

APPLECROSS Y.M. HOCKEY CLUB.

AWARDS FOR 1971

UNDER 12 Div 2      Fairest and Best.. Steven Fletcher.  
                            President's Award..John Meacock.

UNDER 12 Div 1      Fairest and Best ..Graeme Wilson.  
                            President's Award..Simon Nelson.

Under 14 Div 3      Fairest and Best ..Anton Birch.  
                            President's Award..Anthony Fletcher.

Under 14 Div 2      Fairest and Best ..Paul Meacock.  
                            President's Award..Ken Edsall.

Under 16 Div 3      Fairest and Best ..Barry Murray.  
                            President's Award..Michael Camilleri.

Under 16 Div 1      Fairest and Best ..Alan Meacock.  
                            President's Award..Brad Commins.

Under 18 Div 3      Fairest and Best ..Kevin Green.  
                            President's Award..Les Brooker.

B 111 's              Fairest and Best ..Peter Hassett.  
                            President's Award..Peter Purser.

B 11 White            Fairest and Best ..John Cole.  
                            President's Award..Kingsley Mc Guire

Reserve Blue        Fairest and Best ..Brian Spitteler.  
                            President's Award..David Bickford.

  

Colin West Trophy    Best Position Player....    K. Bradshaw.  
Colin West Trophy    Best Position Player Juniors.. Ian Miller.  
Max Reynolds Trophy    Most Consistent Effort... Paul Slavin.  
Merv Mundy Trophy    Most Consistent Effort.... Richard Bruce.  
Most Improved First Year Player .....    Michael Brooker.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD.      No 1. The Late Vic Dalton.  
  No 2. David Spitteler .  
  No 3. Peter Noad. 1971.

100 Games Awards 1971

Robin Blay .	Ian Miller.
Ian Mitchell.	Ian Fingland.
Gary Dienhoff.	Steve Wilson.
Gary Wright.	Kim Hunter.

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY 1971 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE CLUB.

Awarded to ..... *Barry Hancock*

## HOW IT ALL BEGAN... THIS GAME CALLED HOCKEY.

The earliest mention of the name "hockey" dates back to 1527 when the Galway Statutes included hockie , "the horlinge of litell balle with stickes or staves" in a list of prohibited games.

The name itself depicts the hooked shape of the stick and is believed to be an Anglicized version of Old French ..hoquet meaning Shepherd's Crook.

Hockey is one of many sports derived from prehistoric man's delight in stick and ball games and his belief that the flight of the ball and the outcome of the contest would determine the course of nature : the rising of the sun symbolized by the ball , and the fertility of the fields.

Its birth place was Asia and it is thought to have been devised in Persia about the year 2000 B.C. This explains the importance of hockey to the American Indians who are also thought to have come from Asia.

Modern hockey , as created in England , resembles most closely games once popular in the British Isles: Scottish shinty, English and Welsh bandy, and Irish hurling.

Gradually a wild dangerous , and uncontrolled game, which had been more of a brawl than a sport, matured and around 1840 the Blackheath Club drafted the first code of rules.

The game was finally standardized by the Wimbledon Hockey Club in 1883 and "The Game that Grows " began to spread around the world.

Irish Hurley was the forerunner of hockey in Australia when it was played in Victoria in the 1880's by Irish gold miners. Real hockey was played by Royal Navy teams when their ships were in Australian ports and was first organised on a state basis in South Australia just before 1900.

Earliest data on hockey in Western Australia dates from 1908 when Dr Hope presented a trophy to the newly established W.A.H.A. consisting of three teams.

## SIXTEEN YEARS OF HOCKEY WITH "CROSS". JOTTINGS.

Our club was founded in 1955 when the Dalton, Spitteler and Nelson families established the club with a ground at Gairloch Oval ,Applecross. Coached by George Nelson and led by President Vic Dalton (who later became the club's first life member) the young club prospered and in 1961 acquired a ground at Shirley Strickland Oval and another at Tomkins Park.

An early player and President was Roy Fletcher who is still giving

fine leadership today as a coach of our junior teams. Other presidents have been Merv Bennetts, Peter Noad and David Spitteler. Both Mr and Mrs Bennetts have a long association with the club, Mrs Bennetts coaching our Junior teams from 1960 to 1969 and many top players today owe their success to this fine grounding at Cross. The success of the club during the mid 1960's when we moved from C to B to Reserve and to A's in successive years was also due to the dedication of such coaches.

This year David Spitteler was forced to resign as President and player due to his transfer to Melbourne but Brian Spitteler is still carrying on the Spitteler association with the club.

Today we have ten teams carrying on the red and grey banner and with fine leadership from President Ross Halliday and his hard working committee, and a fine spirit evident in the club, we are going on the further success in 1972.



APPLECROSS Y.M. U14/2 TEAM 1971.

AUTOGRAPHS.



TEAM PROFILE - 1971

UNDER 12 DIVISION 2

This grade started the season with less than a team in numbers but with enough spirit and faith in themselves to make up for the difference.

They justified themselves, too, by winning their fair share of early games. When most Under Twelves are still watching the ball, other players, dogs, aeroplanes or just clouds, our Under Twelves (most were under 10 really) were busy scoring goals.

Five of the early starters were Simon Johnston, John Meacock, Steven Fletcher, Dean Costello and Matthew Jones, all of whom have older brothers and no doubt owe their ability to several years experience as lawn choppers during the winter.

Add to this group, a few "neighbours" kids who have also had the necessary lawn-chopping practice, and you have a good team of Under 12's.

Graham Eyres, Murray Grant, James Stobie were in this group and joined later by Brett Wolfenden, Steven Horn, Grant McEwan and Jonathan Seth.

Later in the season Warren O'Rafferty, Neil Banham and Andrew Gordon joined the merry band.

When we were few in number, we were able to recruit three under 8's who had the required skill and courage. Glenn Doust, Grant Malcolm and Mark Spittler confounded many of their older opponents.

When the final whistle blew, there were eighteen lining up for a game each week and it is to their credit that they shared their matches without losing hope of prestige as they were in sight of the four at the end.

R. FLETCHER

JUNIOR UNDER 12 DIVISION 1

<u>Left Wing</u>	<u>Peter (Andy) Andrew</u> - A great trier and learning fast
<u>Left Inner</u>	<u>Mike (Twinkletoes) Pitts</u> - Always on the move. A very penetrating forward
<u>Centre Forward</u>	<u>Simon (Not-so-simple) Nelson</u> - Spearheaded our attacks and played many fine Captains games.
<u>Right Inner</u>	<u>Donald (Duck) Brooker</u> - Waddles a bit, but his penetrating goal shots helped to win many games.
<u>Right Wing</u>	<u>Tim (Scorcher) Earngey</u> - Gained the name from his scorching right wing runs. A good team man.
<u>Left Half</u>	<u>Brad (Towser) Maher</u> - Kept going like a terrier all the time. Developing into a fine player.
" "	<u>Graham (Longreach) James</u> - A very improved first year player with long arms and legs which baffled the opposition.
<u>Centre Half</u>	<u>Graham (Tank) Wilson</u> - Easy to see how this name was earned. Graham's charges down field scattered the opposition every time.

Right Half      Raymond (Racehorse) Commins - Ray's speed left the opposition standing. A most valuable half-back.

"      "      Laurie (Truck) Lapsley - More like a steam-roller at times. Another fast learning first year player.

Left Full Back      Brian (Stonewall) Matthews - As the name donates, a rocklike defender.

Right Full Back      Micky (Mouse) Brooker - Not so mouselike when charging in goals. Really frightens the opposing teams.

Goalie      Robert (Snowy) Summers - An improving goalie with two good feet and a strong right arm.

A.S. BROOKER

### UNDER 14 DIVISION 3

Overall the team had a very successful season and although they did not go beyond the 1st semi-final were not disgraced. Earlier the team earned the right to play-off for the Challenge Cup against Canning Districts and went down fighting to a very strong team.

Mid-way through the season the team lost the services of Gary Bromwell and this upset the balance of the team for the rest of the year as he was a good team man and added drive to the forward line.

During the year the team had ten wins and 4 losses and drew 4 games.

### Pars on Players

Anton Birch - A valuable winger whose pace and stick work contributed much to the team success. A good team member who thinks well and makes the most of opportunities.

David Pearce - Worked hard at all times whether playing as an inner or half back. Played well with the team and disposed of the ball well.

Noel Backhouse - A strong centre forward who scored freely. Led the side well and provided many forward moves.

Richard Gardiner - An effective inner who combined well with other forwards. Featured high in scoring list.

John Everingham - A first season player whose game improved greatly throughout the season. Will do well next year. Played mostly on a wing where his pace was used effectively.

Pat Matthews - A solid half back, always reliable and played his position well. Kept opposing forwards in close check and passed the ball effectively.

Tim Johnston - Played most of the season at Centre Half-back. A strong effective player with good ball control. Was elected the team's vice-captain.

Gavin Case - A fast strong half back who unfortunately did not play for the whole season. Hope to see him back with the Club again next year.

Peter Earnsey - A strong full back. Did well in this position throughout the year. A good team man.

Tony Fletcher - An effective full back who played this position well. Due to the overall strength of team in early part of year did not get as much work as he would have liked, but in latter part of season was called upon to show his ability more and gained several votes in best player list.

Greg Cook - Played as goalie for most season. Played position well. Has good strength and is able to spoil many opponents scoring shots.

Randell - Joined the team at the latter part of the season to fill a vacancy. Was an effective inner and added drive to the forward line.

R. BACKHOUSE.

UNDER 14 DIV. 2

A talented team which after two years of playing together developed strong team spirit and system. Reached the final in 1970 and the final in 1971.

LEFT WING

Gary Thomas

Trained hard over the year and showed considerable improvement.

CENTRE

Terry Brooks

Captain and a fast moving forward who plays the full 70 minutes.

RIGHT WING

Paul Meacock

Vice Captain and fast moving initiation of many attacking moves.

LEFT INNER

Paul Slavin

Always gave full effort. A courageous player

RIGHT INNER

Andrew Reynolds

A Ready, fast forward from Victoria. Played well all season.

LEFT HALF

Andrew MaGuinness

Cool, level headed defender who broke up many attacks

CENTRE HALF

David Rowe

Talented half back who often turned defence into attack.

RIGHT HALF

Brad Platell

Showdd great improvement in the final round.

LEFT FULL BACK

Warrick Robertson

Very talented and dependable defender. Rarely beaten.

RIGHT FULL BACK

Peter Swift

Intelligent defender with an eagle eye. Made many fine saves on the goal line.

GOALIE

Ken Edsall

Kicked strongly and co-ordinated a fine defence. Rarely beaten.

Qualified: 3rd

Manager: J. Edsall

UNDER 16 DIV. 3

A cheerful band of triers. They tried their coach, their Manager, they even tried hockey.

LEFT WING

Mike Camilleri

Found his feet early.  
Learnt to stay on  
them during the season.

CENTRE

Paul Costello

Did well at beach  
training through-  
out the year.

RIGHT WING

Barry Murray

Loved meeting  
the opposition  
(in head-on  
collisions)

LEFT INNER

Rob Hymus

Relegated to 16-1's  
at the height of his  
career.

RIGHT INNER

Jeff Pearce

Flashed in and out of  
hybernation to score his  
goals.

LEFT HALF BACK

Robert Jeans

Really appreciated  
his Manager - Quote:  
"He was like a father  
to me."

CENTRE HALF BACK

Shane Ferguson

A tireless terrier  
who worried the ball  
well into the forward  
line.

RIGHT HALF BACK

Murray Bickley

The umpire's friend  
Always ready to  
help them with  
their decisions.

LEFT FULL BACK

Kevin Wilson

I'll take the free hits.  
It improves my golf.

RIGHT FULL BACK

Rick Joyce

The reluctant dragon.  
Best kicking fullback  
in the side.

GOALIE

Ian Craig

Dedicated to his career -  
tied to his pads (with  
string).

OTHERS WHO HELPED OUT.

R. DALGLEISH - You name it - I'll play it - our permanent utility player.

M. JOHNSON - A dasher who the club hopes to see more of next year.

G. BROMWELL - The littlest one of them all.

MANAGER'S COMMENT:

Who hasn't paid their ball fees, Fellas?

Qualified: 3rd

Manager: M. Jeans



UNDER 16 DIV. 1

A very talented team which showed pleasing development over the season. With the right breaks could have made the four.

LEFT WING

David Smithers

Persistent type of player with good speed. An excellent team man.

&  
Robert Hynus

Tenacious & determined player who has shown sound development.

CENTRE

Ian Miller

High scoring centre forward and strong mid field player. Very high potential.

RIGHT WING

Peter Griffiths

Captain. Made short list in State Schoolboy's. Dashing player with ample drive.

LEFT INNER

Kerry Jones

Consistent team player with plenty of ability and ample courage.

RIGHT INNER

Alan Meacock

Played well in three positions. Fast and clever with excellent disposal.

LEFT HALF BACK

Trevor Robinson

Strong, Courageous player from Narrogin. Fine skill and plenty of "tiger"

&  
Peter Sunman

Classy left half back with plenty of hockey know-how. Will serve the club well in this important position.

CENTRE

David Halliday

A mobile player with plenty of stamina. High talent & enthusiasm.

RIGHT HALF BACK

Terry O'Rafferty

A versatile player with outstanding stick work. Talented at left inner also.

LEFT FULL BACK

Mark Gorham

Vice Captain and a cool skilful full back who is rarely beaten. Pace and recovery improved each week.

RIGHT FULL BACK

Brad Commins

A dashing defender who backs his judgement to good effect. Full marks for mastering a fiery temperament.

GOALIE

Vern Mundy

Reads the circle play well and has developed his kicking effectively. Good temperament.

Qualified: 6th of 11.

Manager & Coach: M. Mundy.

UNDER 18 DIV. 3

LEFT WING

Peter Jones

Played consistently well. Always in the circle and scoring goals.

CENTRE

Bruce Cameron

Vice Captain and fast attacking centre forward. Played full 70 minutes.

RIGHT WING

Peter Beste

Plays well always and never gives up. Makes position well and scores goals.

LEFT INNER

John Summers

Shows strength, ability and enthusiasm. Tackles back strongly and can run all day.

RIGHT INNER

Graeme Meacock

Showed great control and ability and in final round was a dominant player in the attack line.

LEFT HALF

Richard Bruce

A dedicated player who can apply himself to his job. Always cut out opposing forward.

CENTRE HALF

Kevin Green

Captain and talented leader. Lifted his game when the chips were down.

RIGHT HALF

Ian Mitchell

Always gives full effort and gave a 1st class display in final round.

LEFT FULL BACK

Alan Plester

Played many fine games in the last line of defence. Not flustered by pressure.

RIGHT FULL BACK

Les Brooker

Always prepared to fight back and give 100% effort. Showed pleasing development.

&

Trevor Robinson

Played in finals and was an outstanding full back.

GOALIE

Greg Cole

A talented courageous goalie who is not afraid to come out to the top of the D.

Qualified 4th

Manager:

P. Noad

'BIII's 1971.

BRAVO 'BIII's!!

Yes, this team deserves mention. Thank you Peter Purser for getting this very difficult side together; the last few games of the season proved that you were successful.

Up and coming young players like Steve, Greg, Garry, Mal, Ian and Graham must have enjoyed playing with the older die-hards and probably be grateful when they move on to higher grade hockey for the trick or two they learnt from the aged talents of Professor Geof. Sneasby, better known as "Bees-Knees", Bruce - da Cadd on the loose, Old Rusty-Rowse - king of the Goal-House, Peter Purser a dinky-die Curser and Fatty Hassett - a real asset.

Next season we must TOP the list not just Skim the BOTTOM. So drink up lads, let's Bottoms Up, I should have said Down.

The Pumpkin Eater

G. Palmer

G. Wright

G. Stewart

I. Collett

B. Cadd

M. Cole

S. Wilson

G. Sneezby

P. Hassett

P. Purser

I. Fingland

R. Rowse

Qualified 7th of 9

B2 WHITE 1971

LEFT WING

Eric Bradfield

Fast. Moves with good control.

&

Mike Payze

Dependable and tireless forward.

CENTRE

Ian Mitchell

Forceful, strong spearhead. Scored well and made good position.

RIGHT WING

Colin Willis

Talented, fast right wing. Captain (13 goals)

LEFT INNER

Barry Hancock

Reads the play well. Intelligent and creative disposal.

RIGHT INNER

Robin Blay (15 goals)

Reliable attacker who always disposes of the ball to advantage.

LEFT HALF BACK

Kevin Bradshaw

Tenacious player who is rarely beaten and who makes good position.

CENTRE HALF BACK

John Cole

Agressive defender and work horse of the team.

RIGHT HALF BACK

Jack Cox

Reliable defender with rapid recovery. Rarely beaten.

LEFT FULL BACK

Kingsley McGuire

Fast and rarely beaten. Vice Captain.

RIGHT FULL BACK

Geoff Gorham

Rugged, hard hitting defender who plays good position.

&

Kim Hunter

Heady reliable defender who plays his position well.

GOALIE

Owen Ferguson

A quiet season, but a very skilful goal-keeper.

Manager: C. Willis

Coach: B. Hancock

This is our Premiership Team finishing the season undefeated after nineteen games. This was the first Senior pennant won since 1964 (C.3 grade) and was an outstanding performance by a very fine team.

RESERVE BLUE 1971

LEFT WING

Peter Lander

Hard working forward equally at home at left inner. Very good season.

CENTRE FORWARD

Wade O'Rafferty

Fast moving skilful player with good ball control.

RIGHT WING

Colin West

Very skilful and experienced player who encourages team play and sportsmanship.

LEFT INNER

Graeme Meacock

Youngster of the team. Good mover with excellent ball control. Sure to do well with more experience.

RIGHT INNER

G. Dienhoff

Sacrificed a lot to play this year and was appreciated. Great goal sense and good mid field player.

LEFT HALF BACK

Ian McLeod

Hard working coach and player. Knows all the tricks and uses them.

CENTRE HALF BACK

Brian Spitteler

Excellent player and backbone of the side. Could lift the team and has much to offer the club.

RIGHT HALF BACK

David Bickford

Captain and team's greatest trier. Never gives in. Also plays well on left wing.

LEFT FULL BACK

Kingsley McGuire

Covers a lot of ground as a defender. Tackles hard and hits strongly. Good clubman who is in everything.

RIGHT FULL BACK

Roger Hope-Johnston

Cool defender who is rarely beaten. Good position player.

GOALIE

Ron Cochrane

Dedicated player who tries hard. Potential is there and sure to improve with experience.

Manager:

D. Bickford

Coach:

I. McLeod.

## COACHES' CORNER

### THE FINAL GAMES 1971

#### U14 DIV. 2 Preliminary Final v Tuart Hill

Half Time 0 : 2

Final Score 1 : 2

Our boys were outplayed during the first half, but they fought back strongly in the second half. David Rowe brought the ball through and scored a fine goal and although we pressed the attack our forwards could not equalize. Tuart Hill were subsequently beaten by Y.M.C.A. 1 : 0. Our congratulations to the two talented teams.

#### U18 DIV. 3 Preliminary Final v Fremantle

Half Time 1 : 0

Final Score 1 : 2

This was a first class exhibition of team hockey with all players giving of their best. Captain Kevin Green and Vice Captain Bruce Cameron were fine leaders throughout the game. The defence played a tightly knit, courageous game with goalie and full backs making a number of fine saves.

Congratulations to the team for the development of fighting spirit over the final round to cap off a very good season.

#### B2 WHITE GRAND FINAL v GRAYLANDS T.C.

Our B2 White won this game 3 : 0 to remain undefeated throughout the season and to win their third pennant for the year.

Our boys entered the match with confidence as they had won their semi-final against this team 6 : 0.

After a slow start Ian Mitchell took the ball from the centre and after splitting open the defence passed to Barry Hancock who goaled. Graylands fought back hard, penetrating our defence twice and missing both shots at goal.

Early in the second half Barry Hancock scored again from a penalty stroke and this was followed by our third when Kingsley McGuire hit strongly from a short corner. Despite this the team wasn't playing at its top.

Kevin Bradshaw, who played strongly in defence throughout the season, didn't star as his thoughts were on another engagement and Colin Willis was cut out of the game by his opposing Centre Half.

An excellent season fellows and a badly needed senior pennant. Thanks to all our supporters and team spirit shown by reserve Mike Payze who has played strongly throughout the year.

Next report boys - one on performance at Summer Training. Best of luck for 1972.

Thank you coaches and managers for your contributions to Coaches' Corner. I'm sure it has brought our club closer together as the season has progressed. To our parents and many supporters along the sidelines our sincere thanks for your interest and backing throughout 1971.

H O C K E Y - (The game for the brave at  
Heart and weak in mind)

By "Top of the D"

"THE FULL BACKS"

Before the full back hits the ball,  
He goes into an endless stall,  
He wipes his brow, pulls up his pants,  
Moves his shoes to adjust his stance,  
It's really not his aim, you know,  
To make the game so dull and slow;  
It's just that without each boring bit,  
He'd lack the time to work up a hit.

"THE GOALIE"

The man in goals is just a hulk;  
Of beefy, burly, brawny bulk;  
His only job, the graceless lout,  
Is stopping balls, to keep goals out.  
He isn't fast, he isn't quick,  
But no-one seems to care a lick.  
The Junior goalie's aren't too bad,  
But the B3's have got a real grandad.

"THE CENTRE HALF BACK"

In courage and raw guts supreme,  
The centre half leads the team.  
When the full back hits out,  
You'll hear him shout "Look out, Look out."  
Can the centre half avoid this fate,  
Just see him jump - tch tch - too late too late.

"THE MANAGER"

The Manager's a mournful gent  
With shoulders stooped and body bent;  
Although he's not a holy man,  
He's learned to pray the best he can.  
This afternoon he was forced to see;  
His team lose 17 to 3  
It's no wonder that he has one dream,  
To manage the opposing team.

"THEY REMEMBER"

1. They sat in the room together,  
On the seats and on the floor,  
And murmured reminiscently  
Of the hockey year before.
2. They thought of nights of training  
In mud and drenching rain.  
Of broken toes and skin - bared shins  
And excruciating pain.
3. They talked of all the glory -  
The fame when match was won;  
Of how they'd hit the winning goals  
And sweated in the sun.
4. And then again the time, when they,  
Losing five to nil,  
Had fought on every harder  
To win by five more still.

5. They spoke of how they'd gazed with pride  
At the pennants in the hall -  
Silent tributes to their efforts -  
The greatest team of all
6. Their thoughts then wandered to the Coach  
Who'd taught them how to play;  
And how his multitude of "grey hairs"  
Was added to each day.
7. But, though those happy games are gone,  
Never again to be played,  
In their memories they'll always linger -  
To them they'd never fade.
8. And now in chorus rise their voices,  
In an unanimous call:-  
"A toast unto this Hockey,  
The Grandest game of ALL!"

"Hank"

"CROSSFIRE"

by c.c.

A is for Alan of the Brooker Clan  
Coaching our 12's he's many a plan  
Comes from the north with brother Syd  
Spreading their knowledge from kid to kid.  
A is for Andrew an Applecross Dad  
Who coaches the junior friends of his lad  
A's also for "Alliday  
Two sons of Ross  
Colts player fine and good friends of Cross.

B is for Bruce with hair like straw,  
Uses his stick like a Scottish Claymore,  
Sticks to his wing like 3 star glue  
Thwarted Marists and Fremantle too.

C is for Cole who pilots Big Red  
When he hits an Ace goal it goes to his head.  
As centre half-back taught teachers a lesson  
It's Applecross first at Majestic's Session  
C is for Cox and have no fears  
Of our Social Committee running out of ideas.  
Plays for B2's and there's no debate  
On which Cross player is bound to be late.

D is for David who handles our Cash  
Playing at hockey He's plenty of dash.  
Has worked hard for us, our thanks he deserves  
A very fine clubman who led our Reserves.

E is for Edsall that stout fellow Jack  
When it's time for the finals  
His team's on the track.  
Last year, and this, it was just the same  
His boys were out playing "A dash good game."

F is for Fletcher who shouts and raves  
Out on the sidelines to all his young braves.  
As coach of our 12's he laughs as he drills  
Young Tony and Steve with some of his skills.

G is for Gorham and Griffiths and Green  
Bearded and tall and speedy and keen  
Ellusive fellows hard to tag  
But always there with whistles and bag.

H is for Halliday and Hancock too,  
Without them both we'd be in the stew.  
President fine and coach supreme  
Building a Club of sportsmen keen.



I is for Ian who hits for the net  
When Cran's his umpire  
He often does fret.  
Ian's also our coach with Scottish ire  
He plays hockey hard with plenty of fire.

J is for Jeans that 3 star bloke.  
Pilots his team with many a joke.  
With 16's playing he's plenty of voice  
Spurring on Camel and Bickley and Joyce.

K is for Kingsley a wonderful chap  
Always willing to fill in the gap.  
Top as a clubman and leader too,  
Applecross Y.M.'s friend through and through.

L is for Llyall that loyal dad  
Of fair young Raymond and Rascally Brad.  
Good at figures and counting cash, too,  
At lucky numbers he has one for you.  
L is for Lander who dances the slosh  
Working the boys at the Risely car wash.  
Cars shining bright - metal, rubber and glass.  
Several lost chamois but a job first class.

M is for Mundy above reproach  
When South Perth's around  
He'll ruffle the coach.  
With his young son Vernon goalie without fear  
He's taught our 16's fine hockey this year.

M is for Meacock's versus the rest.  
Armed with umbrellas and plenty of zest.  
They always have one good performer  
And also write the Coaches' Corner.

N is for Noad that knowledgeable chap  
Cuts a fine figure in black gown and cap.  
At W.A.H.A. meetings he's our man  
A life member surely is our plan.

O is for Ockey that wonderful game  
Which binds us together and brings us such fame.  
Its moves and its systems are improved out of sight  
By coaching and training by day and by night.  
And O is for O'Rafferty's brothers three,  
Skilful forwards of highest degree.  
Goals to them are never foreign  
And they've taught it all to clever young Warren.

P is for Purser and his B3 clan  
Hassett and Sneazby, Cadd and Jackaman.  
For youth and for leanness they're in the blue  
They've forgotten more hockey than we ever knew.

Q is for quality of sportsmen supreme  
Playing for our Applecross team.  
Boys who enjoy playing the game  
To work for their club, to strive to attain.

R is for Rusty, a stalwart sure  
He's played many games and will many more.  
Guards his goals with battered pads  
Can rouse many memories of Applecross Dads.  
R's also for Roger of State Schoolboy fame.  
His defence is outstanding in game after game.  
With Mitch and with Wrihty and Bradshaw and all  
He's played many games rarely missing a ball.

S is for Spitteler and for skill  
A fine hockey synonym, very true still  
Tread warily you opposition  
Brian's a player of proud disposition.

T is for Thomas and who can tell  
What would happen if he lost Platell  
At training on Wednesday he's first rate.  
We'll cheer him on, if he's not late.  
And T is for Thankyou to managers true  
For faithful assistance to me and to you.  
Backhouse, Edsal, Willis, Fletcher, Jeans and Noad  
Mundy, Brooker, Purser, Bickford - they all shared  
the load.

U is for umpires in white and black  
We respect them as sportsmen when out on the track.  
We barrack them on when hot is the play  
With our blood pressure up and our eyes red and grey.

V is for vigour and vim and verve  
Saved for summer training of the club we serve.  
Come and join us and play your part.  
We'll win more games at seasons start.

W is for Wokka, one of Jack's backs  
With Swifty and Ken, he turns the attacks  
W's also for Wilson, those players fine  
Who play top hockey and never resign.

X is for "Cross" that war cry so dear  
When Geoff Gorham cries it, it pierces the ear.  
Proudly it's shouted by spectators keen.  
Stirring the spirit of all our team.

Y is for Y.M. headed by Harold.  
As an offsider he often is carolled.  
Watches our clubrooms and prints our views  
Week by week in the "Y'Ville News".

Z is for zest and zeal and zim.  
Qualities of Col Willis our secretary trim  
He backs our club from A to Z  
By writing our letters so they can be read.

So rally round the flag boys  
The old grey and red  
Shoulder to the wheel boys.  
Success lies just ahead.  
Salute to the old year  
The one that is past  
With hopes that in the new year  
We'll never be outclassed.

#### WEAPON - DESCRIPTION AND USE

The appalling ignorance of the young hockey player of today is most distressing and disturbing to the ancients. Many of the youngsters do not even know the fundamental parts of their "weapon". They cannot name them, nor dismantle and replace same when blindfolded. This alarming fact was evident to all when National Service Training was disbanded, but no notice was taken of the critics. Because of this a few fundamentals have been placed onto paper for the benefit of the juniors.

Description: - Hockey Stick - Mark 1 or 11 - use for the hitting of.  
Maker - Association of the maimed  
Weight - 22 oz - excluding lead inserts and blood!

#### Fundamental Parts - Names, Descriptions and Use

FLAT - A flat bit of solid timber.

This part is included for hitting shins (preferably other than your own), shovelling dirt to form a dust screen, splashing water to blind the opponent and some radicals have even been known to hit and stop a ball with it.

**CURVED** - A rounded part of the stick, commonly confused as whether it is the 'front' or 'back' of the weapon. This side is used for annoying opponents by having clandestine hits at the ball, doing "classy" hits if unnoticed by the umpires, and for calling to see which end you will sacrifice your life, to defend. The correct and expert use of this side of your weapon requires long, dedicated hours of practice.

**TIP** - Usually designated as the part that divides the flat from the curved side.

Poking at the ball is the main use of this region but some have been known to use it to dig holes, to trip opponents, and also some magnificent "fluke" shots have been attributed to this part.

**HOOK** - The bend in the stick - other than a broken handle. The purpose of this is two-fold - namely to trip your opponent, and/or to use as a walking stick if the opponent catches you.

**TOP OF HANDLE** - The part closest to you.

Common use of this is to poke the opponent's ribs on a free hit. The user must hold the stick horizontal, as if he is expecting the usual undercut free hit from the opposing fullback, and then move "next" to an opponent. A sharp, short, jab sideways will have the desired effect - either a sore rib of the opponent OR a black eye for the user.

**HANDLE** - This is the stock of the weapon and merely serves the purpose of holding all the components together. The major use of this is as firewood when the stick has "had it!"

Now Juniors - get to it, learn these parts and their uses! Dismantle a weapon (preferably someone else's) and learn the fundamental parts. The club depends on your knowledge.

Member 13 (retired!)

\* Editor's Note:

The author of this article, who wishes to remain unknown, until recently practised all he preached, and won numerous awards, as the dirtiest and worst of his team. However, in recent years, the game has sadly missed his "expert" tuition, and the lack of knowledge of juniors is attributed to his absence from the game, due to being detained in a "hostel" for the duration of the Governor's pleasure, AND banishment by the W.A.H.A. for life!