



Kings Langley Hockey Club 2014 Annual Report

Overall Kings Langley Hockey Club has had another successful year. We have maintained our player base and 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.

2014 goals

- Continuing from 2013, increase the number of volunteers, accredited coaches and umpires in the club. – **Some Success, uptake was limited, continue goal through 2015**
- Continuing from 2013, broaden and secure KLHC's funding base through securing more sponsors. – **Not achieved, focus goal for 2015**
- Continuing from 2013, improve the running of fundraising activities and increase parent cooperation and involvement. Further to this streamline and document the fundraising procedures. – **Achieved.**
- To enter our first Men's team into a locally based competition. – **Not achieved, focus goal for 2015**
- To field at least one team in all age groups from U9 to U17 in the NAJHA competition. – **Achieved**
- To work with Blacktown Council to maintain and upgrade our facilities at Cavangah. – **Achieved and works currently in progress.**
- To improve and provide educational opportunities for coaches and umpires with a view to increasing parent participation in these areas. – **Limited Success, continue goal through 2015**
- To streamline and further document administrative tasks with the view to simplifying the processes, time and effort required to encourage further parent involvement. – **Not achieved, focus goal for 2015**
- To provide further opportunities for players skill development and fitness. – **Limited Success, continue goal through 2015**
- To encourage greater involvement of younger player parents with a view to ensuring longevity of the clubs administration. – **Limited Success, continue goal through 2015**

As always, the success of the 2014 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 2014 I'd like to thank:-

The Committee

Kate as President, Pete as Secretary, Lyn as Treasurer, Jo as Registrar, Andrew as a committee member and Bek as a committee member.

Delegated Roles

Angela as Results Officer, Ken as Equipment Officer, Leanne as Uniform Coordinator, Jacko for the website and Lynda for facebook.

Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Managers

Lyn (Beginners), Casey (Beginners), Nigel (U11), Michael S (U11), Lynda (U11), Roger (U13), Tim (U13), Harrai (U15), Andrew (U15), Michael N (U17C), Ken (U17C), Peter S (U17B) and Bek (U17B).

Umpires

Mark W, Kate, Karandeep, Lyn, Ryhs, Casey, Elias, Joseph, Patrick and Thomas.

Parents and Players

Thank you to the players and parents of all teams in 2014.

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

Beginners

KLHC ran an U9 program on Tuesday afternoons in term 2 and 3. This program linked into the NAJHA U9 Gala Days. Coached by U15 player Casey with assistance from Lyn the program was once again well received by parents and players alike. We intend to continue this program in 2015.

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Unfortunately numbers dropped from 2013 however there was enough interest to run a social program on Saturday afternoons. We hope to raise the profile of this locally based fitness and social competition in 2015 and perhaps move it to a summer time slot.

Junior Competition

The 2014 season has been a successful one, we managed to maintain our numbers and once again field a team in every age division from U9 through to U17 in B Division plus a second U17 in C Division in the North Area Junior Hockey Association (NAJHA) competition.

Many of our coaches came back for a second or third season, and we continued to see steady development in our players. Three of our competition teams qualified for the finals in their respective pools, but unfortunately none went through to grand finals. A summary of each team's results in 2014 and their officials is given in the table below:

| Team | Pool | Result (Competition / Finals) | Coaches | Managers |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| U11 | B | Fifth | Nigel Francisco & Michael Sames | Lynda Simon |
| U13 | B | Fifth | Roger Phelps | Tim Allen |
| U15 | B | Fourth / Fourth | Harrai Roopra | Andrew Malin |
| U17 KL Kings 1 | B | Third / Third | Peter Smith | Bek Gray |
| U17 KL Knights 2 | C | Third / Fourth | Michael Nancarrow | Ken Harrison |

These are great results and are a testament to our club's steady growth in numbers and playing skill. More important than trophies and titles, however, is the increasing sense of community we see developing in the club and the large number of players who keep returning each year to play – often bringing friends along with them.

Although looking to run our first Men's team this year we could not get the numbers to make it viable. Fortunately we were able to run four of our graduating juniors in the U17 comp as over age players. This allowed us to retain these players and still offer them a competitive level of hockey. With more of our juniors graduating from junior hockey this year we are very keen to successfully run a Men's team in 2015. We will also start investigating options for a Women's team.

Having the use of the second artificial turf pitch for the first time for the full season at Pennant Hills Park definitely helped ease the pressure on match schedules. This will continue to help scheduling of games through 2014.

Several KLHC players trialled for representative teams, with the following players selected as representative players for the 2014 season in various association teams:

- Christopher Sames – U11 Boys, Sydney 3
- Aleksa Hughes – U13 Girls, Parramatta
- Isabelle Hughes – U13 Girls, Parramatta
- Sara Mallison – U13 Girls, Parramatta
- Skye Vanajek – U13 Girls, Parramatta
- Caitlyn McManus – U15 Girls, Parramatta
- Olivia Ross – U15 Girls, Parramatta
- Casey McGuinness – U18 Girls, Sydney 1
- Hannah Smith – U18 Girls, Sydney 1
- Ethan Shepherd – U17 Boys, Sydney 3

We also had the following players trial and selected for The Western Sydney Academy of Sport Hockey Program for the 2014 season:

- Casey McGuinness
- Hannah Smith
- Ethan Shepherd

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. Also, we thank all those who volunteered their time as team coaches and managers, umpires, committee members and anyone who moved goals, picked up balls and retrieved training cones and bibs.

Coaching

Congratulations to our first time coaches this year Nigel Francisco, Michael Sames and Michael Nancarrow on doing a fantastic job with the teams. The commitment from all the coaches is greatly appreciated by players, parents and the club.

In 2014 Hockey NSW introduced Regional Coaching Coordinators. Our area Coordinator was Ruth Dorman and we were fortunate to have Ruth attend some of our coaching sessions to provide some guidance to both players and coaches.

Umpiring

Thank you to Karandeep Sidhu, Mark Williamson, Lyn O'Reilly, Kate McGuinness, Joseph O'Reilly, Patrick O'Reilly and Thomas O'Reilly who took on the role of umpiring this year. Congratulations to Rhys Ison, Casey McGuinness and Elias Williamson for picking up the whistle and having a go. We wish you all the very best in your development as an umpire during 2015.

In 2014 we have started the process of introducing a KLHC Club Level Umpiring qualification to encourage our juniors to start the process of becoming an umpire at a local friendly level before seeking higher external qualifications.

Equipment

There have been no significant equipment purchases during 2014. Thanks must go to our Equipment Officer for ensuring, in particular, all goal keeper kits were ready for use each week and for arranging all repairs and maintenance on these kits.

Facilities

Late in 2013 we received the news that \$100,000 in funding from Blacktown City Council (\$65,000) and the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation (\$35,000) for improvements to Cavanagh Reserve for hockey had been granted. After long negotiations and the contribution of \$30,000 from KLHC work is about to commence on repairs and improvements to the existing court alignment, foundations and drainage, with a view to providing the ability to double the turf area as part of the next stage of the development of Cavanagh Reserve as a multi-sport facility. We look forward to this work being completed over the summer ready for use next season.

Promotions

The club held a stall at the Kings Langley Village Fair. We received some very positive feedback on the day and hope that attendance at this event will lead to a continuing growth in members next year.

Fundraising, Donations and Sponsorship

Fund raising efforts consisted of a successful Bunnings BBQ, Chocolate Drive and Trivia and Games night. Thank you to everyone who helped staff the BBQ, attend the Trivia Night and sold boxes of chocolates. Your assistance with these activities is greatly appreciated.

This year we ran our first Trivia and Games Night. Although we did raise some money at this event its focus was on providing a social event for all club members. Feedback from this event was good and all who attended had a fantastic time.

KLHC has been fortunate to retain Just Hockey and Graham Waller as sponsors in 2014.

Thank you also go to Bunnings Seven Hills for their support during 2014.

We would also like to thank all the local business that provided donations for our inaugural Trivia & Games Night. In particular the NRL, Hockey NSW, Sockets Australia, Stonecutter's Ridge Golf Club and the Cheesecake Shop. Your donations are appreciated.

Finances

Please see the attached report from our Treasurer.

Association Reform

2014 has seen the start of Association reform as directed by Hockey NSW. In 2015 Kings Langley will belong to the newly formed North West Sydney Hockey Association (NWSHA). Up until now we have been a part of the North Area Junior Hockey Association (NAJHA) for our regular season competition and Sydney Junior Hockey Association (SJHA) for representative hockey. In addition we have had some of our female players represent Parramatta Women's Hockey Association (PWHA). All of these associations, under the reform, are being dissolved. In 2015 NAJHA are changing to a competition committee and will still run the regular season competition that our juniors will compete in. In terms of representative opportunities they will now trial only for the new NWSHA. Trials for the new association have already commenced.

2015 Season

KLHC will continue to run beginner programmes and junior teams in the revised North Area Junior Competition during the 2015 season. We will also be fielding a men's team.

During 2015 we would like to continue to build on our previous hard work, therefore our goals for the 2015 season are as follows:

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- To field at least one team in all age groups from U9 to U17 in the North Area Junior competition.

Thank you to the outgoing committee for all their assistance during 2014. It has been another enjoyable year. We wish the incoming committee all the best in 2015.

Kate McGuinness
KLHC President 2014

2014 Award Winners

| <i>Team</i> | <i>Player's Player</i> | <i>Coach's Award</i> | <i>NAJHA Encouragement</i> | <i>NAJHA Encouragement</i> |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| U11B | Christopher Sames | Mitchell Jachimowicz | Skyla Simon | Albert Tang |
| U13B | Andrew Phelps | Isabelle Hughes | Blake Allen | Luke D'Agostino |
| U15B | Tyson Smith | Harneet Singh | Matias Garcia | Lachlan Tough |
| U17B | Darren McGuinness | Lucas Baird | Ethan Shepherd | Nathan Maguire |
| U17C | Tim Malin | Sonu Dhaliwal | Anthony Nguyen | Jasdeep Gill |

NAJHA Umpire Encouragement Rhys Ison and Elias Williamson

Junior Player of the Year Christopher Sames

President's Trophy Bek Gray

Club Person of the Year Michael & Julie Sames