannah Nicholls
U13	Harneet Singh	Matthew Armstrong	Ishaan Singh	Thomas O'Reilly
U15	Casey McGuinness	Jesse Gray	Hannah Smith	Sophie Harrison
U17	Lucas Baird Darren McGuinness Joseph O'Reilly	Aiden Cameron	Isht Singh	Simreet Singh

Umpires	NAJHA Encouragement Award	NAJHA Encouragement Award
	Thomas O'Reilly	Aiden Cameron

Just Hockey Junior Player of the Year

Casey McGuinness

President's Trophy

Lyn O'Reilly

Lions Club Person of the Year

Peter Smith

Looking to the 2013 Season

KLHC will continue to run beginner programmes and junior teams in the NAJHA competition during the 2013 season. The intention is to hand over the promotion, running and administration of the 4-a-side competition to Blacktown Hockey Association once it has been successfully formed.

A number of goals have been set for 2013. These are outlined below:-

- Continuing from 2012, increase the number of volunteers, accredited coaches and umpires in the club.
- Continuing from 2012, finalise incorporation.
- Continuing from 2012, broaden and secure KLHC's funding base through securing more sponsors.
- To increase participation in the U7 program.
- To increase participation in the U9 program and field a team in all 10 area games.
- To enter 5 teams into the NAJHA competition, 1 in each age division with 2 in U17.
- To further promote and brand the club through expanding our uniforms to include club hoodies and other accessories.
- Move into the new storage facility at Cavanagh.
- Further secure summer and winter access to Cavanagh as the home of Hockey.
- Improve the running of fundraising activities and increase parent cooperation and involvement.

Once again thank you for another enjoyable year.

Kate McGuinness
KLHC President 2012