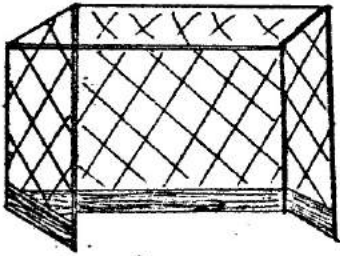


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APPLECROSS HOCKEY CLUBMANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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	Under 15 (Div 2)	Mr. R. Robinson
	Under 13	Mr. M. Bennetts

In the magazine we have attempted to assemble articles of interest to all club members concerning not only this year's activities, but also those of the past. For a Club which has been in existence for only eight short years, we certainly have progressed a long way from the first year (1956) when we had only one Junior team. As one of the foundation members, I can say that when we formed the club, we had no idea that within eight years we would have expanded to field 7 teams, with a team in the "A" grade almost a certainty for 1964.

Looking back over the years, I can say that I have really enjoyed playing hockey with Applecross and although I have not been a member continuously since 1956, I have been associated with the Club and its members throughout that period. As a matter of interest, Rod Dalton is the only member of the Club who has played every season since 1956.

For 1964, I can only wish the same as we have had this year except "more of it". If we approach the new season in an objective way, I'm certain that it will be even more successful than 1963. It is almost certain that more teams will be fielded next year and with good planning and solid recruiting, we should enjoy a record breaking season.

Once again, thank you for enabling me to enjoy this season as much as I have. One thing is certain and that is, if Yvonne, my wife, had not been extremely patient and understanding, I could never have spent as much time as I have in helping organise this club of ours. To her and to all who have helped make this year the success it has been, I give my thanks.

Dave Spitteler,
CLUB SECRETARY.

Members and Friends,

Unfortunately we have come to the end of another season. I say unfortunately for three reasons, firstly because I will miss my Saturday outings, secondly because the end of the season games are too exciting and tense and, thirdly, because I have to make a speech.

The things I do enjoy however, are being able to support our club in the final games, the feeling of pride at the performance of our teams, and the opportunity to present the trophies.

There must be some other reason than the ability to play hockey, for the record of success by our Club, and I have come to the conclusion that the system of management practiced by this Club must have something to do with it. The high standard of efficiency and preparedness must be of assistance to all players and bring out their best efforts to succeed as a club.

Our players attitudes and performances on and off the field compare more than favourably with those of other clubs and I look forward to further success in this years Grand Finals. To the Under 18 and Under 15 Div. 1 teams, I offer congratulations on reaching the finals and to the B2, C3 and Under 15 Div. 2 teams go my thanks for their part in this year's progress.

Roy Fletcher,
CLUB PRESIDENT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The funds as at the last Management Committee Meeting stood at the satisfying figure of £223. 1. 3d. Unfortunately this does not represent the true situation as a number of the members are still wholly or partly unfinancial.

Highlights of the season as far as finance goes, was the Raffle which we expect will raise £110.0.0d nett, after paying for the prizes. Here again, however, many players did not pull their weight as a further £17.15. 0d worth of tickets were unsold.

As our Club gets bigger and is promoted, so the fees to the Association increase. This year we paid the W.A.H.A. £230. 9. 0d in Fees, Levees and Bulletins.

On the whole, 1963 was a pleasing year and I hope next year that more fund raising functions will be organised and patronised by club members to enable us to reduce our fees. I hope also that a better club spirit will see more players using Thursday training under lights, especially as the Club paid the Melville Athletic Club £19. 0. 0d for this privilege this year.

Thank you for an enjoyable season one and all and especially Merv Bennetts for his help in receipting fees in my absence during the season.

Peter Biggins
CLUB TREASURER.

PUBLICITY.

Now that we are gaining promotion to the higher ranks of Association Hockey we are gaining more publicity in the Fremantle Supplement and Melville News as well as the Bulletin. Looking back over the various articles the Club's progress this season can be pictured quite clearly.

28.3.1963 - "HOCKEY CLUB'S QUICK RISE" proclaimed our last seasons success and promised better things to come, while inviting new members to attend training which was already under way.

9.5.1963 - "FIVE IN FOUR" reflected the club's strength and overall position after three rounds of fixtures and augured well for the future.

11.7.1963 - "TWO APPLECROSS HOCKEY TEAMS WINNERS" proudly proclaimed the success of the Under 13's and Reserve 1's in winning their respective Challenge Cups.

22.8.1963 - "THREE WAY SUCCESS FOR CLUB" was a conservative estimate of the number of teams we could have in the finals and went on to say that a further three may make the Finals as well.

22.8.1963 - "APPLECROSS BOY WINS WAY INTO SIDE" with an accompanying photograph of RICK ROBINSON headed an article on our fourth ever State Schoolboy representative.

5.9.1963 - "4 APPLECROSS SIDES STILL IN" heralded the fact that we would have 4 wins in the Semi Final rounds in a record breaking season of hockey.

CLUB HISTORY

Since its inception in 1956 the Applecross Hockey Club has grown from one Junior Under 16 team to seven teams in 1963. A look back over the last eight seasons will help trace the Club's growth in size and prominence as the top team progressed through the grades from Under 16's to Reserve 1's.

1956:

Three local hockey players in DAVE SPITTELER, ROD DALTON and JOHN COLE gathered together thirteen of their friends and formed what is now the Applecross Men's Hockey Club. In the club's first year this Under 16 team headed the table for most of the second round and only just lost 1st position on percentages after losing the last game of the season. Although we did not play in the Challenge Cup and lost both the Semi-Final and Final games the Club won itself a name in the Association and in the years that followed has consolidated this position. In the first season the results were as follows:-

Played 16, Won 12, Lost 2, Drew 4, Goals 53 for and
21 against.

During this first season DAVE SPITTELER gained selection in the State Schoolboys to head the list of names on the Honour Board.

1957:

As many of the foundation members had now turned 15 we decided to field two teams in our second year and with a few new recruits started 1957 with an Under 19 as well as an Under 16 team. The Under 19's won their share of the games and entered the Finals where they lost the Semi-Final and were eliminated.

1958:

Although considerable efforts were made to field a Senior Team in our third year we failed and began the season with an Under 18 and Under 15 team. For the first time adults took a hand in the organisation of the club and the Applecross Men's Hockey Club was officially constituted.

Club History (Cont'd.)

1959 :

For the first time Applecross fielded a Senior Team in the C3's while the second team remained in the Under 15's. The C3's ended the season in fourth place with 26 goals for and 22 against. The Under 15's outscored everybody in their grade with a total of 120 goals for the season. However, their 28 against held them back in third place. From here both teams fought back in the Finals and both played in the Grand Finals where they were narrowly beaten. A Club record fell when we had t b teams playing in the Grand Finals as previously our best result was one team in the Finals in the first Season, 1956. The second record was the Under 15's, 30 - nil win over Suburban which made the previous record of 13 - 0 in the first season look paltry. This 30 - nil still stands as the Club record. The Under 15's won the club's first pennant when they won the Y.M.C.A. Carnival with Brian Spitteler, Ross Haslam and Alan Stewart (all future State Schoolboys) in fine form.

1960 :

A sudden expansion saw the Club field four teams in C3's Under 18's and two Under 15's. For the first time a team from the Club won an Association pennant when the C3's won the Challenge Cup. They went on to top the table and add the Grand Final to their achievements. The other teams enjoyed mixed success and all ended the season in fifth place. Brian Spitteler gained selection in the State Schoolboys to add his name to the Honour Board.

1961 :

The top team gained promotion to B2's and the Club added a second Senior team to the ranks. Further expansion enabled us to field Under 18's and Under 15's Div. 1, 2 and 3 for a total of 6 teams. The Seniors enjoyed a successful season once again with both teams reaching the Grand Finals. The top team once again added the Challenge Cup and Grand Final to the collection while the C2's lost the Grand Final after finishing the season fourth. The Juniors were not so lucky and the season just served to consolidate and prepare them for 1962. Max Currell gained selection in the State Schoolboys on the first leg of his double.

Club History (Cont'd)

1962: Three senior teams in Reserve 3's, C1's, and C3's with Under 15 Div 1, Div 2 and Div 3's to back them up. The Club's best season to date saw three Grand Finals and Challenge Cups added to the tally by the Under 15's, C1's and Reserve 3's. The top team added a new record to the books when they were undefeated in the qualifying games while the Under 15's added another Y.M.C.A. Carnival Pennant to their accomplishments. MAX CURRELL was selected in the State Schoolboys for the 2nd time and so became the third name on the Honour board and the first to feature twice.

1963: Another record broken when the club fielded seven teams in the Association with Reserve 1's, B2's, Under 18's Under 15's and an Under 13 team participating. The qualifying rounds saw four of the seven teams reach the Finals when the Under 13's, Under 15's and Under 18's and Reserve 1's qualified. The Under 13's and Reserve 1's had already added their respective Challenge Cups to the club collection and later won their Semi to qualify for the Grand Finals. The Under 15's and Under 18's won the Semis to enter the Finals and create another record with four teams past the Semi Finals. RICK ROBINSON added his name to the Honour Board when he gained selection in the State Schoolboys team which toured Tasmania.

1963. PERFORMANCE CHART.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Points</u>
R1	16	11	3	2	55	34	24
B2	18	5	8	5	29	50	15
C3	16	5	8	3	32	39	13
Under 18	18	9	7	2	66	39	20
Un.15Div.1	14	6	6	2	29	28	14
Un.15Div.2	14	1	11	2	8	102	4
Under 13	12	10	2	-	80	14	20
TOTALS:	108	47	45	16	299	306	110.

APPLECROSS R.1 HOCKEY TEAM.

In its first year in the R.1 Division, the top team can look back on a season full of merit. Already the team has won the challenge round and looks forward to the final matches and promotion to A 3's with confidence.

PLAYERS:

D. Spitteler - Captain of the team and a capable left inner who has a total of 9 goals to his credit.

B. Spitteler - A most consistent player who has many fine performances on the right wing. Has a total of 9 goals himself and was instrumental in many others.

R. Dalton - A dependable full back - never gives up and was responsible for retrieving many an anxious moment.

P. Biggins - The clubs centre and most penetrating forward. His total of 19 goals speaks for itself. A good season Peter.

M. Currell - Left half back who has scored 10 goals this season from short corners. Well done Max.

R. Smith - Always dependable in goals with many spectacular saves to his credit.

J. Cole - Another penetrating inner who has many fine performances and 8 goals to his credit.

T. Wills - A young player who is showing great promise as a right half back. Will be hearing big things of you in the future Tim.

R.1 team (cont'd)

I. Matheson - A most dependable full back whose clearing hits are a pleasure to see.

G. Arnold - Centre half back and another of the clubs most promising young players. Will hear more of you Greg in the hockey world.

R. Robinson - A member of this year's State Schoolboys hockey team. Congratulations Rick and for your consistent performances for the team.

K. Shugg - Has given creditable performances when called on for service in the R.1.

M. Print - Another of the schoolboys giving valuable service to the club. Shows distinct promise in the difficult position of left wing.

Last, but by no means least, Don Spitteler, the Club's capable coach. Thanks are due to him for his inspiration and for his skilful guidance of the team.

R.I's CLOSE TO 'A' GRADE STATUS.

Once again our top team have won their way into another Grand Final, (their fourth in a row) victory in which could possibly ensure 'A' grade status in 1964.

Although their recent form is not, in my humble opinion, up to the high standard displayed in earlier matches they appear firm favourites to win their eighth consecutive pennant.

One of the most pleasing features is the good form displayed by the three youngest players, Greg, Ric and Murray; and with more like them ready to follow in their footsteps the Club's future is assured.

Particularly strong in defence, the R.I's only need the forward line to function a little more smoothly for this team to be a menace to any opposition; be it Reserves or even A grade.

As there appear every likelihood that Dave will be fit for Saturday, and as Ric has now returned from Tasmania the team for the Grand Final should be the strongest the club can field.

Having been fortunate enough to witness many of your games this season I am sure I express the views of your supporters when I thank you for many enjoyable Saturday afternoons spent in your company and wish you success in the most important game of the season.

Spectator.

B 2's.

Our second team or Mitch's Mob as they have been called, were unlucky not to reach the finals. An unfortunate draw in the split round in their grade resulted in their losing 4th place on percentages after the last game of the season. Touches of brilliance showed through during the season especially in the two drawn games against Old Aquinians, who have gone on to hold second place and down the previously undefeated Vic Park team in both the Challenge Cup and Semi-Final games.

A large number of players have played in the B's this season but by the end of the season, the team had settled down to :-

Ian Mitchell
Peter Atkinson
David Meynert
John Rooke

David Wilson
Reg Jones
Rod Popham

Bob Bowyer
Morris Pavlinovich
Ray Schilling

All these players at some time during the season, showed some of the form which, if it had been co-ordinated, would undoubtedly have resulted in another team reaching the final round. Manager, Vic Dalton assures me that next year will be a different story and with a place in Reserve 3's at stake, I think Ian and the team might make it.

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C3'S OR DYSON'S DASHING DEMONS.

What a season this has been. After a slow start we really hit our straps and had a number of wins in a row in which the leaders were toppled right, left and centre. We then lost a few players David Meynert and Peter Dalton to the B's, Frank Kish to the Army - and we faltered in our stride and from then on we were never quite able to recapture our all-conquering form. However, we were in the our foremost of the season and right up to our last game still had hopes of making the finals. This was not to be however, but next year we will again be out in force raring to go from the first bully.

The year had its highlights. Possible the best was when we toppled Christ Church the then leaders 6 - 2. Another good effort was when we held Graylands to a 4 - 4 draw after leading until the closing stages of the game. Our final game was played on Langley Lake and was a shocker. Sandy Hope valiantly defended the shores whilst Bob Allsopp splashed about in the deeps in search of the 'little white pill'. He claims that goggles and snorket should form part of our kit in the future. It was in this game that Anthony Andrews received a nasty gash over the eye and had three stitches inserting at Royal Perth Hospital. Bad luck Tony. I hope it's completely mended by now.

In retrospect - do you recall - those dashing clearances by fullbacks Clive Griffiths and Tony Bartlett - that slashing fullback's game played by Sandy Hope - the rocklike defence of Tony Andrews and Ron Fletcher - the dogged determination of Geoff Dyson... The useful things he did with one hand whilst nursing an injured hand - the perseverance of Dirk Meier and David Maynert and the many goals that resulted - the bursts of speed by Peter Green as he headed goalwards and his hard shots from the edge of the circle - the beaut goal scored by Gavin Piercy - Ken Critch's orgy of goals against Christ Church - the persistence and brilliancy of Peter Dalton's many goals - and our goalies, what a variety we have had - Frank Kish and his dashing clearances - Geoff Dyson and his brilliant saves - the old dodgers - Box Allsop and his day with the pads. Who was that lone female supporter? Ken Critch and that full blooded hit in front of goal. What an eye. What a lot of talent we have for next year! See you then. Cheerio.

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UNDER 15 DIVISION 2.

At the end of the 1963 season the Club is proud of our Under 15 Division 2 team; not because they won their grade grand final but because of their commendable spirit. They always fought back with tenacity. Even when faced with the task of trying to beat much stronger teams our boys battled right up to the last whistle; many of the supporters of the opposing teams were favourably impressed with this worthy attitude.

It would not be appropriate to mention here the team members' individual play, but one and all their game did improve during the season. It was with considerable joy that they ended the season with a victory, after a hard fought game, under the captaincy of Peter McIntosh.

Some of the players will be eligible to play Under 15 next year and the Club does look forward to seeing them again. The older boys who will go up to other grades will take with them the best wishes of their team mates, and they will certainly take their experience of team spirit which should be of benefit to their new grade.

The team consisted of the following players at various times -

Peter McIntosh
John Mewett
Alan Hamilton
Peter Robinson
Bruce Byfield

Mark Cubitt
Ian Price
Terry Bishop
Peter Rooke

Ted Carter
Keith Jackaman
Ashley McGuire
John Cowden

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PRESIDENTS TROPHY

13 - BEST PLAYER _____

- MOST CONSISTENT _____

15 DIV. 1 - BEST PLAYER _____

- MOST CONSISTENT _____

15 DIV. 2 - BEST PLAYER _____

- MOST CONSISTENT _____

18 - BEST PLAYER _____

- MOST CONSISTENT _____

03 - BEST PLAYER _____

- MOST CONSISTENT _____

02 - BEST PLAYER _____

- MOST CONSISTENT _____

01 - BEST PLAYER _____

- MOST CONSISTENT _____

FINAL ROUND RESULTS

UNDER 15's	SEMI FINAL	v	SOUTH PERTH	DREW 1 - 1
	REPLAY	v	SOUTH PERTH	WON 3 - 1
	FINAL	v	Y.M.C.A.	LOST 6 - 0
UNDER 18's	SEMI FINAL	v	Y.M.C.A.	WON 2 - 1
	FINAL	v	SCARBOROUGH	LOST 1 - 0
UNDER 13's	SEMI FINAL	v	FREMANTLE	DREW 3 - 3
	REPLAY	v	FREMANTLE	WON 3 - 0
	GRAND FINAL	v	FREMANTLE	
RESERVE 1's	SEMI FINAL	v	SUBURBAN	WON 3 - 2
	GRAND FINAL	v	OLD SCOTCH	

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UNDER 18's.

A team which earlier in the season was depleted in order to strengthen the Senior ranks finally came good, improving with each game, made the finals only to lose 1 - 0 in a hard fought game. Looking back, all members should be very pleased with the season's performance and especially pleasing from the Club's point of view was the tenacity and 'will to win' which was shown by the team on their way to a place in the finals. A good team with many good individuals players including -

GRAHAM ATKINSON - Goalkeeper. Has acquitted himself admirably with courage and tenacity showing all the ability of someone six feet high yet in reality only small compared to keepers of opposing sides.

KINGSLEY MAGUIRE - Left Back. A most stalwart player on whom the whole side can depend when all seems lost. I am sorry he did not represent. Perhaps the State Selectors are better judges than I am.

GEOFF HANCOCK - Right Back. Also most reliable in defense though during the season his swashbuckling endeavours and frequent runs of half the length of the field mark him as a possible very able half back of the future.

RICK FRANCE - Left Half Back. Plays really good hockey when in form. His stopping and hitting are good particularly when he diverts the game to the right wing.

MALCOLM JACKAMAN - Centre Half. Has three goals to his credit, a mother on the side line and a sunny personality. There seems no doubt having been found best player that Malcolm though sometimes 'left' single handed is an inspiration to the side.

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MURRAY HORBURY - Right Half. Is probably the most improved player and I am only sorry that he has not been available for the most recent games.

GEOFF COLE - Right Wing. A solid hockey player but I feel is misplaced in this position. Though he has the speed somehow he prefers to play a less dominant role.

JOHN LAIRD - Right Inner and Captain. Has worked hard rallying the side. He shows flashes of brilliant stick work and is able to pull something out of the bag when the ball is in the wrong half of the field.

GILL HARRIS - Centre Forward. At the beginning of the season he found difficulty in this position because most of his hockey has been played as a half back but he has proved his versatility in mastering the position and finishing as top goal scorer.

KEN OTLEY - Left Inner. Has only recently joined the side and has not really settled down. He tries to do too much; whilst this is appreciated somehow he tends to run himself ragged. Nevertheless, shows promise.

JIM BURKE - Left Wing. Tries hard and with a couple of more seasons of club play should be a good player. Perhaps he's in the wrong position.

I would not like to conclude without mentioning our reserves Robert Mills and Phillip Arnold, both good players to be encouraged who have been available when most needed.

I would like to see the side move up to Division 1 because I feel next season we should have enough players to field two under 18 sides.

VIC HARRIS.

UNDER 15 DIVVY 1's

The under 15's captained by Peter Polain got off to a slow start to 1963, but later on under the guidance of Geoff Cook, lifted their game to secure a place "in the Four". From fourth position they went into the Semi-Final against a bigger and stronger South Perth team and showed the tenacity and will to win which could well be mirrored by other teams in the club. After drawing 1 - 1 after the 70 minutes of play, the team went into the two periods of extra time with determination and were unlucky not to score on several occasions. The result after 100 minutes played on Saturday, was still a draw, and the two teams came back on Sunday for the replay. Once again after 70 minutes the score was level at 1 all and in the ensuing period of extra time, we ran out winners at 3 - 1. Team Manager, John Denny was jubilant and so also was team coach Geoff Cook who was unfortunate enough to have to umpire both the Saturday and Sunday games.

In a team in which all members pulled their weight and did not give up hope under pressure, no individuals can be named as outstanding. However, the following players were responsible as a team for the good performances over the season:-

Robin Blay
Peter Denny
John Edwards
Peter Finch
Bruce Byfield.

Greg Hall
Kim Hunter
Tim Jones
Don Maskew

Peter Polain
John Stringer
Graeme Wilson
Keith Jackaman

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UNDER 13 TEAM.

During the season there has been no lack of enthusiasm among the team members of this group. The result has been strength in numbers and strength in play. It has been encouraging for the coaches, Merv Bennetts, John Walsh and Betty Bennetts, who have shared the duties over the three training days of each week, to know that on each training date there would be sufficient team members present to train as a group.

All of our 21 playing members have been selected in competition games during the short term of twelve games for the season. In addition, our small group of non-playing members have had the opportunity of playing in several social games arranged. The record for the year reads as follows:-

Played : 12 games, won 10, lost 2.
Score : 80 goals for, 14 goals against.

12 team members have helped compile the 80 goals and 14 have been named by umpires as best players.

The most interesting games for the season have been against Fremantle and a summary of results is as follows:-

1st Competition game	Lost 1 - 3
Challenge cup	Won 3 - 2
2nd Competition game	Lost 0 - 1
Semi final	Draw 3 - 3
Semi final replay	Won 3 - 0

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Team Personalities:

ROY LOFTUS : Captain. Has directed operations from the goal-keepers position in the hard games and led the boys from the forward line against the weaker opposition.

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- JONATHON NELSON: Vice Captain. Played a sound game at full back and surely upset the opposition with his easy manner.
- DAVID BICKFORD: Although still young is an old-timer with the Club. Played a very sound game as full back.
- ANDREW BENNETTS: Started the season as centre forward but his best games have been in the half line.
- PETER SHUGG: Rejoined the Club after the season commenced and has played a solid game at centre half.
- IAN BROWN: A wing half who has improved with every game as the season progressed.
- TERRY WALSH: Our youngest playing member. A very fast left wing who dazzled the opposition with speed and ability.
- GREG ROWSE: Fought his way into the strong team as left inside. Picks up the odd handy goal.
- JOHN BELL: Played left inside and centre forward. Although one of our smaller players has talent and is fast in front of goals.
- PETER WALSH: As right inside has wrecked the hopes of most opposing teams. Has speed, ability and a good goal eye.
- BILL WOODS: A right wing who forced his way into the strong team. Shows dash, ability and good team work.
- BRUCE ROBINS: A wing half. Has turned in some good games for the season.
- CHRIS JONES: A good utility player. Has ability and plays good team work.

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- CHRIS ROBINSON: Played well on both wings and half back. One of the younger players who will do even better in the future.
- JOHN MILLER: A sound half back who has been valuable to the team.
- GARY COLLINS: A solid full back who gives the game everything he has.
- MICHAEL ATKINSON: A full back who the opposition cannot afford to underestimate.
- DONALD DRABBLE: Has played some useful games as goal keeper. In line to take over next year from the present goalie.
- ROBERT HERDSMAN: A half back whose game does not lack enthusiasm.
- PETER LANDER: Rejoined the Club late in the season. Turned in a good game as half back.
- RON HANLON: A new member of the Club. Did not see a lot of him this year.
- STEPHEN PLESTER: A new member who will undoubtedly make his presence felt next year.
- PHILLIP DE LA HUNTY: A new member in the younger age bracket. A good trier who has improved.
- MICHAEL CHANDLER: A new member who shows tenacity and promise.
- STEPHEN WILSON: A younger member from one of the older families of the club. Has family tradition to uphold.
- THE TEAM: Said to play the best team hockey in the Under 13 competition.

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP.

A letter from Rick Robinson.

With the 1963 A.J.H.C. now over and the various teams back in their own States every boy who took part will be able to look back and feel satisfied with his stay in Devonport, Tasmania. I'm sure each boy appreciated the kindness and hospitality shown him by the family with which he was billeted and is very grateful to the Tasmanian Hockey Association and the Devon Men's Hockey Association for the way in which they organised the carnival. I for one will always remember my trip.

Although we did not bring home the shield, the W.A. team was undefeated during the Carnival, which was won on goal averages by S.A. who finished with the same number of points as W.A.

The 1963 A.J.H.C. will be a milestone in my life, for beside the honour and privilege of representing the State, the trip to Tasmania was most enjoyable and educational, and the experience of hockey which I gained during the carnival will be of help to me in the future.

Devonport is situated on the north coast of Tasmania and is about the same size of Bunbury. The decision to hold the championships in a relatively small town worked out very well. I thought, as the playing grounds were quite easily reached from the various homes where the boys were staying.

The hockey venue was 'The Oval'. Which was usually used for football finals but on this occasion had not been used for several weeks before the carnival began. The D.M.H.A. had taken much care in preparing two fields for hockey and considering the wet conditions they were quite good. Fortunately whilst we were in Devonport it didn't rain very much, and the fields stood up well. They were used alternatively which enabled them to be rolled ready for play the next day. By the end of the carnival the grounds were a little muddy and not very fast but we had adapted ourselves accordingly.

The team spirit which existed between the members of our team was one of the reasons we were undefeated. Most of the boys had met whilst playing hockey before they were selected for this team but a

our training progressed, under the guidance of Mr. Colliss our Manager and Coach, a strong bond developed between all the players and Mr. Colliss. As a result W.A.'s teamwork was considered to be the best at the carnival.

W.A. played a short hard passing game in the forward line and a hard directed hitting game in the back line with attacks starting through the wings and finishing in the centre. S.A. played a hard hitting game continually keeping the opposition under pressure. Victoria and N.S.W. played similarly to W.A., whilst Queensland and Tasmania played like S.A.

Many of the players from the other States played in teams which are equivalent to our A.2 grades. This suggests that the standard of hockey is higher in W.A. than in some of the other States.

The trip was a wonderful experience for every member of the team. Socially we had a great time, and thoroughly enjoyed the hockey. We earned the title of 'Undefeated Losers' but W.A. has won the shield 7 times since the competition commenced in 1950 and it is good to see another State building up its junior hockey strength which will assist in the future to keep Australia among the top nations of World Hockey.

Before closing, I do want to mention my gratitude to Mr. Colliss for his assistance, and also that I realise just how much my thanks are due to Applecross Hockey Club for all the encouragement and training given me by its various members.

RICK ROBINSON.

This year we were fortunate enough to win two challenge cups. The R1 team lead by DAVID SPITTELER defeated Old Modernians 1 - 0. The under 13's captained by ROY LOFTUS astounded the critics by defeating the undefeated (till then) Fremantle team 3 - 2.

The Reserve 1 game produced a very high standard of hockey in which a feature was the outstanding display by the Applecross defence who were under constant pressure against the fast Old Mod. forwards.

The only goal of the match was scored a few minutes after the start of the game through PETER BIGGINS our centre forward. Many attacking moves were made by right inner Rick Robinson and winger Brian Spitteler who were unlucky not to score on several occasions. Some anxious moments were experienced as Old Modernians came close to scoring on many occasions but an outstanding display of skill and courage by full back Ian Mathieson put Applecross back into attack. Best players were (1) Ian Mathieson, (2) Rick Robinson and (3) Brian Spitteler.

The under 13's commenced their game very moderately but improved amazingly as the game progressed. At half time the strong Fremantle side lead 2 - 0 and were expected to carry on and win but Applecross surprised everyone by lifting their game after half time by scoring two well earned goals through Peter Walsh. At the end of 70 minutes the scores were level and extra time was required to decide the victors. Peter Walsh scored again to give us the game and the cup.

It was hard to pick best players for Applecross as the win was due to a good team effort; however, Peter Walsh, Peter Shugg and John Nelson were mentioned on the card. Our Right and Left wingers provided many opportunities for the other forwards to score and deserve a special mention.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

Despite strenuous efforts on the part of a few members our first annual dance was a financial failure. One very disappointing factor which contributed to the lack of success was the poor support given by Club members. As the result of a loss of approximately £15. 0. 0d will be felt next year by ALL members it seems a great pity that more support wasn't given by the people for whom it was run. We all hope that greater support next year will enable us to hold a dance as an annual social function but the matter rests with the individual and that means YOU. See you there next year!

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During the season both the R1's and B2's as well as the Juniors organised Social games with teams from other Clubs. The benefit derived from such matches is felt in the games the following week and we all thoroughly enjoyed these training workouts with are played under match conditions.

The R1's enjoyed minor success in their games against various A3 teams, beating PERTH but losing 1 - 0 and 5 - 1 to the top team South Perth and 4 - 2 to Scarborough. These games gave us an insight into the style of play required in the A3 and we fell that if we are promoted we will be able to match any side next year.

Next season it is hoped that a programme will be mapped out covering the season and arranging in advance games against various other clubs. As well as match practice this gives us a chance to mix with other players on a more social footing than normal weekly games will allow.

YORK & APPLECROSS.

The two social games we played against York were voted a great success by those fortunate enough to have played. Although York were not successful in any of the matches played their good fellowship on and off the field helped make these matches something we can look forward to as an annual club function.

FREMANTLE - FAIRBRIDGE FARM - APPECROSS.

Once again this year the annual meeting of the above three clubs was held at Gibson Park under the direction of Mr. Colin Walker of the Fremantle Club.

The day takes the form of social games in the three junior grades, Under 18, Under 15 and Under 13, run on carnival lines with a short break for lunch. The Fremantle Club is host to Fairbridge Farm and provides lunch, whilst Applecross assists in providing afternoon tea for all. An enjoyable day was had by all and even the weather was reasonably kind.

Although the Fairbridge Farm teams may not be quite up to the standard of the local boys they nevertheless do not lack enthusiasm and some good hockey was played. For the record the results for the day were as follows :-

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Under 18	2	-	2
Under 15	2	1	2
Under 13	3	1	-
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TOTAL	7	2	4
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I am sure that players and supporters will agree that this day was one of the most enjoyable social functions this year.

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CARNIVALS

FREMANTLE PRE SEASON - Our two teams thoroughly enjoyed their games at this Carnival and in our first attempt in the top division we showed out very well.

Y.M.C.A. JUNIOR - Our Juniors had a very enjoyable day on the Saturday and although a win was not forthcoming the practice did them all the world of good and prepared them for the Season.

SUBURBAN - Once again a win was not for us although we came very close to qualifying for the finals. Both teams lost only one game and that to the team which eventually qualified and went on to win.

C.B.C. SIX-A-SIDE - The two teams have performed very well indeed and both reached the finals. The top team narrowly lost the Grand Final after obviously feeling the effects of a hard game against Fremantle A2's in the morning.

BUNBURY - Under the conditions the team did very well and although they did not qualify for the finals they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Y.M.C.A. JUNIOR - Both the Under 15 and the Under 18 teams won one and lost one in the Carnival and had a wow of a time.

Although we were not successful in winning any of these Carnivals we certainly had plenty of fun and can look forward to more success next year.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

In order that the Club will stay together during the 'off-season' we have organised some activities which will keep us fit and socially active till next year.

INDOOR HOCKEY - Three teams have been entered in this organisation which will be held in the McFarlane Pavilion at the Royal Showgrounds. Teams consist of eight players of whom only five are on the field at one time and interchanging of players is essential to keep the game fast. Although the games are short by comparison with normal winter fixtures the energy expended is greater due to the board side lines which keep the ball in play and also the super fast hot-mix surface of the field.

NIGHT TENNIS - Night tennis has been arranged and a social group, made up of club members and friends as well as outsiders, will play tennis either weekly or fortnightly depending on the initial response. The bigger the group the better we'll enjoy ourselves, so lets see YOU there even if you can't come every week.

SQUASH - Squash is already under way on Tuesday nights at the South Perth Squash Centre on Canning Highway. Once again the larger the group the more we will enjoy ourselves so if you are interested please let the Secretary (Dave Spitteler) know. For 4/- we guarantee half an hour's squash with racquets and balls thrown in FREE. An excellent way to keep fit and enjoy yourself at the same time. Wives, girlfriends and fiance's all welcome.

THANK YOUS.

On behalf of all players, I would like to thank the many non-players in the club who have made possible such a successful season of hockey. As well as the Management Committee who have been listed on the cover of this report, there are many others who have assisted as Social Committee Representatives, coaches and supporters. Knowing that we have supporters who are keen enough to follow our matches whether away or at home has assisted us greatly and I feel sure that all players whether Reserve 1 or Under 13 will join me in expressing appreciation of their weekley contribution to our games.

Unfortunately space does not permit me to name these persons individually but I feel that the coaches GEORGE NELSON and GEOFF COOK who have assisted with the Under 15's, DON SPITTELER who has coached the Reserve 1's and JOHN WALSH who has helped with the Under 13's, all deserve a special THANK YOU from the members of the Club. The SOCIAL COMMITTEE which is comprised of Mesdames JACKAMAN, BENNETTS, DAVENPORT and PRICE, as well as two Management Committee members, has done a great deal of behind the scene work. Our thanks go to them for this, and especially for the organisation of the cake stalls and raffle, our only fund raising functions.

To all mentioned above and to those whom I have not mentioned go the thanks of ALL PLAYERS. We hope that you have enjoyed the work you have done and we hope that next year you will once again help to make up the group which is known as the APFLEGCROSS HOCKEY CLUB.

A PLAYER.

Applecross
Hockey Club.

HONOUR BOARD.

1956	David Spitteler.
1960	Brian Spitteler.
1961	Max Currell.
1962	Max Currell.
1963	Ricky Robinson.

S. Pentl 4	2
Janet Hill 4	1
Joan Hill 3	0
Mrs Park 4	3
J. McCa 3	4
Subs 0	0
J. McCa 2	3
Miss Park 4	2
Trinity 1	5
Secret 0	3
S. Pentl 1	5

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Chingalakka! Chingalakka! Chow! Chow! Chow!
 Boomalakka ! Boomalakka ! Bow ! Wow ! Wow !
 Chingalakka! Boomalakka ! Who are We?
 APPLECROSS ! APPLECROSS ! CAN'T YOU SEE?

A.- P.- P.L.E. - C.-R. - O. S. S.
 APPLECROSS!