

ST. PATRICK'S HOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST FORTY YEARS

To Jim Gallagher, Laurie Parkes and Clyde Colquhoun

Although no longer with us you are very much a part of
St. Patrick's Hockey Club.

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CHAPTER I - IN THE BEGINNING.

On 1 April 1954, the Canberra Times reported on the annual general meeting of the A.C.T. Hockey Association. Among the items in that report were two which were to have a significant effect on St. Patrick's Hockey Club.

The first of the items in that report was that St. Patrick's Hockey Club was admitted to the Association and in the terms of the report "... would be playing competitive hockey..." and the other was the re-election of Mr. Jim Brophy as President of the Association.

The first event was the culmination of a frenetic effort by Fr. Barney Lynch recently arrived from Crookwell and the other was the confirmation of the pre-eminent position held by the person whose suggestion it was to Fr. Lynch to form a Catholic men's hockey club.

But to appreciate the full picture it is necessary to go back a few years and a few miles to County Clare in Ireland because the story of how St. Patrick's Hockey Club started is very much a story of Fr. Lynch.

It was in County Clare that Fr. Lynch became, in his own words a fairly good hurling player and there is many a veteran hockey player in Canberra who will attest to this. Hurling is that 'game' peculiar to Ireland and to the Irish people around the world. If one has a vivid imagination there are some similarities between hurling and hockey. They are both played with a ball and a stick, which is called a hurley and on a dark night, resembles a hockey stick. Fr. Lynch described the differences in the following terms, "good hurling is bad hockey and bad hurling is good hockey."

After his ordination to the priesthood at All Hallows seminary in Ireland and a year at university waiting for passage to Australia as this was just after the Second World War and passenger shipping was scarce, he embarked for Australia and more particularly for the parish of Goulburn. Fr. Lynch was not introduced to hockey during his one year stay at Goulburn.

His next appointment was to Crookwell and it was there that Providence intervened and Fr. Lynch was introduced to hockey, as a player. Fr. Lynch's ability as a hurling player made him admirably suited to hockey, particularly the style played in the early 1950's on the 'playing fields of Crookwell' derisively referred to as "cow paddocks".

Not long after his arrival in Crookwell, Fr. Lynch was asked by John Norton and John Heart to play hockey. This was the beginning of the Catholic Youth Club hockey team Fr. Lynch started in Crookwell.

There are some interesting stories which came out of his first game. As he left the field after that first game one of the locals, Fatty Bradley, handed him a rule book. Fr. Lynch recalled that at the time he thought this was a very nice gesture and "... I thanked him graciously thinking that he was interested in all these fellows learning

the rules...” but he soon realised that there were other motives when he was the only player to be given a rule book.

At that same game a lady of the parish had come to see him play and she took some convincing that the full back in the blue cap and shirt and white shorts was indeed Fr. Lynch. The idea of a hockey playing priest was a bit strange and she probably, as Fr. Lynch says, “... expected to see him in Mass vestments or at least clerical collar”.

Fr. Lynch recalls that in the second game he played the umpire, Tom Cummins, Maurice’s uncle, awarded a penalty bully against him. Father had to ask Tom what was a penalty bully. Tom then blew time-out so that Fr. Lynch could learn how to play a penalty bully. Fr. Lynch recalls that this was most generous of the umpire and more so of the opposing team. He must have been a fast learner because he won the penalty bully. Penalty bullies almost became a way of life for Fr. Lynch over the years and not always with the success enjoyed on that first occasion.

The sight of this hockey playing priest became very familiar in Crookwell during the next five years and with exposure to some of the better hockey players in the country he acquired a love of the game and a skill level which ensured he would play hockey for as long as he could.

Fr. Lynch served the Crookwell parish for five years and was then appointed to Canberra. He arrived in Canberra on 5 February 1954 and part of his parish duties was that of chaplain of St. Patrick’s Youth Club.

Along with his duties Fr. Lynch wanted to continue to play hockey and he had it in mind to play with Northern Suburbs as he was attached to St. Patrick’s at Braddon. Fr. Lynch approached the late Jim Brophy whom he had known for some time and who was president of the hockey association and had been since 1945. When he asked Jim which hockey club he should play with I think even Fr. Lynch was a little surprised with the answer because the answer he received was along the following lines. Form your own because it is time for a Catholic hockey club to be formed in Canberra. St Edmund’s Christian Brothers College had opened in Canberra that year and Jim saw this as a the ideal recruiting ground to supply a Catholic hockey club with players.

Fr. Lynch then sought the advice of the parish priest at St. Patrick’s, Fr. Stan O’Donnell. Fr. O’Donnell’s comment was that it had not been done before but give it a go. And he did give it a go. Fr. Lynch is the first to give credit to Fr. O’Donnell because without his co-operation Fr. Lynch would not have had the time to accomplish the task ahead.

It is an interesting story as to how that initial group of players was brought together. Along with himself, there were Les Gallagher, Brian Colquhoun, Brian Neilson, Peter Thompson all members of the St. Patrick’s Youth Club and all had played hockey. Les Gallagher and Brian Colquhoun had played with Kingston which had ceased to operate at the end of 1953 and Peter Thompson and Brian Neilson played with Northern Suburbs. Fr. Lynch then acquired Frank Keenan, Jim Curtin and John Fisher.

Armed with these players Fr. Lynch set about the task of gathering the remainder of his team together. Some he found keen and willing while others played hard to get. Nevertheless, with typical Irish persistency and pressure he got them all.

Bin Forner relates the story of his “conversion” from Queanbeyan Hockey Club, it was not quite as dramatic as St. Paul’s Conversion but there are some similarities. It occurred on 17 March 1954, the night of St Patrick’s Concert which of course Fr. Lynch “attended” as indeed anyone with a soft, lilting, Irish voice was expected to do, particularly if that person was a cleric. It transpires that on that night Fr. Lynch did give his voice a fair work- out but not singing the range of Irish songs or humming the Irish tunes at the concert but on the telephone to Bin persuading him to give up his association with Queanbeyan and cast his lot in with this new hockey club his he was forming. Unlike St. Paul who was struck from his horse and when he got to his feet he was converted, it took Fr. Lynch a couple of hours, in fact all the second half of the concert, to convince Bin to join this new hockey club. In Fr. Lynch’s own words “ I would not take no for an answer” and there is no doubt that Irish Eyes were smiling when he hung up the telephone receiver.

The other players in that first team were Eddie Roots whose role it was to start hockey at St. Edmund’s College, George Wyer and Laurie Parkes.

It is not exactly certain when the name St. Patrick’s was decided upon for this new hockey club but with a person of such magnetism as Fr. Lynch as the driving force not to mention the fact that he was Irish as anyone could possibly be and that the nucleus of that first team were members of St. Patrick’s Youth Club, I suppose it was inevitable that the club would have to be called Saint Patrick’s Hockey Club.

St Patrick’s Hockey Club came into being at it first meeting which was held on 28 March 1954 at the Corroboree Park Hall, Ainslie. It was not a long meeting. the minutes record that it lasted only 45 minutes. The minutes of that meeting are worth reproducing at this point because although there were many more to follow which would have profound influences on the direction of the Club, these minutes identify those persons who laid the foundation of St. Patrick’s Hockey Club. The minutes are as follows:

“The minutes of the inaugural meeting of St.Patrick’s Catholic Hockey Club held in the Corroboree Park Youth Centre Hall on _____ March 28th.

The meeting opened at 9.15 pm and a motion was moved by Fr. Lynch, seconded by B. Colquhoun, that the club be officially in motion. This resolution was carried unanimously.

L. Gallagher then moved that the name of the club be “St. Patrick’s Hockey Club”. This motion was seconded by Fr. Lynch and carried.

Election of Officers

Only one nomination was received for the position of President. Fr. Lynch was nominated by L. Gallagher and seconded by B. Colquhoun.

For the position of Treasurer, J. Fisher was elected. He was nominated by B. Forner seconded by J. Curtin and was elected without opposition.

B. Colquhoun and L. Gallagher were elected as delegates to the association and were asked to attend the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday night March 31st. Delegates were nominated by J. Fisher and seconded by Fr. Lynch. B. Neilson was then elected as Proxy delegate.

Five nominations were received for the positions of team selectors and after some discussion it was decided that team captain should not be included in the selection committee but should confer with the selectors when necessary. B. Neilson, B. Forner and B. Colquhoun were finally elected.

Constitution

It was decided by the meeting that time would be saved if a Special Committee was elected to draft a Constitution later to be presented to a general meeting. J. Curtin, B. Forner and B. Colquhoun were elected to carry out this duty. The committee decided to meet at 7.30 pm on March 30th at the Presbytery.

Colours

After much discussion amongst the members and Secretary of the Association, Mr. E. J. Gordon, it was decided to adopt the colours of white and green shirts (in halves), with white to be on the left hand side and with a green shamrock on the pocket.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

Secretary - L. E. Gallagher, President - _____ “

The next step along the path for this fledgling organisation was to seek that necessary admission to the ACT Hockey Association and this was done on 30 March 1954. The following is that letter applying for admission:

St. Patrick's Catholic Hockey Club
Canberra A.C.T.

L. E. Gallagher
Hon. Secretary,
13 Westgarth Street,
O'CONNOR A.C.T.

E. J. Gordon Esq.,
Secretary,

A.C.T. Hockey Association,
3 Quick Street,
AINSLIE A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

At the inaugural meeting of the above club held last Sunday night 28th March, 1954, it was decided to apply for admission to the A.C.T. Hockey Association's 1954 competition.

A list of players wishing to be registered with our club appears below:-

Rev. Fr. Lynch	J. Curtin
Rev. Fr. Morrison	L. Parkes
J. Fisher	J. Griffiths
B. Colquhoun	E. Roots
F. Keenan	J. Martin
P. Thompson	B. McRedmond
B. Neilson	M. Hereward
B. Forner	J. De Dazzel
L. Gallagher	

Transfers for players requiring them are enclosed.

Elected office-bearers for this year are:-

Patron - Bishop Young Secretary - L. Gallagher

President - Rev. Fr. Lynch Treasurer - J. Fisher

Delegates to the Association are as follows:-

L. Gallagher and B. Colquhoun

The following colours were chosen by members present at the meeting.

SHIRTS - White and Green halves

SHORTS - White

SOX - Green with white tops

Hoping this application meets with your satisfaction.

Yours faithfully,

L. E. Gallagher
Secretary

All the arrangements were done with great speed. The Canberra Times of 1 April 1954 reported the proceedings of the A.C.T. Hockey Association annual meeting held

the previous night. in that report was the statement “.. It was stated that at least two new teams would be playing competitive hockey this season. They would be St. Patrick’s and the Presbyterian Men’s Club.”

Also of interest in that report was the election of Mr. J. Gallagher as assistant secretary of the Association. At that stage of course Jim was not a member of St. Patrick’s Hockey Club but was playing hockey for Northern Suburbs.

At around this time another person arrived in Canberra and would play an important role in the development of St. Patrick’s to a position of force in ACT hockey. I am of course referring to Leon Gerathy or ‘Coach’ as he became known to all at St. Patrick’s. Leon being an out-of-towner did not know his way around too well and in 1954 we see him playing for Barton hockey club. The Canberra Times of 2 April 1954, referred to the fortunes of Barton which “... has secured two outstanding players in Leon Gerrathy (sic) ...”. The article went on to relate that Leon and the other player had “... both played in Goulburn which is one of the strongest hockey centres in Australia.”.

Of all these people Eddie Roots probably had the most difficult task, trying to establish hockey at St. Edmund’s in an environment where nearly all the brothers had been through the Christian Brothers Rugby Union Academy of Nudgee in Brisbane or Waverly College in Sydney. However, with his usual diplomacy he managed to win the day but not without a fight. The Principal, Brother McCarthy made it perfectly clear that if hockey was to be a sport at St. Edmund’s the team would play under the College name and in the College colours. This did not sit well with Kevin Mulchay and I recall one dressing down he received on this very matter.

However, hockey was established and it was not long before success was being recorded in the results section of the Canberra Times and introducing players like Brian Paton, Geoff Fisher, Vince Fisher, Bill Powell, Clyde Sloan and Morris Trevethan and later on Chris Powell and Mark Humphries and many others to the ACT hockey public.

When I look at St. Patrick’s the first thing that comes to mind is the bonds of friendship that exist and which were forged in those first years. This group of young people bound together by religious, sporting and social activities and in some cases were blood relations, became a very close knit group. As Bin Forner says: “We virtually built our lives around each other and grew in strength together.”.

Marriages, children, house building were celebrated in a way that many of us had not encountered before, and the people who made up St. Patrick’s, and this included mothers and fathers, wives and children and even cousins, became an extended family. The friendships were developed during those playing years but matured and grew as each person settled to find his place in the world and have continued strongly to this day.

With the team admitted to participate in the ACT hockey competition it was up to the Association to decide upon a suitable grading. To the dismay of many of the players St. Patrick’s was graded in B Grade, then the third level of competition. I say dismay

because several of the players had played A Reserve grade for their previous clubs and at least one would have played in A grade in 1954 had he stayed with his club. However, the Association probably did St. Patrick's a favour because it allowed this group of players to get to know each other and to learn the hockey strengths and weaknesses of each team member. In a trial match 25 April 1954 a combined A and B grade team from Northern Suburbs defeated St. Patrick's 10-4, the comment was made that although St. Patrick's played well the experience of the Norths A grade players was too much for them. The report went on to say that St. Patrick's should do well in the B grade competition. The time had come to put all this organisation to the test.

CHAPTER 2 - THE FORMATIVE YEARS 1954 - 1956

After all this preparation the big day arrived when St. Patrick's would take the field for the first time. In May 1954 was the first competition match and the new clubs were matched - A clash to determine the true faith! The Canberra Times reporter under a sub-heading "NEW CLUBS CLASH" said that both the new clubs had shown impressive form over the past weeks in trials and would be watched with interest. The only thing that was wrong with the short report was that he listed St. Patrick's opponent as St. Andrew's.

Twelve players were named to take the field with one to be omitted. They were (in order) John Fisher, Brian Colquhoun, Fr. Lynch, Eddie Roots, George Wyer, Peter Thompson, Frank Keenan, Jimmy Martin, Jim Curtin, Les Gallagher, Bin Forner and Brian Neilson. The results of that game have faded into oblivion but I know that St. Patrick's won the game, because in that first season the team went through the competition undefeated. When these players ran on to the field for the first time as St. Patrick's not too many of the current day players for St. Patrick's were born.

That first year was indeed one to remember. The team recorded many big wins and more importantly, St. Patrick's first premiership and it was achieved by defeating Barton 5 goals to nil in the grand final. That team scored something like 100 goals during the season and had only 6 or 7 scored against it.

As that season progressed other events occurred which were to become strong traditions of St. Patrick's. In May 1954 teams were selected to participate in representative trials and St. Patrick's were represented by eight players with seven being selected to play in the ACT Colts team (under 21) in the NSW Championships in Sydney on the June long weekend. The Canberra Times published the team on 10 June 1954 and the following are extracts relating to the St. Patrick's players:

Brian Colquhoun, full back, age 19, ACT representative 1950-54.

Frank Keenan, full back, age 19, ACT representative 1953-54.

Peter Thompson, full back, age 17, ACT representative 1954.

Bin Forner, forward, age 19, ACT representative 1951-54.

Les Gallagher, forward, age 19, ACT representative 1953-54.

Brian Neilson, forward, age 19, ACT representative 1951-54.

Unfortunately the Canberra Times in error, which it was prone to do in those days, omitted the details of the other St. Patrick's player. He was:

John Fisher, half-back, age 18, ACT representative 1954.

In that same year Leon Gerathy gained ACT senior selection but at the time he was playing for Barton. In July 1954 the ACT Colts played a curtain raiser to the New South Wales vs. New Zealand game and John Fisher was this time named in the team as half-back.

Also in July 1954 another St. Patrick's tradition was set in place, the annual end of season dinner. At the time it was decided that an end of season dance would be held at the Turner Football Club rooms and that the admission would be three shillings (30 cents). The event was held and a good time was had by all.

With such an outstanding showing in 1954 it is no wonder that the ACT Hockey Association announced at its Annual General Meeting that St. Patrick's had been admitted to A grade. In addition the Club also fielded a second team, though not without considerable debate and concern about the difficulties a second team would present. The second was graded in A Reserve grade.

In its first match in A grade in 1955, St Patrick's were victorious over the Royal Military College. The 1955 season was not an easy one for St. Patrick's. By June the A grade team had clawed its way to fourth position and in the process won fewer games than it lost. The A Reserve team languished at the bottom of the table having secured only one draw at that stage. There were times when it was not always easy to get a team on the field. The Canberra Times of 15 August 1955 reported that the St. Patrick's A grade side lost to Central 5-1 and that the A Reserve side forfeited to Presbyterians. The loss to Central put a spot for St Patricks in in semi-final in jeopardy and it came down to the last match of the round when St Patricks and University, equal in fourth place, met on 20 August. Unfortunately University won 2-1 and St. Patricks' season was finished.

While the results of the 1955 season were not that flash, there were some highlights. Peter Thompson gained selection in the senior representative side and was awarded a Hockey Blue for outstanding play and St. Patricks continued to provide the majority of the Colts team. In 1955 Kevin Mulchay, John Fisher, Jim Curtin, Frank Keenan, Peter Thompson, Les Gallagher, Bin Forner and Brian Neilson all were members of that team. Fr. Lynch was also selected in the Challenge team but had to decline selection which he recalled several years later that it was one of his regrets about his hockey career. Fr. Lynch was also elected a vice president of the ACT Hockey Association.

Off the field activities continued at a steady pace. At the beginning of the season the club had a debit balance of six pounds fourteen shillings. This was owed to the Association for ground fees. Club fees were set at three pounds (six dollars for those born after 14 February, 1966), fifteen shillings for non-playing members and for some strange reason one pound ten for school boys. There is no mention anywhere of women, except for their help in organising social activities, equality of the sexes had not yet arrived.

In 1955, St Patrick's started to enter teams in carnivals around the district. There had long been a hockey carnival in Canberra at the start of the hockey season and Fr. Lynch recalls an incident from the 1955 carnival. In 1954, Fr. Lynch had formed the Marian Club to cater for the needs of young people who had moved to Canberra for work and were living away from their families, on the occasion of the carnival several young females came to watch the hockey, Fr. Lynch maintains that they came to see him but there is some debate on that question, during one particular match these young ladies were barracking "come on Father, come on Father" etc, and a comment was heard from the side lines that the St. Patrick's full back was young to have such a large grown-up family. The Club journeyed to Grenfell where it won the F. F Armstrong Trophy as runner-up in the Carnival. There was a letter from Grenfell

reported in the minutes of a meeting requesting the return of the trophy - another St. Patrick's tradition set in place.

Worthy of special mention at this stage was the function which has come to be known as the Annual Dinner. Although at the end of 1954 there had been a dance this was the first Dinner. True to form for the times it was left to the females to conduct such functions, however, there were no members of the hockey club married at that stage so the next group of females to be called on was the mothers and the 1955 annual report gives "Our thanks to Mrs Colquhoun, Mrs Mulchay and Mrs Gallagher and their helpers for the wonderful spread."

1956 was something of a watershed for St. Patrick's. Two teams were entered in the competition, one in A Grade the other in B Grade. The A grade team again just missed out on a place in the final series when it lost to Barton in the last round of the competition. The A grade team had experienced an up and down year a 4-0 win against Waratah in May and a week later could only get together ten players for the game against RMC which by the way resulted in a 3 all draw. The B Grade team won the premiership in 1956 following up the 1954 victory serving notice that the B grade belonged to St Patrick's.

Two other events were reported in the Canberra Times of 7 April 1956 which would ultimately be of significance to St Patrick's. One was that Leon Gerathy would be a loss to Barton which made him a free agent and enabled him to take up the coaching position at St Patrick's in 1957 and the other was that St Patrick's would be without the services of Fr Lynch in that year. Thus Fr Lynch missed the debate about eligibility for membership of St Patrick's which was to occur in July 1956.

The Annual Report of the Club tells the story of the A Grade team for 1956:

"Many times during the season St. Patrick's players contributed more to defeat than did the members of the opposition. Time and time again St. Pats. were in a good position only to fall apart when the opposition scored a goal or took the lead. Bickering would occur between players and team work would fall apart."

The report went on to argue for the need for first class coaching for both A and B grade teams if the standard of hockey was to improve.

Seven St Patrick's players represented the ACT in 1956. Les Gallagher, George Wyer, Brian Colquhoun were members of the Senior, Jim Gallagher was captain of the Challenge team, Bin Forner and Colin ("Cobbs") Colquhoun were in the Colts with Bin its captain and John Colquhoun was in the ACT junior team. There were also four St Edmund's representatives in that junior team. Three of them, Vince Fisher, Peter Dawes and Brian Paton all played with St. Patrick's but they all left Canberra soon after leaving school. Vince was later to return and play with St. Patrick's. In August 1956 St. Edmund's gained additional representation in junior teams to play Tamworth with Geoff Fisher and Morris Trevethan being included in the under 16 and Kevin Paton selected as vice-captain of the under 14 team.

There is no doubt that St. Patrick's Hockey Club was formed as a club for Catholics. The constitution was unequivocal on this point, membership was restricted to

“Catholics resident in Canberra and District”. The age of ecumenism had not yet arrived. At the Second Annual General Meeting on 3 March 1955, in the discussion about the formation of a second team, Fr. Lynch stressed the difficulties associated with such a formation and he urged new and old members of the club ‘...to behave in a way which is expected of Catholic Youth.’”.

The first recorded discussion of admitting non-catholics to St. Patrick’s Hockey Club occurred at a general meeting held on 17 July 1956. At that meeting Eddie Roots moved an amendment to the constitution “that membership be opened to all catholics of Canberra and district and ex-students of St. Edmund’s College.”. This amendment was important because at the end of 1956 John Collings, a student of St Edmund’s, was to finish school. John was a good player but was not a catholic.

The proposed amendment was ruled out of order on a technical ground that such a matter as constitutional amendment required a special general meeting and indeed one was set down for the following week the 24 July 1956.

There must have been considerable discussion on this topic prior to the meeting of 17 July or there must have been frenetic activity during the following week as the motion moved, discussed and eventually passed unanimously was considerably wider than that proposed by Eddie Roots the previous week.

The amendment appears to have been prompted by disappointing performances on the field and involved the appointment of a coach. It is obvious that the person being considered for this position was a non-catholic. The motion as passed set out conditions which looking back were very restrictive. It worth while mentioning some:

“ (ii) The club will admit during the 1957 season and for that season only, a non-catholic as “A” grade captain who will act as coach to all club teams.

...

(iv) No non-catholic will hold an executive position within the club.

(v) They (non-catholics) will have the power to vote on matters dealt with by the club but will have no power to vote on amendments to the club’s constitution.”.

The next three clauses of the amendment all refer to the membership arrangements to be enjoyed by non-catholics who are referred to as ‘they’. It is some time off yet when the club would undergo an examination of its membership rules and open up membership to non- catholics.

The amendment was most important to the future of St. Patrick’s. Some people realised that the Club was at a cross-roads and it was imperative that the club had to adopt a more professional attitude and lift the standard of the hockey it was playing or it would remain essentially a social club for catholic males and with declining standards and membership which this would bring, the club would soon fade into oblivion.

The discussions at that meeting were divided along the following lines: The President of the Club, Eddie Bourke said that the proposed motion had been mentioned to Fr.

O'Donnell who was definitely against it as the club had been formed "...to bring young people together on the sporting field and in a catholic atmosphere.". The other speakers George Wyer, Jim Gallagher and Les Gallagher all spoke of the need to have an organised system of coaching to improve the standard of hockey and to instil a large measure of discipline in the teams on the field. The amendment was accepted by the meeting.

Although the age of ecumenism had not yet arrived, there were very few instances of sectarian animosity displayed against St Patricks. Fr Lynch tells of his light hearted encounters with Rev. Hector Harrison of the Presbyterian Church when their paths would cross at the State schools during their catechical work. If Presbyterians had defeated St Patricks the previous Saturday Rev. Harrison would suggest that the true faith had won out and when the reverse occurred Fr Lynch would remind Rev. Harrison that the true faith won, at which point Rev Harrison would reach for the switch on his hearing aid and turn it off.

One other important aspect of St Patrick's ethos was founded in these early years. While hockey was the reason why St Patrick's existed, its continued existence was due largely to the fact that all associated with the Club in those early years became very close friends. This friendship was nurtured off the field more than on it and there is no doubt that the place of nurturing was the Manuka Club. It is not entirely by accident that the Manuka Club became the watering hole, it was close to the Manuka hockey ground which unfortunately no longer exists as "progress" decreed that the ground was to become a car park. St. Patrick's played no small part in the success of the Manuka Club as a venture through heaps of voluntary labour and dedicated patronage.

It was the watering hole where St. Patrick's boys assembled to celebrate victories on the field and to replay those games we let slip away and more than once would go to our homes at night convinced we really had won the match every where except on the score board. The Manuka Club was a much revered place in our younger days. The Manuka Club was the St Patrick's club house as much as it was Manuka Football Club club house. It was not only the place to go to after the match on Saturday during winter, it was the place to go to on Friday night and I still hear the words "it is only University or Presbyterians or Central. ' or some other team which we would easily beat the following day. It was also the place we went to on Wednesday nights after training and from where we would go to the Starlight Drive-in theatre for ranch night where many a promising career in accounting foundered on the rocks of Sam Katzman's direction and Mischa Bakalynakov's music.

The tables are no longer at Horry's and Droopy doesn't dwell there anymore and the elixirs of doctors Resch and Toothy and Tooheys are no longer available there and neither are Laurie (Parkes) nor Blue (Clyde Colquhoun) nor Jim (Gallagher) but there is not one St Patrick's boy from that period who would trade the memories of their times spent at the Manuka Club.

CHAPTER 3 - ON THE FIELD 1957 - 1961

The work and effort put in by the original players and their families in those formative years was to bear fruit both on and off the field over the next few years as St Patrick's consolidated into a formidable organisation. There was a marked improvement in the standard of hockey and a very visible improvement in club spirit. I have already mentioned that St Patrick's provided a significant number of its players for the ACT representative hockey teams during the formative years of the Club. This contribution has continued down through the years and the Club has been honoured in the selection of Lisa and Katrina Powell in the Australian Women's Hockey Team. But I am ahead of myself because at this times there were no St Patrick's women's hockey teams nor was there any indoor hockey.

The A Grade team was consistently winning throughout 1957, 2-0 against Waratah in May, 4-0 against Barton also in May, 3-1 against Central in July and we see at semi-final time it finished second on the ladder. On 6 July 1957 the Canberra Times reporter was moved to write:

“The Saints have played a brand of hockey that even their most ardent supporters had not thought possible, Gallagher, Lynch, Forner and Winkleman have developed this team from one of mediocre standard to the present fine standard.”

Missing from this report was mention of Leon Gerathy who had been appointed coach at the beginning of the season and I am sure that he would have been largely responsible for this turn around in St Patrick's fortunes. He insisted on training with the very clear dictum “You will not improve your hockey if you do not train”. Leon supplemented his training with blackboard lecturers on tactics and positional play. He very soon became known as ‘Coach’.

‘Coach’ had come to Canberra in 1954 and played with Barton and his conversion to St Patrick's took Fr Lynch even more time than Bin's conversion. Every time Fr Lynch saw Leon after Mass or in the street he would plead the case for St Patrick's need of a coach and players. In the end I am sure life was easier for ‘Coach’ when he finally agreed to coach the Club's teams.

1957 was the first year that the St. Patrick's A grade team had reached the semi-finals. Unfortunately the team lost the semi-final in extra time and then lost the preliminary final 2-1 against Central. 1957 started a succession of disappointments for the A Grade side and it was not until 1962 that it won an A Grade premiership.

In that year the second team from St Patrick's was entered in the A Reserve competition. Unfortunately it was disrupted throughout the year by having to supply players to the A grade team and it missed out on a place in the semi finals

Like the previous three years the names of Gallagher, Forner and Colquhoun appeared as ACT representatives in 1957 with Jim Gallagher and Bin Forner being awarded Association Player Blues in 1957 and in that same year Jim was awarded a Service Blue for his work at Association level.

1958 saw an influx of players to St Patrick's. Maurice Cummins moved to Canberra from Goulburn and Eddie Roots efforts at St Edmund's began to pay off when players like Bill Powell, Geoff Fisher, Vince Fisher, Kevin Paton, Alan Ulrich and myself all joined the club. I am sure that there were other players who came in at that time to help swell the ranks of St Patricks. Unfortunately 1958 also saw the departure of Frs. Cusack, Collins and Cook from hockey ranks when they were transferred to other parishes and no longer could afford the time to play hockey. 1958 also saw St Patrick's appoint its first Life Member, Fr Lynch. This was a just reward for the person who had done more than any other to establish and nurture St Patrick's in those early years.

In 1958, St Patricks fielded four teams In A, A Reserve, B and C grades. the C grade had replaced the Intermediate grade which had operated as a bridge between junior and senior hockey. The C grade team was formed from the St Edmund's senior team. All four teams made it through to the semi-finals but unfortunately there were no premierships that year for St Patricks. The A grade were minor premiers but injuries to Bin and Coach who had come out of retirement to help the Club's manpower shortage and to Fr Lynch early in that season all took their toll and the team finished in third place. Such was the difficulty with team selection that selection of the A grade team was not finalised until late on the night before the match. The A reserve team finished its season in fourth place.

The B grade side that year was the unlucky side that year. The only defeats suffered by the B grade team were at the hands of Waratah which went through the season undefeated.

The C grade team also came second that year after losing the grand final to Barton by a single goal.

In 1958, two new names were added to the list of those from St Patrick's who had gained ACT representative honours. These were Maurice Cummins in the senior team and Bill Powell in the Colts. As usual the Gallagher brothers and Brian Colquhoun continued to represent the ACT at senior level. In his first year of hockey in Canberra, Maurice Cummins was rewarded for his very great hockey ability with a Player Blue award from the Association.

In 1959 St Patrick's recruited Ted Griffin. Ted had learnt his hockey in Goulburn and immediately made an impression on Canberra hockey - mostly on the defence of opposing teams and the back boards of goal nets. During the years I played hockey only two of them were played in positions other than goal-keeper and Ted hit the ball harder than any player that I ever had to face. Thank heavens he was a member of St Patrick's and it was only at training that I had to face him.

St Edmund's entered junior teams in the junior competition in 1959 and St Patrick's ever mindful of the need to build a base to provide players of the future provided the coaches. The need to provide for the future by fostering hockey at St Edmund's and later on at Daramalan, was brought about by the very restrictive membership requirements of the club's constitution. At this time membership was still limited to Catholics.

The 1959 season had some ups and downs on the field. By June the A grade competition had sorted itself out to a race between St Patrick's and Central. The A grade team reached the grand final for the first time and started a run of four grand final appearances before success came their way. The downs were of course that the C grade team was withdrawn from the competition after having to forfeit the first four games of the season and the other two grades did not achieve a place in the final four.

After having been close to Central all year, St Patrick's last three games in A grade in 1959 were against Central. In the last home and away game Central beat us 3-1. The semi final was next week we must have been fired up because we won 4-0 after scoring 3 goals in the first eighteen minutes and as the Canberra Times reported "... with brilliant defence..." kept Central scoreless for the game. The grand final was much closer than the scores indicate, Central won 6-3 but two of these were scored in the time on period.

I will always remember the 1959 grand final, the match had been very even though Ross Jones had left the field in the first half with a broken collar-bone after a collision with the goal keeper. However, Central did get their revenge in the second half. Central was leading by a goal and the play was deep in Central's half when the ball was cleared. All players stopped to catch a breath and the goal-keeper believing the whistle had been blown for an infringement picked up the ball and threw it back to the spot where he had thought the breach had occurred. The only result was a penalty corner against the goal keeper which Central converted and went on to win the match. I suppose I have relived that moment several times in the thirty four years since it occurred and I still regret picking up the ball even if I had kicked it as I was allowed to do the result may have been different.

Again in 1959 St Patrick's was well represented at ACT represented level. Maurice Cummins, Bin Forner, Ted Griffin, Jim and Les Gallagher played with the senior team, Brian Colquhoun with the Challenge team, Bill Powell and Clyde Sloan played with the Colts and Gary Willemsen played in junior teams.

1960 was a year to be remembered. For the very first time a club, and it was St Patrick's, had teams represented in the grand final of all four grades. St Patrick's won the Waratah Shield, the award for Club Championship in ACT Hockey and won two premierships, the A Reserve grade and B1 grade and the two other teams were runners-up in their respective grades.

After the home and away games, the A grade had finished second behind Central, the A Reserve team was minor premiers, the B1 team finished in third position and the B2 team had finished in fourth place.

The opening A grade game of the 1960 season probably set the scene for the year. On Turner Oval St Patrick's played Presbyterians and it was a game dominated by forwards. By half time Presbyterians led 5-3. Fortunately for we defenders the scoring rate in the second half was reduced and also fortunately we had managed to claw our way back to 6 all and with only minutes to go Bin scored to give us a 7-6 win.

At the end of the home and away games Central was undefeated, St Patrick's was second, Old Canberrans third and Waratah fourth ten points behind Central. In the semi final St Patrick's beat Central 5-3 and Waratah beat Old Canberrans and St Patrick's expected to play Central again two weeks later in the grand final. Waratah had other ideas and defeated Central. Of course we thought that would make our job easier but such was not to be and Waratah won the grand final 3-2 after extra time.

The A grade team that year played 18 games, won 13, drew 2 and lost 3 games.

The A Reserve grade team that year was really good. On 13 August the team scored its one hundredth goal for the season and by the end of the home and away games was undefeated and had scored 109 goals for and 6 against. However, the team lost its first game of the season in the semi final but recovered to win both the preliminary final and grand final.

The A Reserve grade team in 1960 played 19, won 18, and lost only one game.

The B1 team finished the season in third place and in the finals series defeated Barton, Grammar and RMC to take the premiership. The B2 grade after finishing in fourth won its way to the grand final by beating Central and Old Canberrans but unfortunately went down to RMC in the grand final.

The B1 grade team played 19, won 15, and lost 4 games.

St Patrick's also fielded a B2 grade team in 1960 which was the runners-up in that competition. All the indications were that it was a very even competition as the team played 19 games, won 8, and lost 11.

1960 was also at the height of "The St. Patrick's Travelling Hockey Show". The Club played in Albury where we were Consolation finalists, Tumut where we were runners-up and winners of the Rowe-Sexton Cup (I still remember this carnival) Manly where we won the carnival and the Hayers Sports Store Cup, Gundagai where we were semi-finalists and we also played in the Nowra, Crookwell and Goulburn carnivals.

As is often the case after a most successful year the following one seems disappointing in comparison and 1961 was no exception. I think that this was due to the fact that the A grade had played in three grand finals and had not won any. In looking back the sports psychologists of to-day would correctly identify the problem as 'not knowing how to win'.

The 1961 season commenced in fine fashion with St. Patrick's No. 1 team winning the Kenna Cup. Nine years had passed since a Canberra team had won this Carnival which was the start of the hockey year in Canberra. It was also the first time that the finals of the Kenna Cup and the Richardson Cup, the Consolation Trophy, were contested only by Canberra teams.

St Patrick's won the Club Championship trophy again, but the A grade which throughout 1961 was clearly the superior side in the competition and although it had some close calls, the A1 team did not lose a match until the semi finals, it did not deliver the result it deserved when it counted the most i.e. at the end of the season. This was even acknowledged by the secretary of the ACT Hockey Association in his Annual Report, "St. Patricks after an excellent season were considered to be the unlucky team on Grand Final day." There was only a penalty goal difference in the score. I look back over those thirty years since that grand final and I still cannot understand how we lost it and I suppose that is the key - were we too confident? I don't know about that but I can quite clearly remember it was that night that the Legend of Forner's Paddock was born.

After the Association presentation night which in those days was always held on Grand Final night, Bin Forner had arranged that we go out to his uncle's and father's property just off Jerrabomberra Avenue. It wasn't the first time we had been to this location, some good nights had been held there in the past. Martin, Bin's father, had recently pruned the fruit trees in his orchard and there was enough timber for a good bonfire. Most of the A grade team and a fair number of members from the other grades were also there. I still remember the very nice bottle of red and the mortadella which we had for supper. We also had a keg which of course was necessary because some of those present enjoyed a quiet ale.

Laurie Parkes was there because I remember that the bonfire had been lit and another bottle of red had been opened and then a few beers appeared when 'Killer', as Laurie was affectionately known, produced what seemed an incalculable quantity of fire-crackers. He always seemed to have them at his disposal. The fire-crackers started to go off and to those of us who were clear headed it seemed as though another war had broken out. The up-shot was that there were a lot of head aches the next day and it took Martin Forner three days to catch his draught horse, which had been in the next paddock, and another three weeks before he could hitch it to the cart. Martin looked for that 'fellow' with the fire-crackers and I don't know whether he ever caught up with him. But I am sure as anything that they did catch up with each other on Martin's death in August 1993.

The next morning I understand was something to behold. A few had stayed behind to help clean-up and of course by this time it was daylight. The rest of us had retired gracefully to our respective homes. Among those present there was one Blue Colquhoun, Les Gallagher, Bin Forner, Jim Gallagher and John Agnew. It transpired that someone had thrown the empty keg into the dam that was on the property and Blue always the one to tidy up loose ends attempted to retrieve it the inevitable happened and Blue fell into the dam. The story has it that he fell into the water from twenty yards from the edge. He was rescued by the crowd that had gathered and I understand that most of them in turn had to be rescued. Les was finally rescued by Marcia later in the afternoon when she came to collect him to go to their pre-marriage meeting two hours earlier in the day.

Some might say that this event was not an on the field occurrence but as far as I am concerned, and I remember it well, the night and certainly the next day was harder than any event that took place on any field in my hockey life.

In that year the A Reserve team carried all before it until the grand final when it lost to Barton 3-0. The bright spot was again the B1 Grade with Neil Dewhurst, “the weekend bachelor” at the front. The grade won a premiership for St Patrick’s beating Barton 2-1. I said in another place that St Patrick’s almost had a mortgage on the B grade premiership and this team was yet another example of that solid middle ranks of St Patrick’s players who over the years have contributed greatly to the continued growth and success of the Club.

The St Patrick’s team made it through to the semi-finals of the B2 grade. The remarkable thing about this team was that it was composed mainly of juniors and very young players but had an average age in the high twenties. John Agnew and Blue Colquhoun had devoted their considerable experience, which was mostly nothing to do with hockey, to the development of these younger players. Whatever hockey knowledge was imparted to the youngsters by these two people was incidental to the experience they would have gained by spending a season in the company of “Agony” and “Blue”.

On the representative front St Patrick’s players were captains of all the ACT senior teams. Jim and Les Gallagher for the Seniors and Challenge teams and John Colquhoun for the Colts. In addition Ted Griffin, Bin Forner, Maurice Cummins Frank Brady, Bill Powell and Brian Colquhoun represented at senior level and Kevin Paton and Alan Ulrich were members of the Colts team.

CHAPTER 4 - OFF THE FIELD 1957 - 1961

The off the field activities of St Patricks Hockey Club can be best described as “ A Way of Life”. As far as I am concerned the period 1958 to 1965 was indeed a way of life which revolved around St Patrick’s and work was that necessary task which interrupted a good time.

St Patrick’s Hockey Club has always had a tradition of enjoying the moment. The words of one of the Club’s songs says it all:

“If we’re on the field
or off it
if we’ve lost the game
or won it
we wont be down-hearted
because we’ve had our fun to-day.”

Our fun was derived from many sources, the Club travelled great distances to hockey carnivals . We would establish Kelly’s Pubs wherever we would travel, some of these landmarks still exist to-day, and we made shrines out of places like Forner’s Paddock. We played cricket in the summer months as the hockey season in those days was clearly defined to the winter months, some we won and some we would like to forget about.

We celebrated with each other on joyful occasions and shared each others grief on the sad occasions.

The Club has always seen it appropriate, at the completion of each season, to honour those among us who have performed outstandingly during that season and then adjourn to some convenient place for continued celebration.

It is not possible to describe all the events which flood back to my memory as I write my history of St Patrick’s Hockey Club but some of the will be mentioned as this story unfolds.

In the formative years social activities revolved around the Manuka Club and the St Christopher’s and St Patrick’s Youth Clubs. However, by the latter 1950’s young lads thoughts were starting to turn to other things but these also were influenced by hockey.

Of the hockey families is worthy of mention that many delayed their marriages until there was no chance of hockey interfering with the plans or was it the wedding plans interfering with hockey. Brian and Beryl were married after the 1957 season had finished. There were others as well Les and Marcia Gallagher and Bin and Marie Forner were married after the season was completed and just in case there were several replays required in the 1967 season, Norma and I set our wedding date for the 30 December.

In that year St Patrick's toured Tasmania, a tour which became legendary and many of the events have become folklore in the annals of St Patricks. All those who missed the trip for whatever reason look back and say if they could have the time over they would go on that tour. Of course some of those who went on that trip would probably look back and say "I wish I hadn't gone". The tour was significant for another reason in that it was the first time a hockey club from Canberra had embarked on an interstate tour. In that year a bye was created in A Grade because of the admission of the Baptist Hockey Club and the Association saw the importance of the tour and allowed St Patrick's to have its two byes for the season in the first two rounds of the competition. The success of the tour both on and off the field was due in no small way to the tour manager the late Laurie Parkes.

Much of the folklore of that trip revolves around the late Clyde ('Blue') Colquhoun. For those of us who knew Blue his spirit is still very much alive and the memory of him is as fresh as when he was amongst us. For those of you who did not know him you have missed one of life's pleasures. Anyway during that trip Blue acquired the nickname Wombat and whilst I wasn't there I understand that he formed an association with a wombat and as Blue had had a joyous evening the previous night, I am assured that it was difficult to tell which of those two of God's creatures had the worst eyes. I am sure Blue wouldn't mind me telling you that incident and I am pretty sure that he is still enjoying the event.

It was an expensive proposition running hockey teams in the late 1950's and St Patrick's was always on the look out for avenues to supplement fees and to increase its financial resources. In 1959 the Manuka Club allowed St Patrick's to provide a catering service on Friday evenings and Saturdays. This venture was a huge success financially. While we all took our turn at preparing and serving hamburgers etc there were people like Bin, Brian, Blue and John Agnew who for their sins seemed to be on duty every weekend. It was decided that one year was enough and after a lively debate at the 1960 Annual general meeting it was decided not to tender for the catering rights at the Manuka Club.

Fund raising was always difficult, there was no such thing as overt sponsorship in those days for amateur sporting bodies and it was an expensive proposition to keep teams on the field. The Club had to develop fund raising activities in areas where it could. Around the end of the decade hockey moved from Manuka to Majura and it was no longer practicable to continue to meet at the Manuka Club and consequently there was also a gradual shift to a watering hole closer to the hockey grounds at Majura.

At first we linked ourselves to the Canberra Rex Hotel and the management there allowed us to raise funds by 'chook runs' and raffles of meat and fish trays. This was tremendous experience as much later we found ourselves raising funds by similar means in the back bar of the Hotel Canberra which is now the Hyatt. One could search for a year and not find a sharper contrast of Canberra's society than that between the front and the back bars of the Hotel Canberra.

One of the most enjoyable and successful fund raising activities undertaken by the Club was a liquor catering service supporting Max Preston's food catering service.

We catered wine, spirits (there were no Tequila Slammers or B52's in those days) and beer for a variety of functions. There were always plenty of helpers which had nothing to do with the free grog.

In this period there were other 'off the field' activities in which the Club was engaged. None was more rewarding nor more enjoyable than the annual visit to Canberra by the 'orphans' from St John's Boys Home in Goulburn.

In 1960 Leon Gerathy who originated from Goulburn suggested that the Club give the boys from St John's Boys Home in Goulburn a day out in the form of an athletic carnival. The prospect of looking after 60 - 90 school age boys, ranging in age from under 5 years to 14 years, for a day was daunting and it was approached with a large degree of apprehension but with Coach at the helm there was no need to worry.

On 13 November 1960 the first of these carnivals was held. There were 47 events which covered a variety of athletic endeavours such as sprints over various distances according to age, egg and spoon, sack and three legged races and musical sacks. Prizes were awarded and while they may not have been Olympic gold medals they might well have been by the looks on the faces of the recipients. A rule of the day was that every boy got at least one prize.

There were some memorable times and fortunately on most occasions the weather was kind. One of those memorable times occurred when the weather was not so kind. A very effective system of keeping track of the boys which we had used over the years and the Club took much pride in the fact that we had never lost a boy. However, on this occasion we nearly gained one.

Because of the rain that year, the boys were treated to a swim at the Deakin Indoor Heated Pool. Unfortunately, our system broke down when the boys took off their school uniforms and in bathers it was impossible to identify them from the general public swimmers. When it was time to leave the water and rejoin the bus one of the St Patrick's members who will remain anonymous grabbed one of the stubborn kids and hauled him out of the water only to find he screamed for his mother. I can assure you all, the child was quickly returned to the water.

Some of the boys still remain in the memories of club members of the time. There was a family named Bloomfield who first appeared on the scene in 1968. At first it appeared to be a conspiracy that all boys at St John's had changed their names to Bloomfield because they were everywhere and seemed to win everything but at the end of the day when all was accounted for there were only four of them. Other boys names which come to mind are Jelly, Faraway, Ogden, Bradley and McMahan and one cannot help but wonder whatever became of them hoping all the while that the little the Club did on those few days gave the boys something that they might not have otherwise experienced.

In 1961 there was a move to review the Club's Constitution "...with the idea of making it more liberal in its restrictions on playing members.". Feelings were very divided at that 1961 Annual General meeting and there was not going to be any resolution of the issue at that meeting. The proponents for change did win a

concession and it was decided to hold a special meeting of the Club on a date to be fixed to debate this issue and that of constitutional change generally.

St Patrick's travelled to as many hockey carnivals as it could possibly manage. The record books will show that St Patrick's did not win many but some wins come to mind. These were the Manly Carnival in 1960, (with the help of Graham Walker and Ross Jones) and Kenna Cup (ACT) in 1961. The Club was runner-up at several carnivals during this period including twice runner-up at Tumut in 1960 and 1961.

We didn't have to win to prove that we were good, the mere attendance was sufficient, consequently hockey carnivals became an excuse for having a good time. We liked carnivals and travelled to them in Goulburn, Crookwell, Moss Vale, Grenfell, 'HMAS ALBATROSS' at Nowra, Wollongong which was the first carnival I attended, and Manly and later on to Wagga and Albury and in the very early days of St Patrick's one memorable trip to Tamworth for a one-day carnival.

It was at Moss Vale that Blue Colquhoun was marooned, for some time, in the ladies toilet having got caught short and there was a long queue at the 'gents'. Blue eventually braved the mob and broke free offering the excuse as he pulled his 'trade mark' hat down over his eyes said "Sorry mam I was caught". The Manly Carnival invoked the ire of the Association as most of the members of the team were in Sydney to play in the NSW championships and the carnival was on Sunday which in those days was a rest day during the Championships.

There was also one particular carnival in Goulburn which deserves an entry in the folklore of St Patrick's for one event which brings tears of admiration to a goal-keepers eyes. At that time the goal-keeper for St Patrick's was an Irish lad by the name of Jimmy Martin. Mr Martin was a sobrieties lad of great perspicacity, as Blue would say, and in the course of one game the opposing forward as is their wont, sent one scorching drive head high towards the goal, Martin for some reason totally unconnected with the ingredients of a local tonic was unable to lift his hands or stick to the ball and in the fashion of true goal-keeping dedication headed the ball over the crossbar apparently without the ball being damaged one bit.

The Club never missed a Crookwell or a Goulburn carnival in these early days. These carnivals were held towards the end of the hockey season in August. The standard of hockey was always good but a Spring always arrives late in those places so the weather was usually bitterly cold. A good breakfast at the Paragon Cafe in Goulburn to start the day together with warm pubs and good company and it took great sacrifice to drag ourselves away to line up for another game. Sacrifice was also required at the end of the day to make the journey home, sometimes at a leisurely pace, after a chinese meal at the Shiu Wah Cafe in Goulburn. Those were days to remember.

While these were tremendous carnivals, without question the most favoured was the carnival held over three days each Easter at Albury. we Had many memorable good times there but perhaps none better than the first in 1960. St Patrick's was a late entry and we found ourselves at the bottom end of the accommodation draw. We were

booked into an old boarding house run by a hard, buxom, Slavonic widow called Mrs. Woz who was totally opposed to alcohol.

Mrs Woz's boarding house had about three rooms and she had expected a school team, yet she accepted the whole St Patrick's hockey team, wives and girlfriends. The married ones and the girls got the rooms whilst the rest of the team got the lounge room floor. The primitive conditions spurred us into turning the experience into something those who were there will always remember. Much of the enjoyment was at Mrs Woz's expense. We smuggled alcohol into the house and in her presence opened bottles and cans, under the blankets of course, and took the odd drink, again under the blankets, between denying her suspicions that we were drinking.

Mrs Woz took a shine to 'Cobbs' Colquhoun and always singled him out when she entered to room greeting him in a Slavonic accent "You are a noisy boy but you will inproof". I am not sure whether she was right in her prediction about Cobbs, he is still noisy but he is 'inproofing'.

Getting up in the middle of the night to attend to some urgent need and having to negotiate a path between strewn bodies required skills far beyond those which the team was able to display and anyway the brown cupboard was a lot closer and one didn't have to go outside in the cold.

Mrs Woz got even at breakfast, and I use that description of the morning food intake generously. Woz's revenge consisted of hard boiled eggs, they must have been cooking for a week, and slices of dry toast which resembled in appearance and texture a door stop that my grandmother use to have. It was easy to apply the term to the toast.

Despite an unforgettable time it was decided never to stay there again which is probably just as well as we probably would not have been accepted.

The Club participated in the Albury Easter Carnival every year until the mid 1980's and occasionally since then. Each year produced a number of incidents and events which are still vivid in my memory. From the protest song about the Easter Saturday surcharge at a cafe (I cannot bring myself to call the place a restaurant), to Maurice Cummins' ability to transform a boot lace into a neck tie to gain entrance to the Albury Golf Club, to a very 'quiet' Alistair Stewart, to the raid on Bin Forner's bedroom, to Geoff Fisher's amazing act of producing the 'left-overs' of a Easter Sunday turkey lunch, in the wee small hours of the morning to provide sustenance to his fellow card players so that they would have enough energy to go to bed. I am not sure to this day what we were going to do with the uncooked bacon rashers that some kind soul produced on that same occasion but anyway it was a kind thought and they did make a nice trail up the back stairs. The hockey was also very good.

We played social cricket in the summer months not only to show our ability which I hasten to add was considerable, but as a means of staying together in those days between hockey seasons. While we liked to think that we had considerable ability Bin Forner was the only regular cricketer and naturally he was always the first picked.

Two particular matches come to mind and at the risk of sounding like Channel 9 commentators trying to out-do each other I want to recount those moments for you.

The first of these matches was against Queanbeyan Catholic Youth Club. Bin being the cricketer organised the ground, cricket kit, balls and of course the essential requirement for such an event; a nine gallon keg (40 litres for the young) of our favourite draught refreshment and associated essential equipment.

St Patrick's had the tradition that a new captain was appointed for each match and for this game Brian Colquhoun got the selector's nod. Brian won the toss but made the fatal mistake of sending Queanbeyan into bat. The day was stinking hot so about half through the Queanbeyan innings (measured by time of course none of this number of overs business) we came off for a quick beer.

After the 'quickey' we went back out to field and left that 'beer swilling mob' from Queanbeyan to the keg and you have guessed it that was the last beer we had out of the keg for that BSM had drunk the keg dry by the time the Queanbeyan innings finished.

Bin, ever ready to find a solution said "no worries, you can go and buy another keg". "Sorry" was the reply "we have to field" and off staggered that BSM from Queanbeyan.

To say that we were not pleased by this outcome would have to have been the understatement of the century but no one was more displeased than Bin. He was absolutely livid and in that controlled burn way of his, he set about belting their bowlers all around the field and scored more than 100. What small measure of pleasure that could be had from being in the company of that BSM was gained that afternoon as they chased the ball in the heat and we watched, unfortunately very dry, from the shade.

In the end we won the match and our selectors who were an unforgiving lot blacked marked Brian 'never to captain the side again'. St Patricks captains were taught that if you win the toss you must always "make first use of the keg". Brian, in his eagerness to win the game lost both the keg and the captaincy.

To this day the remnants of that rag tag BSM which includes Bin's brother-in-law, Ian Hill, retell the story and laugh because they couldn't believe their luck in being asked to 'mind the keg' while St Patricks fielded.

The second match was against Taralga and for this game Blue Colquhoun was appointed the captain and he too was to loose this right forever.

St Patrick's batted first and performed very well scoring around about 140 runs from memory. St Patrick's was never short of openers and it was always a temptation for them to get out early and get stuck into the refreshments. However, I digress, on this occasion all players had shown a lot of self control.

After a few refreshments it came our time to take the field against this team which I am quite sure would have beaten any team in the world that day. We did pretty well we had most of them out and we still had forty or fifty runs in hand. Blue then gave me the ball for a couple of overs. The first of my overs cost four or five runs but we were still on target.

In my second over the first ball missed the bat much to the dismay of many. I was more successful with the remaining balls of that over, of course in those days the overs were eight balls none of this wimpish six ball stuff but I digress again. As I said I was more successful with the remaining seven balls of the over, on each occasion I hit the middle of the bat. The second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth balls hit the bat so well that the scorer said they deserved six each. The seventh ball didn't quite hit the centre and the scorer said it only deserved four. I still had one to go and was doing very well (someone jokingly said "for Taralga" but I was playing for St. Patrick's). The eighth ball I bowled only managed to hit the bottom part of the bat and so I only scored two for that one according to the scorer.

Jim Gallagher said after the match that Blue would never captain the team again and that he had never seen defeat so comprehensively snatched from the jaws of victory in all his life. He also muttered something about Clyde Sloan never being allowed to bowl again in any cricket team which he (Jim) was associated. I thought that was a bit hard.

CHAPTER 5 - 1962

1962 was the year that the sun really shone on St Patrick's Hockey Club. After the disappointment of 1961 we set about the task of winning that elusive premiership in A grade. Eight seasons of hockey, a fair share of premierships particularly in B grade, four consecutive appearances in the A grade grand final and finally 1962 was the year. It was a history making year.

In that year St Patrick's achieved success previously unequalled in ACT hockey. St Patrick's won the Waratah Shield for the Club Championship, the A Grade premiership, the A Reserve grade Minor premiership and Championship and the B1 grade Championship. The B2 grade played their way into the finals only to be beaten in the preliminary final. In 1962, St Patricks won five of the six trophies presented by the ACT Hockey Association.

In looking back the hockey played throughout the year by the A grade team was perhaps not as good as some of the previous years and certainly not as good as 1961 but that is the way it goes and we were certainly the best team.

There were some memorable moments during the year. In June 'Coach' brought a sheep dog into the team under the name of "Rover" David Richmond to play against Barton and it worked. Rover scored two very early goals and we held on for our lives to beat Barton 3-2.

The 1961 competition was very close and two weeks before the semi-finals our 1-1 draw with Central and Presbyterians win saw St Patrick's drop from second to third place. The following week we won, regained the second spot and played Central in the major semifinal. We had had a touch and go season with Central and there was never more than a goal or two in the result. The major semifinal ended in a 3 all draw at full time and 4 all after extra time but as Central were higher on the ladder that team went straight into the grand final. In that week leading up to the Saturday it rained nearly every day. Saturday morning dawned pouring rain.

The finals were to be played at Ainslie Oval and the lower grades played the early matches so that the A grade game could be watched by as many as possible. When we arrived at Ainslie, in time to watch the B grades and A Reserve teams the ground was already covered by water in places. I can still remember the sinking feeling when I looked at the ground. It was a goalkeeper's nightmare. The ground was so wet that it was likely that the ball would sink or if the goalkeeper stood in the one spot he would sink to the ankles and not be able to move if the ball came towards the goal. Anyway all the initial fears were unfounded because after the lower grades had played the ground was ruled unplayable and the match was put off for a week. another week to wait.

By the following week the rain had stopped and Spring was upon us. Ainslie Oval was not available because of cricket and the grand final was set down for Majura Oval just across the road from the fire station. The ground was firm and the sun was shining in all its glory.

At half time after a fairly even first half St Patrick's led 2-1 and in the second half Central out scored St Patrick's 2-1 but Central had missed two penalty strokes. The penalty stroke was introduced in 1962 to give forwards a bit of a chance. The simple fact of the matter was that goalkeepers and full backs had become extremely good at defending penalty bullies. As is the case now it was the goalkeeper who had to defend the penalty stroke and in that year I had faced a few strokes and my success rate was usually my cue to change the topic. However, on this day Kevin Day from Central came forward to take the stroke and as fortune had it he put the ball about shoulder high, about an arms length away from my body on my right hand side. If he had asked me where I wanted it, I couldn't have asked for a better spot and as fortune had it the stroke was saved.

About ten minutes later low and behold another penalty stroke to Central and Kevin Day moved forward to make amends. Kevin was so intent on making amends and was sure that I was not going to reach the ball that he fired this one wide. I moved to cover the ball and only got my fingers to it. As the ball hit my fingers I realised that the ball and my hand was outside of the the right hand up-right and I could have left it to miss the goal. The next couple of seconds took what seemed an eternity to pass. Had I propelled the ball? Was it a clean save? It was and I will never forget it and I am sure Kevin Day for the rest of his life never forgot it.

At the end of the seventy minutes of hockey the scores were level at 3 all and in extra time one goal each had been scored and in the last 30 seconds of the game Bill Powell scored his third goal for the match and St Patrick's won 5-4. The game was rightly described as the best game in Canberra in the previous twenty years.

I have spoken of my recollections of that first A grade premiership and I am sure that every St Patrick's player on the field and every supporter have their own feelings and memories of that match but for my money the game was Bill Powell's game. Three goals in the match to win 5-4.

The result was indeed a fitting reward for the founder of the Club Fr Lynch and for Leon Gerathy who those few years before had injected that necessary ingredient that to win requires a professional attitude.

The A Reserve team in 1962 was richly endowed with talent. Throughout the year the team was constantly disrupted due to call-ups to A grade but in the final analysis they displayed a tremendous will to win and in that grand final in such appalling conditions they had to literally blast their way through water and mud.

The B1 team won the premiership for the third year in a row. It was made up of the old stalwarts of the Club and had an average age of about 30 plus. All that experience and cunning did not let them down at any stage and there was no way that that team was going to loose even if they had to apply some adapted water polo skills.

The B2 team was coached that year by Bin Forner and it was made up mostly of school students from St Edmund's and Daramalan. The team made it through to the

preliminary final. The members of that B2 team of 1962 were to find their way to higher grades in future years, Henry Keilich was one who played in that team.

On the representation side of hockey, St Patrick's again supplied a large component of the ACT representative teams. Maurice Cummins, Bin Forner, Jim Gallagher, Ted Griffin and Bill Powell all were included in the Senior team. Les Gallagher, Brian Colquhoun, John Colquhoun and myself were included in the Challenge team and Peter Elliott and Henry Keilich played with the ACT junior team. While this was an outstanding contribution to the representative teams there was a dark spot. There were no St Patrick's or St Edmund's players selected in the Colts team. It was the first time that this had occurred since St Patrick's Hockey Club was formed in 1954. The obvious lesson was that more effort should be put into coaching at junior levels.

The Club also enhanced its relationship with St John's Home during 1962 not only did we have the usual sports carnival in November but a group organised by Leon went to Goulburn and painted a section of the Home.

CHAPTER 6 1963 - 1966

In the 1990's defending premierships teams are often described as suffering from "Premiership Hangover" while I am sure it has nothing to do with the after grand final celebration it seems to be common and it was present in St Patrick's in 1963. Having come so close to the complete sweep of ACT Hockey awards in 1962, it seemed at the beginning of 1963 that those same awards and the other one were still there for the taking.

1963 also saw St Patrick's award Bin Forner Life Member of the Club for all his work for the Club both on and off the field particularly in the financial management area. Bin also had represented the ACT for several years at both Colts and Senior levels.

In 1963 the ACT Hockey Association instituted the Brophy Medal. This award was to be given to the Best and Fairest player in the ACT. The Medal was to honour the memory of the late Jim Brophy who had worked tirelessly for many years for hockey in the ACT. It was Jim Brophy who had first suggested to Fr. Lynch that the time had come for a Catholic hockey club to be formed. Thus was borne St. Patrick's Hockey Club.

The first player to be awarded the Brophy Medal was Jim Gallagher who at that stage was not only captain of St Patrick's but also of the ACT Senior team. It was a great honour for Jim and St Patrick's. As an aside when the time set down for the presentation of the Medal was at hand the Association had not had the Medal made and Jim had to wait until 1964 to receive his medal.

In 1963 the minds of the St Patrick's members turned again to the question of reviewing the Club's Constitution particularly in relation to membership. There was a general movement for change in the Catholic Church at this time. Pope John XXIII had established Vatican II which had met for the first time on 11 October 1962. This movement for change did not pass by St Patrick's, but I will say that the changes proposed for St Patrick's were of a much more temporal nature.

At the Annual General Meeting a committee was formed to review the Club's constitution. The Committee was comprised of Terry Pigram, Maurice Cummins, Jim Curtin and Laurie Parkes. The Committee met several times and a Special General meeting of the Club was held on 23 August 1963 to consider the proposed amendments. Old attitudes die hard and non-catholics were admitted only if they were married to catholics but in view of the tenor of the times the amendment was of significant step along the path to open membership.

In 1963 the Association reintroduced C grade as a fifth grade. St Patrick's again fielded teams in four of these grades. In that year the Club fielded a team in the C grade rather than in the B2 grade.

St Patrick's again won the Waratah Shield for the Club Championship, the fourth time in a row, and also won the B1 premiership. St Patrick's was the only club to win

more than one association trophy in 1963. All four teams were represented in the semi finals which maintained the Club's strong record. While the results appear to be satisfactory and there were many clubs which would gladly swop their performance with St Patrick's, there was something lacking, the fire in the belly had been extinguished a bit after having reached the ultimate in 1962; the club had contracted the 'Premiership Hangover Syndrome'.

The A grade had a very up and down season sometimes brilliant and sometimes as the Annual Report describes it as "... to bad to be true.". In 1963 that team was missing Bin Forner who had been posted overseas. The team finished fourth and it was the first time in five years that it had not been in the grand final. It was hard to take but the clue to this relatively poor performance is to be found in the 1963 Annual report under 'Coaching and Training' where poor attendance at training and consequent lack of fitness were identified but poor attitude was also of importance. The blackboard lectures which had been so successful were so poorly attended that they were cancelled.

There were other reasons on the positive side that help to account for this lack of 100 per cent application to hockey, these included outside responsibilities to wives and families, to work and the mere fact that many of us were getting just that bit on in years. The A grade team was down but by no means out.

The A Reserve grade team again suffered that perennial problem which afflicts all reserve teams, it had to provide players to a grade when required and this had an unsettling effect on its performance. The team finished in third place.

The B1 team again won the premiership for that grade but not without some trauma. Performance throughout the year was patchy but the team did enough to be at the right end of the ladder at the business end of the season. St Patrick's played Old Canberrans in the grand final that year and there were two of them. The first was drawn and the replay was won by St Patrick's in the last ten minutes.

A very young C grade played well throughout the year but unfortunately lost in the grand final

In 1963 St Patrick's continued to maintain its high contribution to representative teams. Maurice Cummins, Ted Griffin, Brian Colquhoun and Jim Gallagher were members of the ACT senior team, Bill Powell, John Colquhoun, Les Gallagher, Eric Green and Clyde Sloan were members of the Challenge team, Gary Willemsen and Vince O'Connor played in the Colts and Henry Keilich in the Juniors.

In October 1963 St Patrick's visited Melbourne to play a social match with St Kilda. The team played a President's Eleven team from the Albury Association on the way. The team was successful against Albury but was defeated 4-0 by St Kilda.

After 1963, 1964 showed some improvement in the on field performance in all teams except the A grade team. St Patrick's again won the Waratah Shield and were minor premiers in four of the five grades it contested in the competition. While the on field

performance improved, there was a noticeable decline in club spirit and training fell to an all time low.

The A grade missed a spot in the final series, the first time for eight years but the other teams kept the St Patrick's flag flying with premierships in B1 and B2 grades and runners-up in A2 (a name change occurred) and C grades.

1964 was a rebuilding year for A grade and the selectors wielded the axe rather vigorously and several players found themselves in lower grades. In May The Canberra Times was reporting that St. Patrick's was fielding "a new look team" which in the early part of the 1964 season did not have the overall talent to hold off most teams in A grade. This had the benefit of introducing a new batch of players to the top grade and blending some of the experienced players into lower grades to help lift their standard. By August The Canberra Times reported that St Patrick's was showing form that had eluded it for most of the season.

The selection policy got a little off the track at the end of 1964 when Terry Deane, one of the key people around whom this rebuilding policy was structured, left the Club to play for Central. Terry Deane had won the A grade best and fairest and the Brophy Medal in 1964.

The policy worked well in relation to other grades where in A2 Maurice Cummins led his team into the grand final but unfortunately went down 4-3 in extra time. The B1 team completely dominated their grade and were very short priced favourites going into the grand final which they won 2-0 over Barton.

The B2 grade in 1964 became the St Patrick's "Veterans" grade and it was only the presence of a couple of younger players which brought the average age down to the mid-thirties. Players such as John Agnew, Blue Colquhoun, Neil Dewhurst and Paul "Hiss-Boo" Webber played their best hockey in this team. This team was just wore down its opposition week after week and finished the season undefeated.

The C grade team was again comprised of students from St Edmund's and Daramalan. At the start of the season this team included John Kurzynski who in my opinion was one of the most exciting junior forwards a person would ever wish to see. By the 15 May, Kurzynski was playing A1 grade. The team was unlucky not to win the premiership. It was defeated in the grand final 4-3 after extra time.

Again St Patrick's were well represented in the ACT representative teams and Gary Willemsen was also selected as goalkeeper in the NSW Colts team. Others to represent the ACT in 1964 were Ted Griffin, Jim Gallagher and Terry Deane in seniors; Geoff Fisher, Chris Hobbs, Maurice Cummins, Brian and John Colquhoun, Bill Powell and myself in the Challenge team; Garry Willemsen, Vince O'Connor and Steve Feeny in the Colts and Henry Keilich, Bernie Rodwell and Johnny Kurzynski in the junior team.

In that year St Patrick's had moderate success at the carnivals in which it participated. The club was runners up in the Albury and Kenna Cup Carnivals and was Consolation finalists in the Goulburn Carnival.

St Patrick's conferred Life Membership on Jim Gallagher in 1964. Jim had joined the Club in 1955 and had become synonymous with St Patrick's. He was involved both as a player of high quality and coach of the A grade team. He was also an integral part of the administration of St Patrick's. For many years, Jim was Secretary of the Club. Jim also served many years in executive positions of the ACT Hockey Association as well as representing the ACT in the Senior grade for many years. Jim was the manager of the New South Wales Senior Hockey team in 1965 and a New South Wales Selector in 1966.

In 1964 the ACT Hockey Association commenced its summer competition. This was the forerunner of the Indoor Competition. As the premier club in Canberra, St Patrick's participated in the competition and its teams in later years would write another chapter of outstanding achievement and success.

St Patrick's was again the Champion club in 1965, this was the sixth consecutive year that this was achieved. This success came about because of the performances of the five teams entered in the competition. In 1965 the A1 and A2 teams were semi finalists, the B1 team was again premiers after being minor premiers and the B2 and C grade teams were runners up.

At the annual general meeting of the ACT Hockey Association in 1965, Jim Brophy retired as President. This ended an era, Jim had occupied the presidency for twenty-one years. During this time he played a significant role in the formation and establishment of St Patrick's Hockey Club.

The performance of the A grade team in 1965 was an improvement over the previous year and ended the season in third place but was characterised by inconsistency. The team won seven of the sixteen matches it played and lost six and drew three times during the season. The signs were there and teams were again learning to respect St Patrick's. The A2 grade won ten, drew three and lost three in their year. Their loss in the semi final was a big disappointment particularly when they appeared to have the game well and truly won with ten minutes left to play.

The B1 team were premiers for the sixth consecutive year. The 'Weekend Bachelor' and 'Hiss-Boo' had played in each of the premiership teams. The team played nineteen games winning sixteen, drawing two and suffering only the single loss for the year.

The B2 team finished the year in second place but because of a draw had the same win/loss ratio as the A grade team; won seven drew three and lost six. The C grade featured in what many considered to be the most exciting grand final of the series. The team went into the semi finals in third place and played extremely well during the finals series but unfortunately going down 2-1 in the grand final after yet another close struggle.

The numbers of St Patrick's players in representative teams was down in 1965. John Colquhoun, Vince O'Connor and Justin Barwick who had arrived in Canberra that year from Hobart and had represented Tasmania, were members of the senior team

while Maurice Cummins and Bill Powell played in the Challenge side and Henry Keilich, Gary Willemsen and Vince O'Connor played in the Colts team. Bernie Rodwell was selected in the NSW under sixteen team and Jim Gallagher was Manager of the NSW senior team at the Australian Championships in Hobart.

1966 was a bleak year for St Patrick's when one looks at the trophy cupboard. The Club failed to win a premiership and after holding the Club Championship for six consecutive years St Patrick's lost it to Barton. On the brighter side, all teams reached the semi finals.

Although the A1 team had a very slow start to the 1966 season, it had not won a match in the first five matches of the season although it had drawn on three occasions, started to show the benefits of the 1964 team building decisions and finished third in that grade. The A1 side was out of the five in May but steadily climbed the ladder to third place. The development of those younger players and with a few new players and regained form by some others the prospects for greater success in future years looked good and 1967 was to show just how good.

The A2 team finished its year in fourth place out of ten teams in that competition. The 1966 season saw the end of an era for the B1 team. Like the Club Championship which had been held for six consecutive years the B1 premiership had also been held throughout those years but all good things come to an end and the time came for some other club to take home the premiership. After such a fine record it was disappointing to see the B1 team take the field week after week short because of non-appearance of players.

The B2 team reached the grand final and the C grade team reached the semi finals. Regarding the C grade team of 1966 it is worth quoting the Club's annual Report for that year:

"The team was almost a completely new team as many of the 1965 team were promoted to higher grades in 1966. Due to...[various reasons] .. it was difficult to find someone to take charge of this side. On many Saturdays they were left to themselves."

Their captain Ian Brown took charge of the team he was coach, selector, organiser and everything else to that C grade team. One point of interest about that team was the emergence of Chris Powell who in that year won the best and fairest for that grade. It was not Chris' first year at hockey, he had already had several seasons behind him starting off his playing career with a cut down stick. I mention this here because Chris became one of the best players ever produced by St Patrick's and many hockey people throughout Australia consider him to be one of the best players never to have played for Australia.

St Patrick's also maintained its good record for the number of players representing the ACT. In 1966 Justin Barwick, Vince O'Connor and Maurice Cummins represented in the senior team; John Colquhoun and Henry Keilich in the Challenge team; Bernie Rodwell and Henry Keilich in the Colts; Peter Keane, Michael Johnston and Bernie Rodwell in the Under 18 team and Richard Mossop in the under 16 team. Henry Keilich gained selection in the NSW Colts team and Jim Gallagher was again manager of the NSW senior team.

St Patrick's reached the final of the summer competition losing yet another final to Central.

At the Annual General meeting of the Club in 1966 Geoff Fisher and myself secured the appointment of a committee to again look at the question of membership qualifications of St Patrick's Hockey Club. The Committee reported back to the 1967 Annual General meeting that it would be recommending that non-catholics would be admitted as members. Notice was given that the matter would be debated at the General Meeting set down for July 1967. The minutes of that meeting records that:

“ J. Fisher moved, seconded by L. Gallagher that the membership clause be amended by deleting...[the existing clause] and replacing it by:

‘Membership is opened to males resident in Canberra and District.’ “

St Patrick's was now opened to all, but the Age of Equality had not arrived yet and we have to wait a few years to see the dawn of the new era when women are permitted to play hockey as St Patrick's and be part of the Club.

CHAPTER 7 - 1967

1967 was the year that St Patrick's won its second premiership in A grade. The decisions of 1962-62 regarding team rebuilding had come to fruition. St Patrick's had taken up where it had left off in 1966. The over-all depth of the Club again saw the Club Championship come to St Patrick's. Only one team of the five St Patrick's teams failed to make it through to the semi finals and of the four teams to contest final series, three were involved in premierships.

In the A grade Central was hell bent on adding yet another premiership to its tally and led all the way during the season. At the end of the 'home and away' games Central was nine points clear of the second place team St Patrick's. There had been a tight struggle for the minor placeings throughout the year and while Central was way out in front only two points separated the other three teams. The closeness of the competition was evidenced by the fact that St Patrick's did not lose a game from the June long weekend and yet could not shake the other two teams off its heels. In that time of course St Patrick's let Central know that if it was going to win it had a fight on its hands. In the minds of many the real interest in the A grade was who would win the struggle to play Central in the grand final.

In the semi final St Patrick's inflicted a stunning defeat on Central 1-0, Central's first loss since the first round but the hockey fraternity still believed that Central was too good to be beaten twice in two weeks. Jim Gallagher the coach and the St Patrick's team had other ideas. St Patrick's won 2-1. For me this victory helped to erase some of the disappointment of those losses in the early 1960's when St Patrick's was considered to be a sure thing only to stumble at the wire.

In the A2 grade that year St Patrick's was always in the race with a good chance. The team finished in second place after the 'home and away' games and was unlucky to be beaten in the preliminary final.

The B1 grade was the closest competition of all grades that year. Five teams fought out placeings throughout the year with the relative positions continually changing. With two rounds to go the prospects of St Patrick's making it to the final series looked dim. However, when all looked lost the Forestry team were required to go on a field trip which would have them away from Canberra for the last two rounds of the competition. This good fortune ensured that St Patrick's made it to the semi finals. The closeness of the competition was again demonstrated as St Patrick's only having just made the final four went on to play in the grand final and after a very close game which could not separate the teams, the premiership was shared with Barton.

The B2 grade was also very close. St Patrick's finished in fifth position and Central which finished in fourth position after the 'home and away' games and had been beaten by St Patrick's during the season went on to win the premiership.

The C grade team was one of those outstanding teams. It led the competition throughout the season and won the premiership in fine style.

While the hockey playing side of the Club was having a very good season other activities were under way which were overshadowed to a large extent by the success on the playing fields.

At the Annual General Meeting on 24 February 1967 a committee had been formed with Bin Forner as chairperson to examine the possibility of the Club forming its own junior teams for participation in the competition conducted by the ACT Junior Hockey Association. In July 1967, Bin reported that approaches had been made to several primary schools and the response had been favourable. It was decided that the Club would go ahead and organise teams to play in the 1968 junior competition under St Patrick's name.

In 1966 it had been decided that another hockey tour should be undertaken by St Patrick's. The memories of the 1959 tour of Tasmania were still vivid in the minds of those fortunate to have been on that trip and those who had not been on that tour still held a lingering tinge of regret. A committee headed by Justin Barwick was established to investigate a possible tour itinerary. Justin reported back to the club in July 1967 recommending a tour of South Australia in the pre-Easter period of 1968 culminating in the Albury Easter hockey carnival. Fund raising then got under way.

In 1967 Brian Colquhoun was awarded Life Membership of St Patrick's. Brian was one of the 1954 original members and played almost every game up until the end of 1967 in the Club's first grade team. He was in later years to serve as President for several terms. Brian represented the ACT on a number of occasions and was later to serve as Secretary during the period when the ACT gained statehood under the Australian Hockey Association.

The other significant event of 1967 was that membership of St Patrick's Hockey Club would be, from the beginning of 1968, opened to all males resident in Canberra and District. The evolution of St Patrick's Hockey Club had reached the half way point.

CHAPTER 8 DOWNS AND UPS 1968 - 1973

1968 dawned with hope for a continuation of the success St Patrick's enjoyed in 1967. The Club had come from a very successful 1967 and with so much to look forward to there is little wonder that 1968 was greeted with such great expectation.

St Patrick's was expanding its junior base to include many of the parish primary schools in Canberra so that in years to come would be a steady flow of experienced hockey players into St Edmund's and Daramalan and at the completion of their school years these players would flow on to St Patrick's. The dawn of 1968 was also greeted with the excitement and expectation of a hockey tour of South Australia.

The juniors got off to a flying start and in 1968 eleven teams were entered in the junior competition.

The tour of South Australia was a success. The team which comprised all St Patrick's except Graham Read and Ross Ford and included Bill Powell, Bin Forner, Justin Barwick, Brian Colquhoun, John Colquhoun and Eddie Roots. Bin had a dual role for this tour, he was player and manager. The team travelled from Canberra to Albury by car and by bus for the trip to Adelaide and back to Albury, where the team participated in the Easter Carnival. There were some good performances against Port Adelaide and a South Australian President's side. But truly the best performance was by Justin Barwick who after taking a shower was set upon by a mob and found himself on the balcony of the hotel, where the team was staying, in a lot less than the towel he had worn down the corridor.

On the playing fields 1968 was a disappointing year, the first of several in the next few years. The competition was not far advanced when the bloom of expectation began to fade and events started to occur which eroded Club spirit, for example, the non-notification of team changes which resulted in players turning up at the wrong grounds at the wrong time. Club spirit seemed to be at an all time low. The Annual Report for 1968 reflects the poor Club spirit when the Secretary reported that a meeting to amend the Constitution lapsed because of insufficient numbers and "Training was treated as a joke" with poor attendances throughout the year.

St Patrick's won the Waratah Shield again but some of the gloss was taken off this win as it took six teams (more than any other club) to narrowly win the award, but a win is a win. In fact it was the only win St Patrick's enjoyed at Association level that year.

The A1 team after winning in 1967 failed to make the semi finals in 1968 finishing sixth in the competition. It was not entirely post-premiership hangover, team rebuilding had contributed to the lack of on-the-field success. At the completion of the 1967 season several players in that A1 premiership team had called it a day, choosing to play in lower grades to give some of the younger players a chance and one or two retired from playing.

The A2 grade team was defeated in the preliminary final by a very much more experienced Barton team. The team was a blend of youth and experience and was guided by Brian Colquhoun who the previous year had played in A1 grade.

The B1 grade traditionally 'St Patrick's grade' again saw a St Patrick's team as minor premiers but unfortunately lost to Old Canberrans in the grand final.

In the B2 grade St Patrick's fielded two teams, the No 1 team was minor premiers but as was the case with the B1 team it finished second. The No 2 team finished fifth in the competition.

The C grade although beset with shortages and non-appearances throughout the year finished a creditable fourth place in that competition.

The down turn experienced in 1968 continued in 1969. The number of junior teams remained the same. The Club didn't win the Club Championship although we had seven teams entered in the competition, one team won a premiership after being minor premiers and one other team reached the semi finals.

In 1969 St Patrick's Patron, Jim Brophy died and the Club lost one of its greatest supporters. It was Jim Brophy who had first suggested to Fr Lynch back in 1954 that he form a catholic hockey club which came into being as St Patrick's.

The A1 grade team for the first time finished last in the competition winning only three matches throughout the year. In May St. Patrick's featured in the headlines "St Pats selectors get tough". It was a no train no play rule. Roger Wong, Henry Keilich and Vince Fisher were dropped under this policy. It did not do much good because Central beat St Patrick's the next day, 31 May, 7-1. By July St Patrick's A1 grade team had two draws to its credit for the 1969 season.

The A2 team finished in fifth place, the A3 finished in sixth position and the B1 team completed its season also in sixth position.

The B2 team of 1969 was the one which kept St Patrick's banner flying. It completed the season undefeated to win the minor premiership and required only the minimum two games in the final series to win the premiership. It is worthwhile mentioning here that the Canberra Times reported on 10 May that St Patrick's B2 team with veteran forwards, Brian Colquhoun, Laurie Parkes, Jim Gallagher and Les Gallagher staring defeated RMC 15-1.

St. Patrick's entered two teams in the C grade competition in 1969. The No 2 team finished in fourth position and the No 1 side in fifth. The No 2 side was defeated in the preliminary final.

There was success in the junior ranks where there were four teams in the under 8 grade, five in the under 10 grade and two in the under 12 grade. Paul Webber's under 10 Whites won a premiership and in doing so went through the season undefeated. The under 8 Maroons coached by Mike McGinley were also undefeated in their competition and the under 8 Greens who were coached by Jim Gallagher were

runners up in their competition. The under 12 second division team reached the semi finals which was an outstanding effort since the entire team was eligible to play under 10. The under 10 team was also runner up in the Crookwell carnival.

The Reward for the Just in 1969 was given to Les Gallagher. Life membership of St Patrick's was conferred on Les for his work as a player, one of the original few, and administrator of the Club and as the force for many years behind the ACT Hockey Association. Les also had represented the ACT at senior level both as a player and an umpire at an Australian Championships.

The experience of 1968 and 1969 demonstrated to St Patrick's that there was a need for a separate organisation within St Patrick's to administer the affairs of the junior teams. After just two years there was twice as many junior players as senior players, there was a significant investment in equipment and coaching, and team management presented an on-going and demanding problem. However, the juniors continued to be a part of the senior club but a small committee headed by Bin Forner and Jim MacKenzie saw to their needs.

In 1970 six teams were entered in the competition. It was one of the few years in the existence of St Patrick's that no Association trophies were won by the Club. On the positive side there was some evidence of a recovery of club spirit. More people attended training, the A1 team improved its performance and St Patrick's players again began to be selected in ACT representative teams. Socially, St Patrick's was in a trough and the secretary reported that on many occasions events organised had to be cancelled or were run at a loss.

At administration level the Club was showing signs of going off the rails, incomplete secretarial and financial records meant that Bin Forner had to come to the rescue and reconstruct the books of accounts and assume the role of acting treasurer. Competent administration is something that the Club has nearly always enjoyed and is necessary for an organisation to survive.

Under coach Brian Bowen the A1 team came from last in 1969 to fourth in 1970. This result reflected both the maturation of players such as Bob Allen, Chris Powell and "Yabby" Hladenki and the coach's ability.

The A2 team of 1970 is reported to have been an unsettled team. It finished the season in fifth place and the secretary reported that this was "...due mainly to the lack of interest shown by some players.'.

The A3 team finished in fourth place but with youngsters like Jim and Les Gallagher playing the team won its way to the grand final where it was unfortunately beaten by ANU in what was reported as a "torrid game".

The B1 grade completed the season in second place unfortunately losing the grand final in a close match. The B2 grade of 1970 finished last in the competition winning only three matches in the year. The C grade finished in third position but lost the grand final.

St Patrick's did however get some things right in 1970. In that year the Club granted Leon Gerathy Life membership. This award to Leon was eight years late, he should have been endowed with it in 1962. Leon came late to St Patrick's and as the first real coach and guiding light to many truly earned his award.

On the represented side Bob Allen gained selection in the ACT Senior team, Chris Powell and Yabby Hladenki were selected in the Colts and Brett Wong gained selection in the NSW Under 13 team.

The administration was tightened in 1971 and one of the first items to be resolved was the dismissal of a group of six or seven players who had brought St Patrick's into disrepute in the previous season by their on-the-field activities. These hooligans tried to take up where they had left off in 1970 but irrespective of their hockey ability, there was too much at stake for St Patrick's to put up with their behaviour and they were given their marching orders when Jim MacKenzie turned up with the replacements and told the offenders that their services were no longer required. Their places were filled by players from St Edmund's.

In 1971 four St Patrick's teams reached the finals of the ACT hockey competitions. Two teams won premierships, one team came second and one fourth.

The A1 grade after showing such promise in 1970 failed to make the final four by the end of the season but played each game in a convincing manner. It won 5 games and drew 2 out of the 16 games it played. Similarly the A2 team did not enjoy the success that it deserved. It was rare in 1971 to see the same A2 team two weeks in a row but that is an unavoidable price that has to be paid.

The A3 grade won the premiership in 1971. The team won 12 of its 19 games that year and the quality of the players was such that some were already clearing space for another A1 premiership. This grade also saw the emergence of Mark Humphries as a goal keeper of the future.

The B1 team came second in its grade and the B2/3 grade shared the premiership with the ANU club.

The C grade team was the one to suffer the disruption early in the season but it settled down to make the semi finals.

Several of St Patrick's players were selected in representative teams in 1971. Mark Humphries in the NSW Under 16 and the ACT Under 16 teams. Peter MacKenzie in the NSW and ACT Under 14 teams, Errol Bamford and Yabby Hladenki in the ACT Senior team and John Brogan in the ACT Under 16 team. At the end of the 1971 season Chris Powell, Errol and Yabby were selected in the 1972 training squad.

Les Gallagher was selected to umpire at the Australian Championships in Brisbane and performed so well that he was selected to umpire the final but unfortunately illness prevented him from umpiring the match.

St Patrick's Hockey Club was awarded the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Trophy. The trophy was donated to the Association in 1970, by the Department of the Interior, to commemorate the bi-centenary of Captain Cook's discovery of Australia. The Association in awarding the trophy for the first time in 1971, decided that the trophy was to be presented each year to the club which made the most valuable contribution to hockey in the ACT. St Patrick's Hockey Club was the first winner of the award.

On 1 July 1971, St Patrick's debated the report from the ACT Hockey Association concerning the possibility of the ACT seeking affiliation with the Australian Hockey Association as a state in its own right. Looking back it hard to imagine the ACT not having statehood and it hard to imagine anyone doubting that a move for statehood was the correct and logical path to follow. Nevertheless there was a lengthy debate on the subject. The debate canvassed all the issues such as the additional financial obligations, whether the standard of hockey in the ACT was sufficiently high to justify this move, additional work involved down to club level if the application was accepted, the deprivation of competition against surrounding associations and the additional incentive for players if statehood was achieved. The Club voted 13 - 9 to support the ACT Hockey Association in its action to seek statehood affiliation with the Australian Hockey Association. The rest is history and in 1972 ACT teams competed at the respective Australian Championships.

1972 dawned with the ACT a new state in Australian hockey and Daramalan a new club in ACT hockey. This latter event had significant implications for St Patrick's. Over a period of several years St Patrick's had provided coaches for Daramalan teams with the view that when players ceased playing for the school they would automatically move to St Patrick's. In addition many of the St Patrick's junior teams were located in schools which were now considered to be feeder schools for Daramalan. The debate was on again about our junior teams and the need to foster them as a player supply route for the future.

It was decided to cut ties with Daramalan and the north side catholic primary schools and to concentrate on St Edmund's and its feeder schools for future St Patrick's hockey players. In addition Marist College in Woden had opened and it was considered in St Patrick's interests to secure a foothold for the development of hockey. As a consequence St Patrick's entered only two junior teams in the 1972 ACT Junior competition, a vast decline from the eleven teams entered four years previously.

1972 saw St Patrick's back on the rails. After finishing second in the Club Championship in 1969, 1970 and 1971 St Patrick's won the Waratah Shield in 1972. Five of the six teams won their way through to the semi finals and the Club won two premierships in its own right and shared a third.

The A1 grade was the unlucky team of the competition. It finished the season in fifth place but during the year played in 9 drawn games, an average amount of luck would have seen the team with sufficient points to make fourth place.

The A2 grade ended their season in fourth place. The team finished third after the competition rounds and holding a 1-0 lead in the semi final with only minutes left in

the match, the whole team relaxed and their opponents took the match 2-1. It was a sad end to the 1972 season for this team as it had been involved in a game which had been abandoned earlier in the season.

On 5 August 1972, the A2 match between St Patrick's and Central was abandoned. An incident involving most players on the ground erupted when a Central player illegally struck Brett Wong. The Association investigated the abandonment of the game but decided to take no action in the matter. St Patrick's laid a charge against the Central player for striking and although witnesses were provided the Association's investigation committee dismissed the charge. The Club then appealed to the ACT Hockey Association executive to have the matter reopened but the executive would not support the move.

The Club was not well served by the Association regarding this matter nor was Hockey well served by the press. On 7 August 1972, The Canberra Times feature sporting article was about the abandonment of the game due to the fact that the St Patrick's team had left the field seven minutes before the schedule end. Neither umpire had seen Brett Wong struck by the Central player. The A2 St. Patrick's team came in for some criticism because it did not follow the normal course of complaint registration. It is believed to have been the first time in Canberra hockey that a team had left the field before the schedule completion.

The airways still had not cleared by the beginning of 1973 and at the Annual General Meeting it was decided that the executive explore the possibility of an amendment to the ACT Hockey Association constitution which would allow appeals against the findings of the Investigation Committee. The executive considered the amendment and sought the views of various people within and outside of the Club but as things settled down and the summer of 1972/73 was good, the Club did not proceed with the amendment .

The A3 team won the minor premiership from Central on goal averages and eventually played that team in the grand final. The result was a shared premiership. It was a close battle between St Patrick's and Central all through the 1972 season in this grade and the fitting result was a shared premiership.

The B1 team won a premiership after a season which was characterised by a good start, a bad mid season slump and a good finish. In a perfectly timed run the team defeated Royal Military College in extra time.

The B2 grade finished the competition in third place

The C grade won a premiership for the Club. The team was made up of a couple of mature players and some very good junior players. After the home and away games the team was in third position but played its best hockey of the year in the finals to take out the title. In that final series the team scored ten goals with only one scored against it.

St Patrick's players were prominent in the ACT representative teams. Ross Divett was vice-captain of the Senior team and other St Patrick's members of the team were,

Errol Bamford, Adrian Fletcher, Chris Powell. Chris and Yabby Hladenki were members of the Colts Team and Brett Wong a member of the Under 16 team.

Brian Colquhoun was appointed manager of the ACT Senior team while Les Gallagher officiated as an umpire at the Australian Championships.

Chris Powell won the Ted Holmes Memorial Cup for the best and fairest player in the Colts division. To quote from the ACT Hockey Association Annual Report , "... with strong displays at home and in two Australian Championships, was a convincing winner."

In 1973 St Patrick's rewarded Bill Powell with life membership. Bill joined St Patrick's in 1957 and played A grade from that first year. He occupied nearly all executive positions at various times leading up to 1973. As well he represented the ACT at Colts and Senior levels. The award of life membership seemed to spur Bill on and he served another two terms as President in the post 1973 era. Bill was instrumental in starting the St Patrick's Junior girls teams and has been acutely involved in the Club's women's teams ever since then.

In 1973 St Patrick's had six teams in the competition and was edged out of the club championship by Central which entered seven teams. Of those six teams the Club won two premierships and was second and third in another two grades.

The A1 team again finished the season in fifth place just two points out of the final four in an A1 competition of ten teams but it did convert most of those drawn games of 1972 into wins. The team won half its games and only drew two matches. The A2 team in 1973 was captained by Bill Powell and the team had an outstanding year, it was made up mainly of young players with just a sprinkling of experienced players. The team led the competition throughout the year but unfortunately, one of the only two games the team lost that year was the grand final.

After a slow start to the 1973 season the A3 team performed extremely well in the second half of the year and won the right to play in the semi finals. The team won the semi final but unfortunately had to be content with third place after two periods of extra time in the preliminary final failed to separate St Patrick's from RMC . RMC was awarded the preliminary final by virtue of it being higher on the competition ladder at the end of the home and away games. The closeness of the competition was demonstrated by the fact that RMC and Central also could not be separated on the score board and shared the premiership.

The B1 team lived up to the tradition that the B1 grade really is owned by St Patrick's B1 teams and is only loaned out on occasions. The team retained the premiership which it had regained in 1972. The team finished second in the competition, five points behind Old Canberrans but that team hit the wall and it was St Patrick's and CCAE who contested the grand final. This was the eleventh time St Patrick's B1 team has won the premiership in the twenty seasons the Club has participated in the ACT Hockey Association Competition.

1973 was a disappointing year in the B2 grade. The team managed to collect only ten competition points for the year from four wins and two drawn games. It was an unhappy year caused by the lack of enthusiasm and unavailability of players often without any notice being given.

The C grade team went through the competition undefeated. Again this team was composed mainly of young players with a few older more experienced players. This mixture was illustrated by Brian MacKenzie having his thirteenth birthday on grand final day while at the other end of the scale Brian Thomas performed well throughout the year scoring 52 of the teams 109 goals for the year and this still stands as the highest number of goals scored by a St Patrick's player in a season.

St Patrick's Hockey Club was again well represented in the ACT representative hockey teams. Ross Divett, Chris Powell and Henry Keilich were members of the Senior team. Russell Bowen was a member of the Colts team and was awarded The Gallagher Shield as the best and fairest Under 18 player in the Act competition. Brett Wong, Peter MacKenzie, Barry Rodwell, Geoff Visher and Peter Daly represented in the Under 16 team and Brett Wong was the captain of that team. Brian MacKenzie was selected in the Under 14 team. Again Brian Colquhoun managed the ACT Senior team and Les Gallagher umpired at the Australian Championships in Hobart.

The Club maintained its participation in hockey carnivals in Canberra where it won the Third Division trophy, in Albury and in Crookwell.

At end of 1973 the scene was set for for a rekindling of the spirit of St Patrick's in 1974 which was to be the twenty-first season that St Patrick's participated in the ACT hockey competition.

CHAPTER 9 - THE TWENTY-FIRST SEASON 1974

This was St Patrick's twenty-first year and we set off the year with a Ball at the Park Royal on the 16 March, the closest Saturday to St Patrick's Day.

Jim Gallagher took over the reins as A1 grade coach and coaches were also formally elected to the A2 and A3 grades. Brian Bowen had stepped down from A1 grade to coach A2 and John Colquhoun became the A3 coach.

St Patrick's fielded eight teams in its twenty-first year, one in each grade of the senior competition except for B3 where in the middle of the year a second team was added to the competition to fill the vacancy created by the withdrawal of Queanbeyan High School. Two St Patrick's teams were also entered in the Under 8 and Under 10 competitions held by the Junior Association. The results were outstanding. The Club won the Waratah Shield again and also won the A1 premiership. St Patrick's teams were runners-up in four other grades and preliminary finalists in three grades including the Under 8 and finished fourth in the Under 10's. The second B3 team although not winning many games acquitted itself very well. St Patrick's finished in the finals in every grade it contested.

The Club continued to attend carnivals in Canberra and Albury. St Patrick's was runner-up in the major division of the Canberra carnival. The Club also undertook a tour to Hobart to play against the North-West Club. St Patrick's won the match.

After finishing the latter half of the 1973 season in fine fashion high hopes were held for the A1 team of 1974. The first two matches of the competition set the tenor for the year. The team drew the first match against Barton and convincingly defeated the 1973 premiers, United 3-1 in the second match. After this United game The Canberra Times reporter wrote "After a number of lean seasons...St Pats is now showing the sort of form that should take it to the finals and perhaps the premiership.". This form continued throughout the year with just an occasional lapse. The A grade team finished in third place and defeated Old Canberrans and Central in the elimination semifinal and preliminary final respectively for the right to play United in the grand final.

The end of year result is well known, a 1-0 victory in the grand final in extra time. This gave Jim Gallagher his second A1 premiership as a coach. Noel Sloan had taken over as manager from Brian Colquhoun who had occupied that position for several years. The full year analysis for the A1 team for 1974 was 19 matches were played, 14 of these were won, there was one (1) draw and 4 losses.

The A2 team after coming second in 1973 performed well throughout the year to finish in second position. However, the unavailability of key players due to ACT representative commitments put an end to any chance in the grand final.

The A3 team was composed mainly of younger players and the team responded well to John Colquhoun's coaching and secured a comfortable win in the race for minor

premiership. However, fortunes turned against the team in the finals and it finished third in the competition.

Again the B1 team was the steady side of the Club. The team won 13 games drew 2 and lost 4 one of which was the grand final.

The B2 grade after a shaky start which was reminiscent of the previous year but the players made a much greater effort to make themselves available which had the team finish in second place over the year and unlucky to lose the grand final.

In the B3 grade St Patrick's started the season with one team and finished with two. The B2 (Ones) had a good season finishing in third position after the home and away games. The team contested what turned out to be a torrid finals series winning its semi and preliminary final but was unlucky to lose the grand final. The B3 (Twos) acquitted themselves very well even though they did not win many of their matches.

The C grade team was lucky to have an unofficial coach in the person of Bob Allan. He gathered a group of twelve young players around him in the early part of the season and proceeded to over run the C grade competition and they completed the home and away games undefeated. Their lowest winning margin up until the semi finals was four goals.

The semi finals gave notice of problems ahead when their opponents fielded a team which bore no resemblance to the team fielded by that club in the competition during the year. St Patrick's won the semi final after extra time. St Patrick's met this same club, with a further strengthened team, in the grand final. The game also went to extra time and unfortunately it was not St Patrick's team which won.

Twelve players from St Patrick's were selected for ACT representative teams. Chris Powell, Ross Divett, Ross McIntosh and Eggy Fernandes were members of the ACT Senior team. Ross McIntosh, Mark Humphries, Russell Bowen and Brett Wong were selected in the Colts team with Ross McIntosh the captain. Peter MacKenzie, Kevin Hogan and Peter Daly were members of the ACT under 16 team and Brian MacKenzie was included in the Under 14 team. Brian Colquhoun was the manager of the ACT senior team and Les Gallagher attended the Australian Senior Championship as an official umpire.

In the voting for ACT Best and Fairest, Chris Powell was second in a very close contest and one that I will not forget. Ross Divett was third in that contest. Ross McIntosh was named Best and Fairest in the Colts and Mark Humphries was named the Best and Fairest Under 18 Colt.

St Patrick's marked its twenty-first season with an outstanding year on and off the field.

CHAPTER 10 - 1975 - 1976

Maurice Cummins was the next player to be honoured by St Patrick's with the award of Life Membership and was granted this in 1975. Maurice joined St Patrick's in 1958 and immediately showed the impeccable hockey credentials he possessed. It is surprising that Maurice did not play for New South Wales. Maurice represented the ACT on many occasions and was and is a good friend to many in the Club.

In 1975 the Australian Senior Hockey championships were held in Canberra and St Patrick's ever ready to help the Association was a Host Club. We were host to Tasmania. Among the activities arranged for that occasion was a night at the Gundaroo Pub. While it was a night to remember by those who could remember, I still think that Forner's Paddock is yet to be surpassed.

On the field the Club again won the Waratah Shield for the club Championship and one premiership, the B2 grade. St Patrick's also won the premier division of the Canberra carnival. In all St Patrick's entered seven teams in the senior competition of these two reached the grand final, four reached the preliminary final and the remaining team did not play off in the final series.

In A1 grade the 1974 premiers after a shaky start settled down and put together a run of twelve games without defeat. a drawn match in this run cost the team the minor premiership on goal averages. The team lost to Central in the semi final and the following week played United in what would have to have been the worst conditions since the A1 grand final was postponed over a decade earlier. The preliminary final against United was of extraordinarily high standard considering the terrible conditions and went into extra time and United with a goal in the last seconds of the game took the honours for the day.

Eggy Fernandes had missed most of the year through injury and Mark Humphries had broken his leg participating in an activity unrelated to hockey. While both these players were missed able replacements were found. Bill Visser, who was an 'old' man playing for Barton when I started to play with St Patrick's in the late 1950's replaced Mark in goals and turned in an outstanding performance which still put him in the forefront of goal keepers in the ACT. The season for the A1 team had finished one day sooner than had been expected.

The A2 team had many talented players such as Barry Rodwell and their performance throughout the year illustrated this. The team only lost two games and finished minor premier. The season for the A2 team came to a disappointing end with a loss to central in the grand final.

John Colquhoun was again coach of the A3 team which was basically an under 18 team, a requirement set down by the Association. The team won 13 games during the season, drew 3 and lost only 4 in what was a fine effort from the team to finish third in the competition.

The B1 team filled the role of the reserve for the A1 and A2 grades because of the emphasis placed on A3 as basically an Under 18 competition. A vacancy in A1 grade

almost invariably meant a disturbed B1 side. The stability of the side did suffer and with this so did its performance in what had become a strong competition.

The B2 team was St Patrick's only premiership team in 1975. The team also won the minor premiership and suffered only three losses in the season and these were in succession in the mid season.

The C grade team of 1975 looked very different from C grade teams in the previous few years. A3 grade had become the Under 18 competition and thus C grade became a grade for very mature players. The team finished second in the competition and proceeded to the grand final via a win over United in the semi final alas they were to loose the grand final 3-2 in a close game.

Rarely had a year gone by since 1954 that St Patrick's was not represented in ACT teams, 1975 saw the Club maintain its presence at representative level. Chris Powell, Ross Divett, Ross McIntosh and Yabby Hladenki were members of the Senior team, Ross McIntosh and Kevin Hogan were included in the Colts and Joe Caterling and Brian MacKenzie were selected in the Under 16 team. Chris Powell was vice-captain of the senior team and Ross McIntosh was captain of the Colts. In 1975 the ACT played against Canada and Russell Bowen was included in that ACT team. Brian Colquhoun was again manager of the senior team and Les Gallagher and Bill Powell official umpires at the Seniors and Colts championships respectively.

After having come so close in 1974 Chris Powell convincingly won the Brophy Medal in 1975 by a margin of 5 votes.

St Patrick's continued on its way in 1976 winning two premierships, A3 and B2 grades. The other five St Patrick's teams finished with a third and a fourth and three teams not making it through to the semi finals. After leading the competition at the end of May, the A1 team contributed to its own downfall by some very ordinary performances and finished in fourth place.

St Patrick's won the Hotel Ainslie Challenge Cup in 1976. The outcome was decided by the use of the new tie breaker rule after the scores were level at 3 all at the end of the extra time. Mark Humphries saved two of the Central strokes but it was left to Peter MacKenzie to take the final one which would give St Patrick's victory. The Canberra Times reported it this way "Young Peter MacKenzie who had played so well during the match took the final stroke and gave Central's goalkeeper Nugget O'Brien no chance as he flicked the ball hard, low and wide to O'Brien's right." It is always good to get a win against Central.

Although not one of the most successful years of the Club, several players gained selection in the ACT representative teams. Chris Powell who was again vice-captain, Russell Bowen, Henry Keilich and Ross McIntosh were selected in the ACT Senior team. Brett Wong who was vice-captain, Kevin Hogan and Mark Humphries were all members of the Colts team and Brian MacKenzie and Joe Caterling were selected in the Under 16 ACT team.

In 1976, it was Peter Elliott's turn to receive Life Membership. Peter or 'Blue' as he was often referred as, had earned his award after several years as a player and an administrator of St Patrick's. Peter had represented the ACT and NSW as a junior and played for many years in St Patrick's A grade team. Peter has occupied most positions on the Club's executive over the years.

1976 also saw a continuation of St Patrick's contribution to the officials who accompanied these teams. Jim Gallagher and Brian Colquhoun were coach and manager of the senior team. Dave Lowrey was the coach of the colts team and Justin Barwick attended the Under 16 Australian championships in an umpiring capacity.

One disappointing feature of 1976 was that for the first time in many years St Patrick's did not enter any teams in the junior competition but relied on St Edmund's and Daramalan for its future players. This was the end of a ten year old dream.

CHAPTER 11 - ST PATRICK'S WOMEN'S TEAMS 1977

It would be easy to start off this review of 1977 with something like - 1977 was a year of great contrast. The Secretary Alan Sheehy appealed in a Kennedyesq manner "... every member should consider, not the merits of achievement, but whether individuals, and the Club in general, attained their full potential." This was a forerunner to some blunt but accurate statements in his report. But this would ignore two most significant events in the history of St Patrick's Hockey Club, these were the formation of the St Patrick's Hockey Club women's teams and to incorporation of the Club.

Since the inception of St Patrick's Hockey Club the men of St Patrick's have always relied very heavily on the women of St Patrick's. In the fifties and early sixties very few of us were married and hence our mothers provided that support and work needed for social functions and many as our most ardent supporters from the sidelines.

Some of my first memories of playing hockey for St Patrick's was to hear Jean Gallagher, Josie Powell and Mrs Paton barracking from the sidelines giving both umpires and opponents something to remember their day and not long after there was Maureen Rodwell, Marie Gallagher, Beryl Colquhoun, Norma MacKenzie, Marie Forner and Marcia Gallagher and over the years several more were to follow. St Patrick's Hockey Club owes a great debt to the mothers, wives, girl-friends who have supported their playing sons and partners over the years and who put up with so much in the name of St Patrick's and hockey.

It was inevitable that one day there would be the desire, interest and support for a St Patrick's women's team and that time came in 1977. In that year when the men's club was in a trough, a group of dedicated, keen, enthusiastic women who had played for several years in the ACT Women's hockey competition sought membership of St Patrick's Hockey Club.

1977 was also an appropriate time for St Patrick's to include women in the structure of the Club. In that year the Club became an incorporated body and the Club's Rules being gender neutral gave equal status to the women's teams. The work associated with incorporation was carried out by Maurice Cummins, Leon Bower and Peter Elliott. In addition to specifying the responsibilities of the Club, it also afforded considerable protection to the individual members of St Patrick's Hockey Club but most importantly it marked the time when St Patrick's finally came of age.

The women hockey players, now members of St Patrick's Hockey Club, had been playing hockey as St Patrick's in the women's competition since 1969. The team had been formed by a number of female members of the St Patrick's Youth Club which operated out of the O'Donnell Centre at Braddon and at this stage was totally independent of the St Patrick's men's Club.

Mary-Anne Scholtens one of the people involved in the formation of the hockey team lived near the Trevethans. The playing abilities of Morris and Mike Trevethan are well known to all who have had any association with St Patrick's and the support given the Club by Mick Trevethan (Snr) and his wife Rita is legendary. When this group of young women needed a coach, they turned to the Trevethans for help. Other players in this team at the time were Jo Hobbs, Kate Hobbs, Anne Stewart and Helen Stewart.

Morris and Mike Trevethan coached this team in its early years. In the early seventies Max Donato was transferred to Canberra with the Navy and was posted to Harman. The WRANS at Harman had a hockey team and Max became the coach of that team. Max played hockey with St Patrick's and it was not long that he became involved in coaching the St Patrick's women's team. Some of the members of the Navy team joined the St Patrick's team. In 1977 The Canberra Times ran a article with photograph of a practice match between St Patrick's and Navy. The match was part of the preparation for the Navy team which was to participate in the Inter-services Sports Carnival. Both the St Patrick's team and the Navy team were coached by Max. As time went on other male members of St Patrick's took on coaching roles with the women's teams. Bernie Rodwell was one who coached the women's team for a number of seasons and later Bill Powell coached the women's teams to their first A grade premiership.

It was one thing to be a member of St Patrick's Hockey Club but it was something else to be accepted as an equal member by those mere males who for so long had St Patrick's all to themselves. In those early years the only males to watch the women's teams play were Max and the Trevethans and perhaps one or two others. After the games while the men would go off to the back bar of the Hotel Canberra or later to Hitching Rail at the Rex Hotel the women would go off to Lumby's in Alinga Street, Civic. These get-togethers at Lumby's were female only, not that men were not invited but Lumby's was not the place where one could had several beers and replay the game for a greater winning margin or even a different result and pass comments about the umpires' parentage.

Gradually the males of St Patrick's realised that there was within their ranks a group of very good hockey playing females and over time the women were invited to join the men after their games at the Hitching Rail at the Rex. By the time the St Patrick's left the Hitching Rail for the Tradesman's Club the women's teams were well represented at the get-togethers after the games on Saturdays. It was at the Tradies that one could say the the two arms of St Patrick's became totally integrated. When St Patrick's moved from the Tradies to the Belconnen Soccer Club the women were part of that move. These after game get-togethers suffered a decline with the advent of multiple playing times to utilise the synthetic surface.

The scene and traditions were set in place for future St Patrick's women to continually advance the standard of women's hockey in Canberra and for individuals to achieve the highest goals possible.

One other matter that the Rules of the incorporated St Patrick's Hockey Club finally settled was the debate over the design of the Club's playing uniform. Instead of the

Club's Constitution or Rules specifying Green and White halves and which half was green; or green or white shamrocks; or socks of various combinations of these colours the new Rules of the incorporated body stated that the Club's colours would be Green and White. It is up to the Club's executive to decide the design of the playing uniform.

On the credit side of the 1977 playing ledger, the B3 team won the premiership but the most significant event was the entry of the St Patrick's women's team in the ACT Women's Hockey Competition and their premiership in that first year, a feat which emulated the performance of the first St Patrick's men's team in 1954.

On the debit side was a sharp decline in on-field discipline with action having to be taken against several St Patrick's players. There was a lack of support for the junior teams and a seeming unwillingness to support the administration of St Patrick's. This lack of self discipline and lack of support for the Club was evidenced by the fact that in the week leading up to the semi finals only five of the A1 team attended any of the training sessions. But it is wrong to single out the A1 team as the malaise spread throughout the whole club and it was not the only time in its history that support and club spirit declined into one of those troughs which any extended program or organisation will enter from time to time.

In that first year the women's First team was graded in A4 competition. The team included Jennie Washington, Dawn Walter, Bev Wallace, Astrid Hartig, Jo Cummins, Helen Stewart, Gail Robinson, Jan Burgess, Donna Sheen, Jill Rogers and Robin Williams. This team was undefeated winning 13 matches and drawing only one and winning the premiership in a convincing fashion.

The Second team from St Patrick's, graded in B1, also performed very well in that first year just missing out on a place in the semi finals. That team included Annette McGufficke, Margaret Milgate, Wendy Evans, Marion Barrett, Kate Hobbs, Teresa Christensen, Jo Fethervari and Ros McGufficke.

In 1977 St Patrick's entered seven teams in the Men's Competition. The Club finished third in the race for Club Championship and although all seven teams reached the semi finals only one premiership resulted. The A1 team finished in third position after a mediocre season from probably the most talented group of players that St Patrick's ever put on the field in A1 grade.

The 1977 season was not without some controversy. On 9 July the match St Patrick's vs Central was abandoned 15 minutes before the scheduled completion time. At that stage Central was leading 2-1. The Canberra Times did not devote much space to this abandonment unlike its performance in 1972 in similar circumstances. That 'newspaper' only reported that a number of instances which led to the abandonment were referred to the hockey association's investigation committee. The game had erupted after a St Patrick's player had apparently been fouled and exception was taken to this by the side line.

In reality the Association decided in its collective wisdom to play the additional 15 minutes before the commencement of the next round. This was duly done but in the

course of this 15 minutes all hell nearly broke out and strange as it may seem, again no one saw what had happened. After the game was “over” and the players left the field there was another altercation involving most of the two teams. This cleared the air. The executives of both clubs were summoned to the Association and each was told to deal with the matter within their own club. As far as St Patrick’s was concerned the Association’s instructions were carried out. By the way the score line 2-1 in favour of Central remained that way throughout the 15 minutes.

The A2 team finished fourth in their grade in 1977. It was a team which should have done a lot better but it too was afflicted by the complaint of that year, only seven of the regular team made themselves available for the semi finals. Notwithstanding this there were some fine performers throughout the year. These included Mark Gallagher, Mick Rudling, George Kochel, Bob Allen and Tony Laudenbach.

The A3 side finished the season in third place. It was described as the President’s XI containing that mixture of youth, experience and age. One player associated with that team was Bill Powell and from what I know of this person provided all of the three ingredients mentioned two lines above.

The Under 18 team, coached by Jim Gallagher, was a team which on paper should have won a premiership but you don't play hockey on paper and the team finished in third place. There were some talented young players who were to make their way into A1 grade with St Patrick’s and other clubs. This team included Peter John Daley, Murray Schroeder, Mark Pollard, Peter Legge-Wilkinson, John Moitinx and Gary Caldwell.

The B1 team had what is described as a very good social season and there should always be a place in St Patrick’s for such a team. Bob Tribe, Eric Firth, Tim Elliott, Daryl O’Connor made up the nucleus of this team. The team finished fourth in the competition.

The B3 team of 1977 was minor premiers and went on to win St Patrick’s only premiership that year. It was a self sufficient and successful team even though at first sight the team list did look a bit strange. Of the twelve players eligible for the finals there was no less than seven with the surname ‘French’ and to compound the mystery of this team there were also two persons with the surname ‘Latters’, perhaps related to the French's. Pat Blake, Steven Brown and Peter Butterfield must have surely felt a bit out of it. This team lost its first match of the season and then reeled off 19 straight wins to the premiership.

The C grade with Eddie Roots as coach and manager finished runners-up in 1977 only just being beaten by ANU in the grand final.

St Patrick’s Hockey Club provided eleven players and six coaches and managers to ACT representative teams in 1977. These were Chris Powell who was vice-captain, Russel Bowen, Ross McIntosh, Ross Divett and Henry Keilich were members of the Senior team and Jim Gallagher and Brian Colquhoun were coach and manager respectively. Kevin Hogan and Mark Humphries were in the Colts team which was coached by Dave Lowrey and managed by Leon Bower. Peter John Daley, Mark

Evans and Tony Butkus were selected in the Under 16 team which was coached by Brian Bowen and Craig Sloan was a member of the Under 12 team coached by Alan Sheehy.

1977 also put to rest once and for all the dream that one day St Patrick's would have its own club house. Bob Allan headed a sub-committee which explored in great detail this proposal. The sub-committee reported that St Patrick's did not have the necessary financial basis to construct the building nor did it have or likely to have the necessary cash flow to service the required loans and maintain the premises. This was a sound decision at the time and looking back one can see the wisdom of the sub-committees view of this subject.

At the end of the 1977 season there was a plea from the executive for all to get back to the basic philosophy of St Patrick's and revitalise that family-club spirit which led to great success in the past.

CHAPTER 12 - 1978 - 1979

In 1978 St Patrick's fielded eleven teams, three in the women's competition and eight in the men's with two teams entered in the men's C grade. The women's A3 team was the only St Patrick's team to win a premiership. In addition to the A3 team the A4 women's team and four of the men's teams reached the final series.

The end of the 1978 season also saw the end of the long association that St Patrick's had with the Hitching Rail at the Canberra Rex Hotel. It was in the Late sixties that St Patrick's moved from the back bar of the Hotel Canberra to the Hitching rail to sell tickets in 'chook' raffles, a major source of the Club's income for many years. The lack of patronage from a buying public and lack of support from the selling beneficiaries were the reasons for the demise of this very social activity.

The watering hole was moved to the Tradesmen's Club at Dickson and with a room set aside for the use of St Patrick's Hockey Club. Each Saturday the Club would buy a keg from the Tradies and sell it to the players at Tradies prices with everyone having a turn behind the bar. A notice board was installed and team results were recorded as teams came from their games. Beryl Colquhoun and Norma MacKenzie provided pies and sausage rolls etc which the players would buy and a good time would be had by all. St Patrick's again began to display that club spirit which had been missing for the past few years. The two time slots for hockey on Saturdays allowed for individuals to support St Patrick's teams in other grades and meet for a few beers at the end of the day.

The Tradies venue continued until the end of 1982. The Tradies was to be refurbished and the management could not guarantee the room for 1983.

In 1978 St Patrick's undertook its eighteenth annual pilgrimage to Albury for the Easter hockey carnival and for the first time in several years it had available nearly all its better players. The first team won five and drew one game in its pool games but the NSW Senior side topped the pool on goal averages. The NSW team won the carnival and St Patrick's was the only team to record a score against it.

The St Patrick's women hockey players increased their numbers and the Club was able to field a third team in 1978. The two teams of 1977 improved their grade and moved into the A3 and A4 competitions respectively. The third team was graded virtually untried in B1. The A3 team won their way through the season to become premiers for the second year in a row. The A4 team after a slow start made a valiant dash in the second half of the season towards the final four but unfortunately had given their opponents too much start and just failed to make the semi finals. The B1 grade proved too strong for the St Patrick's team which was composed mainly of young and inexperienced players some of whom had not played hockey prior to 1978.

Like their male counterparts St Patrick's women players enjoyed playing carnival hockey. In 1978 St Patrick's participated in the Central carnival in Canberra winning their division. The Club also participated in the Bega and Orange carnivals and

although the teams failed to win, Jo Cummins in her report said that the players "... had good fun and a few hair-raising stories to tell."

The men's A1 team performed well in the first half of the 1978 season and was in second place at the mid way point but had a pretty lean second half of the year and finished in fourth place. St Patrick's again played for the Hotel Ainslie Challenge Cup but unfortunately lost to Old Canberrans.

The A2 team was minor premiers but unfortunately lost the grand final to finish second in their competition. The A3 team finished fourth after the home and away games and advanced one place to finish their season at the preliminary finals. The B1 team finished in sixth position and the B3 team almost repeated 1977, finishing the as minor premiers and unfortunately losing the grand final. The No 1 C grade team performed well during 1978 missing out on the minor premiership by just one point and reaching the grand final it took the opposition extra time to defeat St Patrick's. The C grade No 2 side were young and were a bit outclassed but finished eighth in a twelve team competition.

At ACT representative level Chris Powell and Kevin Hogan upheld St Patrick's traditions in the Senior team and Kevin was also selected in the Colts team. In addition the Club was represented by Dave Lowrey, Brian Bowen and Leon Bower as selectors, coaches and manager.

St Patrick's certainly had the numbers and was generally a fairly social and cohesive Club but there were too many players getting a free ride they were not prepared to pay their fees nor to meet other financial commitments to the Club.

The 1979 season started with a new resolve by the Club, St Patrick's would only nominate sufficient teams to accommodate those players who were prepared to meet their financial obligations to the Club. By the end of the 1978 season club members owed almost \$2, 500 in current year and previous years membership fees. This situation could not be allowed to continue. As a result only six men's and three women's teams were nominated. From these nine teams, six played in grand finals and one in the preliminary, a successful year by anyone's standards. The sound administration with its tough stand on fees and the transfer of after match activities to the Tradesman's Club were instrumental in reviving Club spirit.

At this stage it was relatively easy to get a team or the whole Club together after hockey for a few beers and a talk. Hockey was played in two time slots on Saturdays. It is not long before the multiple time slots are introduced and the allotted times for games were at all hours of the day and night from Friday night to Sunday night. The introduction of the multiple time slots went a long way to killing the social side of hockey and in no small way contributed to the decline in the Club which took place in the late 1980's.

The 1979 season provided a number of high points. At the beginning of the season St Patrick's won the John's Cup (Consolation winners) at the Easter Albury Carnival. At the end of the season Chris Powell won his second Brophy Medal and also his fourth

best and fairest in A1 grade since 1971 and Ross McIntosh was runner-up in the Brophy Medal.

At representative level Chris Powell, Ross McIntosh and Mark Humphries were members of the ACT Senior team. Peter MacKenzie and Mark Gallagher were Colts representatives. Mark Devine, Phillip Evans and Gerard Rowan were members of the Under 16 team and Craig Sloan played with the Act Under 14 team.

Jeanette Colquhoun was selected in the Under 17 team and Helen Stewart was included in the training squad for 1980.

From high points to low points and they don't come much lower than when the Club lost one of its most ardent supporters with the death of Mrs Jean Gallagher or "Aunty Jean" as she was known to all in the early days of the Club. She often claimed and was proud of the fact that she was absolutely biased in favour of St Patrick's Hockey Club and while I didn't ever get a close look at her eyes I am sure that one was green and the other white. In her later years she often referred to herself as "the old grey mare" she may have been a bit old but she was sure 'young at heart'.

On the field the A1 team won everything except the grand final, shades of 1961. The team had success at Albury winning the Johns Cup awarded to the winners of the Consolation Final and in the Canberra carnivals, won the Ainslie Trophy and Barton carnivals and was minor premiers. The A2 team was also minor premiers but was unfortunately edged out by ANU in the grand final. The Under 18 team was also minor premiers in their grade and suffered one of their two losses for the year in the grand final. The A3 and B1 teams also made their way to the grand final. The B3 team missed out on making the final four.

The premiership winning St Patrick's women's team from 1978 was promoted to A Reserve and finished a creditable sixth. The A4 team had a disruptive year being called upon to supply players to the higher grade but performed very well to finish the season in third place. The most successful St Patrick's team in the women's hockey competition was the C1 grade. Many of the players in this team came from Captains Flat and although these players only get together as a team on Saturday afternoons they advanced through the finals and were runners-up in 1979.

CHAPTER 13 - 1980

In 1980 St Patrick's entered the realm of Junior Girls hockey with one team entered in the Canberra Schools Girl's Competition. Playing in the junior primary grade the team made it through to the semi finals unfortunately loosing the semi final in extra time. Bill Powell who was the factotum of the girl's hockey team wrote in the Annual Report of 1980 "It is hoped that from this small beginning that a strong, viable junior girls section of the Club can be developed". There is no doubt that his hopes have been and are being realised.

St Patrick's had twelve girls in 1980 and two teams in 1981 one of which won a premiership. Bill and Margaret Powell ran the Junior Girls for many years. Lisa their daughter, first played hockey for Belconnen in 1979 and Bill was coach. Belconnen was poorly organised and by the end of the 1979 season Bill had had enough and took a couple of the girls in Lisa's team and formed St Patrick's Junior Girls teams, recruiting additional players from St Mathew's, Page Primary and Scullin Primary.

Into the late 1980's many of the juniors who started with Bill and Margaret are still playing senior hockey with St Patrick's and several have represented at senior levels not the least of whom are Bill and Margaret's daughters Lisa and Katrina who are current Australian representatives. There is also ample evidence of strong growth through a new generation of parent administrators taking over the various roles in the administration of the junior girls teams.

Also in this year of 1980 St Patrick's men's team won its fourth A1 premiership. The Club entered seven teams in the men's competition one more than the previous year and in the women's competition it entered two teams one less than 1979.

In addition to the A1 premiership in 1980, St Patrick's also won the A2 women's and the A3 men's premierships. St Patrick's also won the A grade and G grade premierships in the 1979-80 Indoor Hockey competition. The win in A grade was the first premiership in that great run of undefeated matches which commenced at the first match of the Indoor competition in late 1979 and lasted until 1985.

It would seem that the A1 team in 1980 did all it could to let the premiership slip from its grasp. The team had been minor premiers in 1979 and the Club took basically that same team into the 1980 competition.

There are a lot of references throughout the year about lack of discipline. In the match against United in April no less than four St Patrick's players were suspended during the game, two received temporary suspensions and the other two were suspended for the duration of the game. There is clear evidence that this lack of discipline continued when the team that went on the field for the grand final contained two players replacing two experienced players who had been suspended. St Patrick's was very fortunate that year that it had available good replacements as Gerard Rowan a very capable goal keeper and Leigh Jenkins who had for a few years been on the door of A1 selection to fill the places of the suspended players.

The A2 team played its way to the preliminary final where its 1980 season finished. The Under 18 team finished its season in fifth place and showed enough promise to look forward to a successful 1981 season. The A3 team won the premiership and they must have been red hot favourites with players of the calibre of Ross Divett and Egbert Fernandes.

The B1 team made its way through to the preliminary final where it was unfortunately beaten in the last minutes of the game. The B3 team were big achievers in 1980. After finishing at the bottom of the table in 1979 the team secured a birth in the semi finals in 1980 but unfortunately that is where it run for 1980 finished. The C grade unfortunately just failed to make the semi finals.

St Patrick's fielded two women's teams in 1980. The A2 team won the premiership after what was described in the Annual report as a "... long struggle throughout the season on the part of both coach and players." The second women's team once again played in the A4 grade and after an up and down season finished in sixth place. It was reported that the main problem with the team was the position of goalkeeper which was occupied by several people during the year.

St Patrick's also entered three women's or to be totally accurate mixed teams in the indoor competition and performed well enough to get a lot of enjoyment out of that competition.

One of the most unfortunate events of 1980 occurred in relation to the Brophy Medal. At the end of the count of votes Chris Powell was equal first with some player whose name has been forgotten, but was not awarded the medal on a count-back. It is hard to rationalise the role of the count-back situation, if a player has performed well enough and fair enough to be awarded points in such a competition and if the player finishes in first place he or she should not be deprived of the first place honour simply because of the application of some formula. Gerard Rowan was equal runner-up for the best and fairest Under 18 player in the ACT Hockey Association.

St Patrick's again was well represented in ACT representative teams. Chris Powell and Ross McIntosh were members of the Senior team, Gerard Rowan and Mark Evans were in the Colts team. Mark Devine, Phillip Evans, Greg Cristofani and Craig Sloan were all members of the Under 16 team and Andrew Dean was selected in the Under 14 team.

In addition to players in the representative teams there were nearly as many officials of the representative teams provided by St Patrick's in 1980. Dave Lowrey and Leon Bower were the coach and manager of the Colts team. Brian Bowen and Noel Sloan were coach and manager of the Under 16 team and Terry Dean was the manager of the Under 14 team.

CHAPTER 14 - 1981 - 1985

It is in these early 1980's that we see emerging the trend towards Indoor hockey almost at the expense of its outdoor parent. Almost all the Annual Reports of St Patrick's hockey Club from now on make specific mention of poor attendance at training during the outdoor season. Of course there were mentions of this before 1980 and I suppose one can, to some extent, be excused from attending night or late afternoon training during a Canberra winter.

It was also in this period of the early 1980's that we see the fall off in members participation in the social activities of St Patrick's with many functions being cancelled for lack of support or so poorly attended that it was always the few who carried the Club. This new emerging attitude was to have near disastrous consequences in the late 1980's.

In 1981 St Patrick's entered six men's teams, two women's teams and two junior girls teams in the respective competitions. St Patrick's involvement in the junior boy's competition had long gone by the way and the club relied on St Edmund's, Daramalan and Marist Colleges for future players.

From these teams, the men's A2 team and the girls Open Primary team won premierships for the Club. The A1 and B1 men's teams came second in their respective competitions with the remaining teams not making it through to the play-offs in the semi finals. St Patrick's again won the John's Cup, winners of the Consolation Final, at the Albury Easter Carnival and was undefeated in the Indoor competition which was now called the Super 8, for the second consecutive year.

One of the outstanding achievements of 1981 revolved around the Brophy Medal award. All three top places were filled by St Patrick's players. Barry Rodwell was the winner and Ross McIntosh and Chris Powell filled second and third places respectively. This performance followed Ross' win in the Waddell Trophy awarded to the Best and Fairest player in the 1980/81 the Super 8 Competition.

The Club was also honoured in 1981 when Laurie Parkes was awarded a life membership by the ACT Hockey Association for his work over many years. Laurie had first taken on duties with the Association very soon after St Patrick's was formed way back in the mid fifties.

St Patrick's also rewarded one of its own, Jim MacKenzie, with Life membership of the Club. Jim came late to hockey and I dare say a bit by accident, he lived next door to Brian Colquhoun. All this aside he took his place in St Patrick's teams and played to his ability. Perhaps Jim's greatest claim to fame was that he played the lowest and the highest grade St Patrick's team on the same day. But his contribution to St Patrick's did not stop at playing. When he "retired" he successfully took upon himself the task of manager of the A grade team and later managed lower grade teams. Not being satisfied with these activities he became the manager of the ACT Indoor representative team and masseur of the ACT Veterans team which earned him the nick name of "Magic Fingers".

Although the numbers of players from St Patrick's selected in ACT representative teams was down in 1981, the Club still had a presence in these teams. Kevin Hogan was the Club's sole representative in the ACT Seniors, Andrew Deane was a member of the ACT Under 14 team and Mark Devine and Phillip Evans were members of the School boys team. David Lowrey again coached the ACT Colts team.

Although representation was down in the out door competition, the Club was very well represented in the ACT Indoor Representative team by Ross McIntosh, Chris Powell, Mark Humphries, Russell Bowen and Kevin Hogan and Jim MacKenzie was the manager of this team.

1981 was the second year that St Patrick's competed in the Canberra Girls Hockey Association competition, one team was entered in the Open Primary grade and the other in the Junior Primary grade. There were two major events in 1981 for the St Patrick's girls, the first was the selection of three girls, Bernadette Garrity, Barbara Toomey and Triny Powell in the ACT Under 10 team and the second was the win by the Open Primary team in its grade in the competition.

1982 was a year of mixed success. St Patrick's was able to maintain the number of teams in the men's winter competition at six. The Club increased to three the number of teams in the women's competition and the junior girls were also able to enter three teams in the competition.

The women's B1 team and the Junior Primary girls team both won premierships for the Club. There were no premierships in the men's competition for St Patrick's. The St Patrick's men's A1 team, although not winning the premiership achieved success in 1982 by winning the Canberra Carnival and the Ainslie Trophy.

The outstanding achievements of 1982 were Chris Powell's Brophy Medal win and Terry Dean's selection in the Australian Veterans team.

The other St Patrick's players to represent the Act in 1982 were Barry Rodwell in the Senior team, Craig Sloan and David Vanderputt in the Colts and the Under 17 team. In the Under 17 team these two players were joined by Andrew Proctor, Andrew Deane and Andrew Aldons. Ross Devitt and Brian Flanagan, the coach and manager of the Under 17 team were also from St Patrick's. In addition to Terry Deane, Eggy Fernandes was also selected in the ACT Veterans team which was managed by Brian Colquhoun and 'massaged' by Jim MacKenzie.

Although success in the form of premierships was hard to come by in the out-door competition, St Patrick's led the way in the indoor competition. In 1982 St Patrick's entered six teams and won three premierships. For the third consecutive year the Super 8 team won the premiership without conceding a game to the opposition teams. The B grade team and the Women's team also won premierships in the indoor competition in 1982.

A Club which wins the premier grade in any competition so comprehensively as St Patrick's in the Super 8 Indoor competition must provide a significant number of players in the Representative team and this was the case in 1982. Ross McIntosh,

Chris Powell, Mark Humphries, Russell Bowen, Brett Wong and Kevin Hogan all represented the ACT in the indoor championships. Ross McIntosh was the coach of that team and Jim MacKenzie was the manager.

In addition to the premiership won by the Junior Primary team in the girls competition, several of the St Patrick's junior girls gained selection in the ACT junior teams. Susan Brown, Lisa Powell, Barbara Toomey and Trudi Williams were selected in the 12B team, Triny Powell and Clare Stanwix in the 10A team and Adrienne Vaisutis in the 10B team. Susan Brown, Lisa Powell and Barbara Toomey were selected in the ACT Primary Schools team.

1982 also saw the first of St Patrick's junior girls play some games in the senior ranks and from then on we see a regular flow of girls from junior ranks into the senior teams.

All the good things of 1982 were cast into shadow in December of that year when Bill Powell Snr died. St Patrick's lost one of its most respected members and its most ardent supporter and the Club is to now poorer for his passing. Bill was there on the side line from the time Bill Jnr played his first game for St Patrick's in 1957 and before that when Bill played for St Edmund's. He didn't miss too many games in all the years to 1982. He was there at the beginning and will be there, if not in person then in spirit at the end.

1983 was the thirtieth season that St Patrick's fielded teams in the ACT Hockey competition. In that year St Patrick's won its fifth premiership in the men's A1 grade of the winter out-door competition. In this year we see the number of men's teams reduce from six to five, the number of women's teams remain at three and there is an increase in the number of junior girls teams playing under the St Patrick's colours.

Along with the A1 men's premiership, St Patrick's was also premiers in the A2 and B2 men's competition but unfortunately the women's teams and the junior girls teams did not win any premierships but all teams finished the season in the top half of their respective competitions.

Chris Powell again won the Brophy Medal as the best and fairest player in the ACT. The best and fairest double was achieved by St Patrick's when Ross McIntosh won the Waddell Medal awarded to the best and fairest player in the indoor competition.

St Patrick's continued to provide quality players to fill the ranks of the ACT representative teams and 1983 was no exception. Barry Rodwell and Kevin Hogan were representatives in the ACT Senior team, Craig Sloan and Andrew Deane were members of the Colts team, Andrew Deane was also a member of the Under 17 team along with Andrew Aldons and Mick Harding was the manager of the Under 13 representative team.

Representation was not confined to the men's teams, in 1983 seven of St Patrick's junior girls gained selection in various age Canberra representative teams and Triny Powell gained further selection in the ACT Primary Schools team for the Australian Championships held that year in Adelaide.

By 1983 some of the St Patrick's junior girls had secured permanent places in St Patrick's women's teams and we see mention of high standard performances from Susan Brown, Lisa Powell, Barbara Toomey and Lynda Colquhoun. In 1983 we also hear a warning from Sue Jennar about the future. Sue warned that the younger players coming from the junior girls will form the nucleus of the women's first team and in order to hold them at St Patrick's strong A1 and A2 teams will have to be formed and she suggested amalgamation with another women's team to provide the player foundation upon which A1 and A2 teams can be built.

In 1983 the President's Trophy was awarded to Mrs Josie Powell and Mrs Maureen Rodwell by the then President Brian Colquhoun. This was one of the most deserving service awards in the history of St Patrick's Hockey Club. These two ladies were supporters of St Patrick's almost from the beginning of the Club and that support would continue for many years.

In 1983 John Colquhoun was awarded Life Membership by St Patrick's. John had for many years been a player of high quality and a successful coach. He had represented the ACT at Colts and Seniors levels.

1983 was from appearances a very successful year but we see at the end of that season a number of players leaving the Club to play with other clubs. 1983 was the year the St Patrick's moved to the Belconnen Soccer Club as its social and after match venue. In the early days of its association with the Soccer Club St Patrick's would gather in large numbers after the matches and enjoy themselves in a manner which St Patrick's teams have done since 1954. St Patrick's still use the Belconnen Soccer Club as its after match venue but since the introduction of the multiple time slots for hockey, St Patrick's patronage of this venue has diminished significantly. The restructured competition with games at all hours of the day and night at weekends effectively killed the big "get-togethers" St Patrick's always managed to have after the games. I suppose it is wrong to place all the blame on the format of the competition because the introduction of the breathalyser must have also had some effect.

In 1984 we see the term 'back to back' used for the first time in relation to St Patrick's A1 and A2 grades teams. These two teams won premierships for the second year in succession in those grades. The consecutive premierships by the A1 and A2 teams shows a great depth of talent particularly so when one realises that some of the outstanding players of 1983 were lost to St Patrick's for the 1984 season.

The A2 and B2 women's teams also won premierships as did the No 1 and No 3 teams in the junior girls. Let us not forget that in 1984 St Patrick's also won three premierships in the indoor competition, the Super 9 (previously known as Super 8) the A and B grades. The gloom and doom forecast by George Orwell for 1984 did not come to fruition in respect of St Patrick's. Nine premierships in one year was surely something to remember and must rank as one of the most successful years in the history of St Patrick's.

An increase in the numbers of players in 1984 saw St Patrick's men field six teams one more than in 1983. The number of women's teams stayed at two and the junior girls continued their one extra team a year growth and fielded five teams in their competition.

In the men's competition there the two premierships A1 and A2 grades, the B2 team came second and the A3 team came fourth. The remaining two teams did not make it into the final series. The A1 premiership was of particular merit as the coach was forced to retire during the year and a replacement had to be found. That 'Player for all Seasons', Chris Powell stepped into the gap and added yet another achievement to his distinguished hockey career.

The two women's teams winning two premierships is worthy of a merit award. Geoff Colquhoun stepped into the coach's role and performed extremely well developing a program to improve skills and fostering that drive which achieved promotion of the team to a higher grade. He was ably assisted by Mark Devine and Paul Le Mesurier.

The Junior girls continued to improve on their performances and in 1984. Of the five teams entered in the competition there were two premierships, two third places and one a bit further down the ladder and there were eleven girls selected in various under age representative teams.

St Patrick's was again well represented in ACT representative teams. Terry Deane was selected in the Australian Masters team and Brian Colquhoun and Jim MacKenzie were the manager and masseur, respectively of that team. Barry Rodwell and Rohan Wong were members of the Senior team and Andrew Aldons and Scott Kovac were Under 17 representatives. Brendon Colquhoun showed what was to come in the future when he was selected in the ACT Primary schools team.

St Patrick's continued its success through the indoor competition. The Super 9 team again won the premiership with Chris Powell receiving the best and fairest award. Having all but changed the name of the competition to "St Patrick's Only" it is little wonder that St Patrick's was very well represented in the ACT indoor representative team. The St Patrick's players included in that team were Chris Powell, Russell Bowen, Brett Wong, Kevin Hogan, Mark Evans and Robert Apps.

In 1984 Max Donato was awarded Life Membership of St Patrick's Hockey Club. Max joined St Patrick's when the Royal Australian Navy posted him to Harman. Max made a valuable contribution to St Patrick's in the B grade teams but it was his involvement as a coach with the women's teams that produced the greatest contribution. Max was the instrument through which the Harman women's team and the women's teams calling themselves St Patrick's came together to be part of the St Patrick's Hockey Club.

After the success of 1984, we see in 1985 some indicators which should have rung alarm bells in the minds of any administrator. The first of these was the significant number of positions in the administrative structure which were not filled at the Annual General Meeting held towards the end of 1984. Throughout the documentation relating to 1985 we read a continual plea for more involvement in

Club activities by the rank and file members. The Annual Report includes a comment that there were very few social activities in 1985 and this resulted from the fact that those which were held were poorly attended and there was a lack of support and enthusiasm from members.

In 1985 St Patrick's had five men's teams, four women's teams, five junior girls and for the first time one Minkey team. Of these sixteen teams, one of the junior girls teams were joint premiers in their particular age group.

Whatever were the off the field problems St Patrick's continued to produce players of high quality. In 1985 Mark Taylor was a member of the ACT Senior representative team, Peter McNally and Andrew Aldons were selected in the Colts team to represent the ACT and Brendon Colquhoun and Andrew Harding represented in their age groups.

The junior girls teams were producing players of high quality and in 1985 Lisa Powell and Susan Brown were selected in an Honorary Australian School Girls Team.

St Patrick's continued to dominate the indoor hockey competition and in the 1984-85 competition St Patrick's fielded seven teams and five of these won premierships. These were the Super 6 (gone down in numbers) A1, B6, Mixed grade and Women's C grade. With this domination St Patrick's was well represented in the ACT State team. Ross McIntosh, Mark Humphries, Kevin Hogan, Mark Evans and Barry Rodwell as manager were all members of that ACT Representative team. Mark Taylor and Peter McNally who joined St Patrick's in 1985 were also members of that team.

Perhaps the success of the St Patrick's Hockey Club in the indoor competition goes some of the way to explain the difficulty in maintaining player support and enthusiasm through the winter competition. The A1 coach of the 1985 season identified the reasons for a disappointing team performance as "...non attendance at training, lack of fitness, lack of commitment, injuries and player unavailability.".

There were some good policies put into place. The A3 team became the development grade where junior players who showed some ability were teamed with more experience players and with effective coaching by John Colquhoun a successful season was completed.

By the end of 1985 St Patrick's was entering a period where its existence was under threat and had it not been for the women and the junior girls divisions of the Club and a few hard working male members this story of St Patrick's may well have finished at this point or not be written at all.

CHAPTER 15 - 1986-1990.

1986 saw the continued rise in the standard and achievements of the Club's women's teams. In 1986 the ladies won the ACT Women's Hockey Association Club Championship and two premierships which secured promotion of St Patrick's to the A1 grade for the 1987 season. In addition the junior girls won one premiership and the women's team also won an indoor premiership. The men secured two indoor premierships one in the Super 6, the other in A1. St Patrick's also continued its involvement in Minkey Hockey.

In men's outdoor hockey, 1986 was one of the low points in St Patrick's history. None of the men's teams made their way into the semi finals this was the first time in the Club's history that this had happened. The Secretary, Mark Evans, in the Annual Report made the telling comment when under the heading of 'APATHY' he said "THIS WE ARE BLOODY GREAT AT." To illustrate his point he listed some of the problems which infected the club at the time. Fees were hard to extract from players, training was poorly attended, meetings failed through lack of numbers and fund raising returned a poor result. It must have been sad for the few Bill Powell, Jim Stewart, Mark Evans and Geoff Colquhoun who put an inordinate amount of effort into 1986 for such a poor result.

Even in this, one of the darkest hours of the Club, there was something of which the club could be proud. 1986 saw the continued dominance of the indoor competition. St Patrick's entered five men's and four women's teams and had eight players selected in the men's State team. These were Ross McIntosh (Captain/coach), Mark Humphries, Peter McNally, Andrew Aldons, Rohan Wong, Kevin Hogan, Mark Evans and Brett Wong (Manager). Ross McIntosh won the Waddell Medal for the best and fairest in the Indoor competition. The ladies teams also performed well in the indoor competition.

In the winter competition, Mark Taylor was the only St Patrick's player in the ACT Senior team. Other men to gain ACT representation were Jason Toole in the Under 17's and Brendon Colquhoun in the Under 15's

The St Patrick's Women's teams performances were in sharp contrast to the men's teams. All women's teams secured places in the semi finals and won two premierships. Lisa Powell represented the ACT in Under 21 and Under 18 teams, Susan Brown represented in the Under 18's and Triny Powell in the Under 16's. Triny was also selected in the Honorary Australian Under 16 Schoolgirls team.

One other achievement of St Patrick's in 1986 which I suppose reflects the age of St Patrick's was the selection of eleven St Patrick's members in the ACT Veteran's team as players or as officials. These representatives were Max Donato, Dave Lowrey, Ross Divett, Eric Firth, Ray Monico, Eddie Roots, Bob Tribe, Henry Wilson, Terry Deane, Brian Colquhoun (Manager) and Jim MacKenzie (Masseur).

St Patrick's suffered one of its greatest losses with the death of Laurie "Killer" Parkes on 26 August 1986. Laurie Parkes was one of the founding members of St Patrick's Hockey Club and was one of the Club's most admired and respected members.

Before his transfer to Britain, Laurie had represented the Club with distinction on the executive of the ACT Hockey Association where he had been president for a number of years. Those of us who were associated with him are forever enriched by having known him and are all the poorer for him no longer being with us in person.

The disappointments of 1986 were pushed aside by the 1987 season. There was a very much improved performance by the men's teams and a significant improvement in Club spirit. The 1987 season saw the men's teams return to the top of the men's competition with premierships in A1 and A4 and runners up in A2. The combined result of the A1 and A2 teams secured for St Patrick's the inaugural Pakistan Cup. While these results were outstanding, the two lower teams B1 and C1 were somewhat neglected.

Andrew Aldons represented the ACT in Seniors and Under 21, Paul Nichols was also a member of the ACT Under 21 team. Jason Toole and Mark Straker were members of the ACT Under 17 team and Brendon Colquhoun and Jeff Monico were selected in the ACT Under 15 representative team.

In 1987 St Patrick's fielded five teams in the women's competition. The No1 St Patrick's team was promoted to A grade and although the team did not feature in the semi finals the players, under the coaching of Mark Humphries, performed well above their young years and limited experience. The other four women's teams featured in the final series. In the women's indoor competition St Patrick's had another successful season and won premierships in the A and B grades and some very fine performances in the other two teams in the C and D grades.

As in the men's competition St Patrick's women continued to gain representation in the ACT women's teams. Lisa Powell, Susan Brown and Megan Mitropolous were selected in the Under 21 and Under 18 teams and Triny Powell, Elissa Galvin, Kellie McQuire and Lyndal McGregor were all selected in the ACT Under 18 team.

Towards the end of the 1987 hockey year arrangements were completed for the Federal Women's Club to amalgamate with St Patrick's, a move which was seen as significantly strengthening the player base of the St Patrick's women's teams.

As in past years St Patrick's was well represented in the ACT Veteran's team in 1987. Dave Lowrey, Ross Divett, Eric Firth, Ray Monico, Eddie Roots, Bob Tribe, Henry Wilson and Terry Deane were all members of that 1987 ACT Veteran's team which was managed by Brian Colquhoun and Jim MacKenzie was the over worked masseur who kept all players bits and pieces together.

In 1987 St Patrick's continued with its junior girls program and entered four teams in the Saturday morning competition. Two of these were High School teams, one was in the Primary competition and one in the Modified Rules Division. Michelle Powell, Justine Vaisutis, Kirstin McCreadie, Samantha Coulson and Melinda Ford were selected from the girls teams to positions in the Canberra Girls representative teams.

St Patrick's continued its involvement in Minkey in 1987 but it was disappointing when the Association introduced a Zone system and allocated St Edmund's College, a

traditional recruiting base for St Patrick's, to another club but St Patrick's did secure some areas not previously serviced.

St Patrick's fielded eight teams in the Kambah competition, five teams played under St Patrick's name and three played as St John Vianney.

The 1987 season finished with the Club on a high. The men's teams had just completed a most successful season and the women entered a new phase with their amalgamation with the Federal Women's Hockey Club. The amalgamation started at the Australian Under 21 Championships in Perth in 1987. Several of the girls from St Patrick's and Federal got together and found that a good team could be formed by an amalgamation. The girls approached senior members of both Clubs who were in Perth at the time. On return to Canberra discussions continued and it was eventually seen to be in the best interests of each Club if the amalgamation took place. The full cycle had been completed, Bill Powell had commenced his involvement in female hockey by coaching a Belconnen Women's Hockey Club girls team. This team became the basis for St Patrick's Junior Girls teams feeding in to St Patrick's Women's teams. Belconnen Women's Hockey Club had become the Federal Women's Hockey Club and in 1987 that organisation was absorbed into the women's teams of St Patrick's Hockey Club.

All was in place for a continuation of this success in 1988 but all the hopes and aspirations were, unfortunately, not realised particularly in regard to the men's teams.

St Patrick's had five teams in the outdoor competition and two of these reached the semi finals. The A1 team after winning the premiership in 1987 managed to win only four games in 1988. Surely one of the biggest premiership hangovers of all time. There were reasons for this dismal performance. The coach of the previous year, Ross McIntosh had been unable to continue as coach in 1988 due to personal and business reasons and there had been some retirements and defections to other clubs from the 1987 side. The A1 coach who was appointed just did not get the support he deserved from the players, the majority of whom displayed a level of dedication, attitude and responsibility far short of that required from mature players.

It was quite evident that the success of 1987 had bred a feeling that the the players were so good that there was no need to undertake such trivial things as training. Training sessions were poorly attended and most of those who did turn up put little effort into the work and yet these persons still played A1 grade and expected to do so for some time. This situation was allowed to continue largely because there was lack of incentive in the Club and there seemed to be no pressure or competition from the lower grades for those A1 positions.

In looking back 1988 was the year which could have so easily sent St Patrick's into oblivion. It was described by one person "as the start of nearly the end" and I cannot put it better myself. The season was well under way and the men's teams did not have a competition secretary and appeared not to be too concerned about the organisational aspects of the game. The men were showing so little interest that it took a severe warning from Bill Powell, the president. He attended a training session and issued an ultimatum to the Club that if a competition secretary was not appointed, within five

minutes, for the men's teams he would notify the Association that St Patrick's was no longer a participating club in the ACT men's hockey competition. To his credit, David Smith volunteered to be competition secretary for the men's teams and did a good job.

The two best performed teams in 1988 were the A2 team which made it to the semi finals and finished fourth and the C1 team which was runners up in their competition. The A1 team finished seventh, the A3 team finished tenth and B1 team finished sixth.

Peter McNally and Andrew Aldons were selected in the ACT senior team, Andrew was also a member of the Under 21 team. Mark Straker was selected in the ACT Under 17 team. Andrew Fitzpatrick and Russell Cornish were selected in the ACT Under 13 team.

In the indoor competition the St Patrick's men were more successful. 1988 saw St Patrick's win its ninth consecutive Super Grade premiership and Club members Peter McNally, Andrew Aldons and Mark Taylor were all members of the ACT Indoor team, Ross McIntosh was the assistant coach and an Australian selector. Peter McNally was awarded a visiting scholarship to the AIS. St Patrick's was well represented in the veterans team by Ross Divett, Dave Lowrey, Ray Monico and Eddie Roots. Ross Divett was also selected in the Australian Masters Team.

It was the women's teams which carried the Club in these late 1980's and kept it afloat. At the end of 1987 there had been a successful amalgamation of St Patrick's women's teams and Federal Women's Hockey Club and St Patrick's became a very viable and competitive team. Apart from gaining a number of experienced players, the Club also gained the services of Wendy Hergenau as captain and coach of the first grade team.

St Patrick's entered six teams in the women's competition and won premierships in Second and Fourth grades. St Patrick's was runners up in First grade. The winner was decided only after a close game could not separate the teams and three rounds of penalty strokes. The Fifth grade team made it to the semi finals. The other two teams played with great enthusiasm but did not make it to the semi finals.

Again unlike the men's teams a feature of the 1988 season for the women was the large attendance at training, rarely was the number below thirty and on one occasion there was in excess of fifty. The attendances at training no doubt reflects the situation that each of the women's teams always seemed to be able to have someone prepared to coach it.

The very good performance by the St Patrick's women was also evidence by the large number of players who gained representative honours in 1988. Sam Harman and Megan Mitropoulos were members of the ACT senior team, Susan Brown, Sam Harman, Lyndal McGregor, Megan Mitropoulos, Jenny Natali, Elissa Galvin, Lisa Powell and Triny Powell were all members of the ACT Under 21 team and Elissa Galvin, Susan Brown, Lyndal McGregor, Kellie MacQuire, Megan Mitropoulos, Lisa Powell and Triny Powell were members of the ACT Under 18 Team.

In addition to these honours, Kellie MacQuire and Megan Mitropoulos were selected in the Australian Under 21 Training Squad. Jenny Natali was the 1988 ACT Women's Hockey Association Best and fairest player. Lisa Powell won a visiting scholarship to the AIS, she was selected in the Australian Under 21 Training squad and was included in the AIS team which toured overseas. Triny Powell was the Most Improved Player in the ACT Women's Hockey Association, she was included in the Australian Under 18 Training Squad and won the ESANDA scholarship to the AIS.

During 1988 St Patrick's continued its involvement in the Junior Girl's competition. The club had two teams in the High School Division, one in the Primary School Division and one in the Modified Rules Division. The Primary School team played the year with only nine players and still managed to make it to the semi finals as did the two High School teams.

Several girls from these teams were selected in representative teams. Susan Ford, Michelle Powell, Kirstin McCreadie, Kate Norris and Melinda Ford were all selected in Canberra Girls representative teams. Justine Vaisutes was selected in the ACT Schoolgirls team and went to the championships in Perth and Michelle Powell was selected in the ACT Under 16 team to play in an Invitation Carnival in Melbourne.

1989 was a year of wonderful achievements. St Patrick's won its tenth consecutive Men's Super Grade Indoor premiership and its first Women's Super Grade Indoor premiership. The performance of St Patrick's in this particular competition was surely one of the most outstanding sporting achievements ever in this City. The Club also won the Women's Indoor D grade premiership. Not to forget the outdoor performances of the St Patrick's, the Club won its first ever Women's A grade and the men's C1 grade premiership.

Individual Club members also achieved high personal honours in 1989. Lisa Powell was awarded an AIS Scholarship and was selected in the Australian Women's Team, Triny Powell gained selection in the Australian Women's Indoor Team and was also selected in the Australian Under 21 Women's Team. Peter McNally toured with the Australian Indoor Team and was granted an AIS Scholarship. Elisa Galvin was the joint winner of the Most Improved player in the ACT Women's Hockey Association.

The good results on the field by teams was off-set to some extent by a St Patrick's perennial problem and a somewhat new phenomenon. The perennial problem was lack of attendance at training which led to the cancellation of the sessions at Lyneham and was reflected in the poor performances of the A1 and A2 teams culminating in the A2 forfeiting its last game of the season. The relatively new phenomenon is to a large extent an off-shoot of the lack of commitment to training attitude, it was the high level of player unavailability on any weekend during the season.

One of the significant aspects of 1989 was the greater number of men's teams in the indoor competition than in the winter outdoor competition. There were five teams in the indoor competition and four in the outdoor competition. On the other hand there were six women's teams in the outdoor competition and four in the indoor competition. Unlike the men the St Patrick's women were able to follow up their Indoor Super Grade premiership with an outdoor premiership.

St Patrick's had no junior boys teams in 1989 but was involved in Minkey at Kambah.

St Patrick's fielded five teams in the junior girls competition, four made it through to the semifinals. In the Modified Rules competition final series are not played. One team was premiers, one other joint premiers and the other two teams finished in fourth position.

St Patrick's players were again prominent in ACT representative teams in 1989. Peter McNally was a member of the ACT Senior outdoor team, Tim Casey and Brendon Colquhoun were in the Under 17 team, Russell Cornish and Andrew Fitzpatrick were in the under 15 team and Ben Casey in the under 13 team.

The list was far more extensive for the women's outdoor representative teams and St Patrick's provided the majority of the Senior and Under 21 teams. Club members who represented in 1989 were: Sam Harman, Wendy Hergenau, Megan Mitropoulis, Jenny Natali, Lisa Powell, Triny Powell, Jeannine Smith and Stacey Tanner. The St Patrick's Under 21 representatives were: Susan Brown, Elissa Galvin, Lyndal McGregor, Megan Mitropoulis, Vicky Pereyra, Lisa Powell and Triny Powell. Vicky Pereyra was also a member of the Under 18 and Kelly Carlon was a member of both the Under 18 and Under 16 teams. Michelle Carlon and Michelle Powell were members of the Under 16 team.

The Men's indoor representatives were: Brett Wong, Kevin Hogan, Andrew Deane, Peter McNally, Andrew Aldons and Brian Evans. The Women's indoor representatives were: Nicole Brown, Sam Harman, Helen McIntosh, Triny Powell and Jeannine Smith. Mark Taylor was the coach.

As St Patrick's entered the 1990's there was no turn around in player attitudes. The number of players declaring themselves unavailable on weekends during the outdoor season was still an unpleasant feature of the Club. The women members who for so long the sustaining force in St Patrick's created somewhat of a record in 1990 for the number of individuals to play in the one grade in a year. In the women's second grade team there was no less than 31 individuals played in the team in the 1990 season.

There are probably many reasons for this attitude of being unavailable and it might be a sign of the times but in this case very important reasons were identified and these were that there was not enough interaction between the teams, the five women's teams were divided into two groups; the top two teams vs the lower three teams. A similar division no doubt existed in the men's teams. Another reason is one which has been with St Patrick's almost since 'day one' and I refer to the perception that players feel they have been over looked. This perception can have a very corrosive effect on an organisation and management has to be very careful and create an environment that such a perception does not arise because it is difficult to overcome.

The 1990 season commenced well for the St Patrick's women. At the Easter Albury Carnival St Patrick's won the Women's B Grade Division of the Carnival. In that year St Patrick's also won the ACT Women's Hockey Association fourth grade

premiership, its only premiership for the year. There had been a number of defections from the ranks of the men at the end of the 1989 season and this had forced the Club into another era of team building which was reflected in the performance of the four teams St Patrick's entered in the men's competition. How many times has St Patrick's in its life time had to go through a rebuilding exercise just when things were starting to look steady and stable.

One of the major highlights of 1990 was the appearance of a St Patrick's Junior Boys team in the competition in the Under 13 grade. The one team was comprised mainly of boys in the eleven year old age group from St John the Apostle School, Florey. This was achieved through the efforts of Ed Mickleburgh who for several years was one of the St Patrick's forces in Minkey. Two Under 13 teams were entered in the 1990 indoor competition. St Patrick's also coached seven Minkey teams in 1990.

St Patrick's had five teams in the Junior Girls competition. The No1 and No3 teams made it through to the semi finals with the No1 team defeated by a narrow margin in the grand final. A number of St Patrick's girls were selected in the various Canberra Girls Hockey Association representative teams and Kate Norris was selected in the ACT Under 16 Schoolgirls team that played in Darwin while Nadine Brohan, Lisa Norris and Sahra Lutton were selected in the ACT Primary team that played in Sydney.

Even though the on the field efforts of 1990 were not much to write home about, St Patrick's still provided a significant number of players for the representative teams particularly the women's teams. The men's outdoor representatives were: Mick Clancy and Dave McLennan in the Under 21 team, Mike Trevethan Jnr(of course) in the Under 17's and Russell Cornish and Andrew Fitzpatrick in the Under 15 team.

St Patrick's women representatives in the Seniors were: Elissa Galvin, Megan Mitropoulis, Jenny Natali, Lisa Powell and Triny Powell. Nicole Bain, Kelly Carlon, Elissa Galvin, Helen McIntosh, Megan Mitropoulis, Vicky Pereyra, Triny Powell and Alison Reis were members of the Under 21 team. Kelly Carlon, Michelle Carlon and Alison Reis were in the Under 18 team and Michelle Carlon and Michelle Powell were selected in the Under 16 team.

After the success of 1987 it is surprising how quickly St Patrick's declined. The years 1988, 89 and 90 almost saw the end of St Patrick's Hockey Club. It was only through the efforts of very sound administration that got the club back on the rails and able to look forward to the 1990's.

CHAPTER 16 - 1991 - 1993

All events of 1991 were overshadowed by the tragic death of Clyde "Blue" Colquhoun on 1 December 1991. Blue was associated with St Patrick's almost from the beginning and was without doubt the most unforgettable character that I have ever met and I am sure that this view is held by everyone who ever met Blue and got to know him. He was usually the centre-piece of Club events that took place during the Fifties and Sixties and if anything unusual was going to happen to any person it would happen to Blue. For those of us who knew Blue our lives are richer and we will never forget him for those who never knew Blue have missed one of life's experiences. He is the only person that I have known and can refer to as being a legend in his own life time.

1991 saw the ACT Hockey Association introduce a new level of competition, the Capital League which took over and subsumed the A Grade and A Reserve and provided for a system of relegation and promotion of teams between first and second divisions. St Patrick's entered five women's and five men's teams in the outdoor competition and the usual indoor teams.

After the disappointing results of 1990, there were some encouraging signs in 1991. The St Patrick's women teams continued to improve. The St Patrick's women's team won the First grade competition and there were two other teams in the semi finals of the women's competition. The Capital League No 1 team overcame the prospect of relegation to finish in fifth place.

St Patrick's continued to field teams in the Junior girls competition and at the beginning of 1991 combined with the Hawker teams. The Junior boys' became the junior men's competition and while St Patrick's did not have any teams under its name in that competition, the Club coached teams from St Edmund's and Minkey.

In 1991 St Patrick's had seven teams in the Junior girls competition. Three teams made it into the semi finals but unfortunately all missed gaining a place in the grand final.

In 1991 twenty-eight players from St Patrick's were selected in various representative teams and three members of the Club were appointed to representative coaching/manager positions. The most notable of the selections were Lisa and Triny Powell who were members of the Australian Seniors and the Australian Under 21 teams respectively.

By the end of 1991 season the hard work of the few had rescued St Patrick's from oblivion and things were starting to look better.

An end of year trip was organised, it took the form of a weekend down the coast where the players enjoyed themselves away from their usual environment and develop that necessary ingredient of friendship and co-operation needed for a successful Club. These have been held since 1991.

The 1992 season was a moderately successful one and could best be described as 'steady as she goes' and consolidating the gains of the previous two years. The Club entered five teams in the women's, four in the men's and five in the junior girls competitions. The Club also entered teams in the indoor and the mixed twilight competitions.

In the women's competition St Patrick's number three team playing in the sixth grade was unlucky not to win the grand final in the competition. St Patrick's first and eighth grade teams both made it into the semi finals with the eighth grade unfortunately losing to Norths in the preliminary final.

The beginning of 1992 was a crisis point. The Club was severely in debt with a debit balance of about \$6000, the cause generally was that players were not paying their fees. The administration to its credit worked hard and secured sponsorship and introduced fee payment plans and turned around that debt by the end of 1992.

The 1992 season saw an improvement in the competitiveness of the four St Patrick's men's teams without advancing towards the top four positions. Like so many years in the past the lower teams were unsettled by changing personnel brought about by injuries and unavailability of players.

The C grade team reached the preliminary final and was unfortunate to miss a place in the grand final as the scores were level after extra time and St Patrick's had finished third on the competition ladder at the end of the home and away games. It was in this game that a St Patrick's player, Chris Lucas, sustained a fractured skull when struck by a ball.

The 1992 indoor competition continued to feature teams from St Patrick's. The men's A1 team won the grand final and the women's teams were runners up in first grade and fourth grade and semi finalists in third grade. A team was also entered in the Under 19 competition but did not participate in the semi finals.

As usual there was a number of St Patrick's players who gained representative honours in 1992. Lisa Powell was a member of the Australian Olympic team and with her sister Triny were members of the ACT Senior team. Sarah Cunningham, Kelly Carlon, Alison Reis and Michelle Carlon were members of the Under 21 team. Alison Reis and Michelle Carlon were also members of the Under 18 team as was Kate Norris. Lisa Powell, Triny Powell, Michelle Carlon, Kate Norris, Alison Reis and Kelly Carlon were all members of the academy squad.

There was also a significant number of St Patrick's men players who gained ACT and higher representation in 1992. Nick Clancy and Brendon Colquhoun in the Under 21 team, Russell Cornish and Andrew Fitzpatrick in the Under 17 team, Russell Cornish was also selected in the Australian Under 17 squad. Ben Casey was a member of the Under 16 Schoolboys team. Brendon Colquhoun, Russell Cornish and Andrew Fitzpatrick were all members of the Academy squad. Andrew Fitzpatrick and Russell Cornish were selected in the ACT Under 17 Indoor team and Michael Crozier and Russell were members of the ACT Under 19 Indoor team.

St Patrick's was also well represented in the Junior Girls representative teams. Melinda Ford, Jessica Whitlock and Nadine Brohan were members of the Schoolgirls team. Sharni Power-James and Danielle Tomadini were members of the Primary Schoolgirls team. Melinda Ford, Jessica Whitlock, Nadine Brohan, Olivia Rodwell and Jacqueline Power-James all were members of the ACT team at the Under 16 Australia Wide Invitational Tournament at Taree. Olivia Rodwell and Sarah Spencer were members of the Under 16 Gold team and Leanne Hofman was a member of the Under 16 Blue team. St Patrick's was represented in the Under 14 Gold Team by Nadine Brohan and Jacqueline Power-James and in the Under 14 Blue team by Adele Cotton, Meredith Griffith and Kristy Rodwell. In the Under 12 Gold team Danielle Tomadini, Sharni Power-James and Mary-Anne Toole were the St Patrick's players and in the Under 12 Blue Geraldyn Hutchinson represented the Club.

Mike Trevethan was awarded Life Membership in 1992. Mike had been a member of the Club since he left school in about 1959. he had played in the the grades from which he got most enjoyment. He served in many positions on the administrative side of St Patrick's.

One of the most significant events in 1992 was the forward plan presented by the coach George Kochel. George made some very sound observations about St Patrick's, he advocated that for 1993, a coach be appointed who had not had any previous involvement with St Patrick's. George argued that in the twenty years that he had been associated with the Club the attitudes within the Club had changed very little and that a whole new approach to hockey had to be adopted if St Patrick's was to survive and and succeed. The new attitude had to come in at the coaching end of the Club which would lead to a change of player attitudes and would in turn foster greater interest and commitment within the Club at all levels.

In 1993 St Patrick's, in its fortieth season, was saddened by the death in August of Mrs Josie Powell. Mrs Powell was a most ardent supporter of St Patrick's since she and her late husband Bill came to watch their son Bill play his first game with St Patrick's in 1957. There were some of us fortunate ones who knew Mrs Powell years before that time. I will always remember her as a lovely gracious lady and a sad loss to the Club. On about the same day Bin Forner's father died. Martin had been kind to St Patrick's, lending his property for several social functions. he will always have a place in the hearts and minds of Club members.

There are many other people who played a role, some big , some small, in the forty years of St Patrick's and who are no longer on earth with us so that we can enjoy their company. Although they are not specifically named their memory is still fresh in the minds of Club members.

In this the fortieth season, St Patrick's entered five teams in the junior girls outdoor competition, five in the women's and four in the men's. At the beginning of the 1993 season a significant event took place. The Club's administration took the decision that St Patrick's was to be no longer the club from which other club's poached players and that it would actively pursue this activity itself. Also the decision to seek

a suitable coach and be prepared to remunerate the holder of that position was a significant step in St Patrick's regaining its ascendant position in Canberra hockey.

The Club was represented in the indoor competition by five women's teams and two men's teams. When one looks at these numbers, it was remarkable foresight back in 1977 to establish women's hockey under the St Patrick's umbrella. One can only speculate about the likelihood or unlikelihood of St Patrick's surviving to its fortieth year without the support of the women's hockey contingent.

Of the five teams entered in the women's competition the team entered in the fifth grade was the only one to finish in the final four. The first grade team lost a number of players just prior to the start of the season which resulted in considerable disruption and it took a long time for that team to settle down. This was particularly disappointing as the Club had secured the services of Henny Oldenhove, coach of the Australian Under 18 team, as coach of the first grade team. The fifth grade team finished the season in first place and went on to win both the semi final and grand final. This was St Patrick's only premiership in 1993.

Two of the four teams entered in the men's competition finished in the final four. These were the teams in the CL1 and C grades. It was the first time for many years that St Patrick's had finished in the final four in the top men's grade. The C grade team won its way to the grand final after finishing the home and away games in fourth place.

The performance of the A1 team reflects the spirit which re-emerged during 1993. Training was well attended and the new coach Wayne Blazejczyk was well supported across all the teams. The St Patrick's of old is here again and we look forward to 1994.

Although the results were not outstanding the big area of improvement was in the level of commitment in all grades especially in the top men's grade and an increase in the number of Club members contributing to the development of juniors, perhaps the corner has been turned.

St Patrick's had five teams in the indoor competition with three teams finishing in the final four and both the men's teams contested the finals.

St Patrick's continued its tradition of supplying ACT representative teams with quality players in significant quantity. In 1993 Lisa Powell was a member of the Australian Women's Team, an AIS Scholarship holder, ACT Academy, a member of the ACT senior women's team and Captain of the Canberra Strikers. Triny Powell was a member of the Australian Under 21 Team, Held an AIS Scholarship, ACT Academy, A member of both the ACT Senior Women's team and the Canberra Strikers. Helen Toole was also a member of the Canberra Strikers. Alison Reis was a member of the ACT Under 21 team, the ACT Academy and was included in the Canberra Strikers train-on squad.

Nardine Brohan, Melanie Saxinger and Melinda Ford were members of the ACT Under 16 schoolgirls team and the ACT Invitational Tournament Team. Camille

Carberry and Kate Norris were members of the ACT Under 18 team and the ACT Academy. Jessica Whitlock was a member of the ACT Under 18 team, the ACT Academy and the ACT Invitational Tournament Team. Rebecca Platten and Nicole Richens were members of the ACT Invitational Tournament Team and the ACT Regional Team. Sarah Spencer was a member of the ACT regional Team. Joanna Duck was a member of the Under 12 Gold team and Mary-Anne Toole and Danielle Tomadini were members of the Under 14 Blue team.

St Patrick's players Gai Ryan, Roz Knight and Henny Oldenhove were members of the ACT Women's Veterans' team.

St Patrick's male players to represent the ACT in 1993 were: Sean O'Brien ACT Senior Indoor team; Russell Cornish ACT Under 18, Under 21 and ACT Academy; Brendon Colquhoun Under 21, ACT Academy and Lakers Squad; Rod Burgess, Brad McAleenan and Wayne Blazejczyk were members of the Lakers Squad; Andrew Fitzpatrick ACT Under 18, Under 21, ACT Academy and ACT Under 19 Indoor. Terry Deane and Iggy Dzuibinski were both members of the 0/50 Veterans' team and David Kerslake was selected in the State Veterans team.

ACT Hockey Association awards were given to a number of St Patrick's players. Lisa Powell was awarded the outstanding player at the Senior Championships, Susan Ford was given the Under 21 Award for outstanding contribution to ACT Women's Hockey. Susan Brown was the Club winner in the McKay Medal count and Rod Burgess was the Club winner in the Brophy Medal count and Player of the Month award for April. Wayne Blazejczyk was a member of the Team of the Year. Andrew Fitzpatrick was given the Under 21 Award for contribution to hockey at Association and club level.

Socially, a decision was made by the Club coach, Wayne Blazejczyk, that players would be expected to attend after match functions at the Hockey Centre if the teams were playing at the Associations grounds at Lyneham and if the teams were playing at the Bruce grounds the players were expected to attend the Belconnen Soccer Club, one of St Patrick's sponsors. This is one way to ensure continued financial assistance from the Soccer Club. If players did not turn up fines would be imposed and this money was put aside to help finance the end of season trip.

CHAPTER 17 1994: PART 11 - IN THE BEGINNING...

The 1994 season is under way at the time of writing this history and by the time it is read the performance of St Patrick's in 1994 will be a matter of history. The scene is set for the continual revival of the Club and having entered its fortieth-first year the Club could well do with more support from its members not only those who are currently on its playing lists but all of those who over the years have put on the green and white and played for St Patrick's.

Already in this next phase of its life St Patrick's has again experienced some of its happiest and sadest moments. On the happy side, Lisa and Triny Powell were included in the Australian Women's Team and have played Tests against India and South Africa. Lisa was a member of the successful Australian Women's Hockey team that won the World Cup in Dublin in July 1994.

St Patrick's also suffered the loss of one of its greatest players from the past. Jim Gallagher died on 6 June 1994. During his life Jim had been involved in every aspect of hockey in ACT. He was not only one of the best players to have pulled on the Green and White shirt. He was the first winner of the ACT Hockey Association's Brophy Medal. Jim was also a successful coach and one of the best umpires in this town. Jim coached St Patrick's to at least two A1 Grade premierships and he also coached some of the Club's under age teams.

Jim was also a very competent administrator and held the positions of Secretary from 1957 to 1963 and President from 1965 to 1968. At the same time he held positions on the ACT Hockey Association and was awarded life membership of that organisation in 1968. Jim's organisational skills were well known outside of Canberra and he became manager of the NSW Senior team. But all these achievements aside Jim was a good friend. St Patrick's will miss you, Jim.

What ever poor performances have been put in by St Patrick's in particular seasons, it has never lost its A1 grading in the men's competition since it was promoted to A1 grade in 1955 and hopefully it will not loose that grading while it remains in existence.

APPENDIX 1

LIFE MEMBERS OF ST PATRICK'S HOCKEY CLUB

1958	Father Barney Lynch
1963	Bin Forner
1964	Jim Gallagher (Deceased)
1967	Brian Colquhoun
1969	Les Gallagher
1970	Leon Gerathy
1973	Bill Powell
1975	Maurice Cummins
1976	Peter Elliott
1981	Jim MacKenzie
1983	John Colquhoun
1984	Max Donato
1992	Michael Trevethan
1997	Helen Schultz (nee Stewart)

ST PATRICK'S HOCKEY CLUB EXECUTIVES

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1954	Fr B. Lynch	L. Gallagher	J. Fisher
1955	Fr B. Lynch	L. Gallagher	H. Hillary
1956	Fr E. Bourke	L. Gallagher	J. Curtin
1957	Fr B. Lynch	J. Gallagher	J. Fisher
1958	Fr B. Lynch	J. Gallagher	J. Fisher
1959	Fr B. Lynch	J. Gallagher	J. Fisher & B. Forner
1960	Fr B. Lynch	J. Gallagher	B. Forner
1961	Fr B. Lynch	J. Gallagher	C. Sloan
1962	Fr B. Lynch	J. Gallagher	C. Sloan
1963	Fr B. Lynch	J. Gallagher	C. Sloan
1964	Fr B. Lynch	W. Powell	C. Sloan
1965	J. Gallagher	W. Powell	G. Willemsen
1966	J. Gallagher	W. Powell	E. Roots
1967	J. Gallagher	W. Powell	
1968	J. Gallagher	W. Powell	B. Forner
1969	L. Gallagher	P. Webber	B. Forner
1970	L. Gallagher	M. McGinley	C. Kish
1971	L. Gallagher	C. Sloan	R. Allen
1972	L. Gallagher	W. Powell	E. Roots & J. Watts
1973	C. Sloan	W. Powell	J. Watts
1974	C. Sloan	W. Powell	B. Thomas
1975	C. Sloan	P. Elliott	B. Thomas
1976	W. Powell	B. Bowen	R. Divett
1977	W. Powell	A. Sheehy	R. Divett
1978	C. W. Colquhoun	P. Elliott	M. Rutling
1979	B. Colquhoun	W. Powell	M. Rutling
1980	B. Colquhoun	W. Powell	M. Rutling
1981	B. Colquhoun	G. Kochel	P. Elliott
1982	B. Colquhoun	G. Kochel	E. Fernandes
1983	B. Colquhoun	G. Kochel	R. McIntosh
1984	G. Kochel	M. Evans	M. Donato
1985	G. Kochel	M. Evans	G. Colquhoun
1986	W. Powell	M. Evans	G. Colquhoun
1987	W. Powell	M. Evans	G. Colquhoun
1988	W. Powell	J. Smith & N. Gay	P. Gillard
1989	W. Powell	E. Mickleburgh	P. Nicholls
1990	W. Powell	E. Mickelburgh	W. Gallagher
1991	P. Elliott	G. Ball	W. Gallagher

1992	P. Elliott	J. Fitzpatrick	A. Nixon
1993	P. Elliott	J. Fitzpatrick	A. Nixon
1994	P. Elliott	J. Fitzpatrick	A. Nixon

APPENDIX 3

ST PATRICK'S HOCKEY CLUB TROPHY WINNERS

1954

BEST AND FAIREST

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Peter Thompson

1955

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Jim Curtin

BEST AND FAIREST - A RESERVE GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Eddie Bourke.

1956

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Jim Gallagher

BEST AND FAIREST - A RESERVE GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Kevin Mulchay

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - John Colquhoun

1957

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Jim Gallagher

BEST AND FAIREST - A RESERVE GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Eddie Roots

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Brian Colquhoun

1958

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - John Fisher

BEST AND FAIREST - A RESERVE GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Geoff Fisher

BEST AND FAIREST - B GRADE

Mick Trevethan Trophy - Fr. Prendegast

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Laurie Parkes.

1959

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Jim Gallagher
MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Les Gallagher
BEST AND FAIREST - A RESERVE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - John Colquhoun
BEST AND FAIREST - B GRADE
Mick Trevethan Trophy - Mick Ahearn
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Eddie Roots

1960

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Brian Colquhoun
MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE
Fr. O'Donnell Trophy - M. Cummins
BEST AND FAIREST - A RESERVE GRADE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - George Wyer
BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Mick Trevethan Trophy - Geoff Fisher
BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE
Michael Trevethan
BEST CLUBMAN
Gallagher - Mulchay Trophy - Colin "Cobbs" Colquhoun

1961

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Jim Gallagher
MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Ted Griffin
BEST AND FAIREST - A RESERVE GRADE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - Don Johnstone
BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Mick Trevethan Trophy - Neil Dewhurst
BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE
Vince O'Connor
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Bill Powell
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Leon Gerathy

1962

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - John Colquhoun
MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Jim Gallagher

BEST AND FAIREST - A RESERVE GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Allan Ulrich

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevethan Trophy - Col Stephens

BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE

John Cadona

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Bin Forner

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Don Johnstone

1963

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Jim Gallagher

MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Ted Griffin

BEST AND FAIREST - A RESERVE GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Geoff Fisher

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevethan Trophy - Noel Sloan

BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE

Robert Curran

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Neil Dewhurst

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Bill Powell

1964

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Terry Deane

MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Vince O'Connor

BEST AND FAIREST - A RESERVE GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Brian Colquhoun

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevethan Trophy - Clyde "Blue" Colquhoun

BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE

John Agnew

BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE

John Kurzynski

MOST IMPROVED -C GRADE

Kevin Austin

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Paul Webber

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Terry Pigram

1965

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Maurice Cummins
MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - John Colquhoun
BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - Peter Elliott
MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE
Eddie O'Loughlin
BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Mick Trevethan Trophy - Leon Gerathy
BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE
Mick Dando
BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE
Peter Keane
MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE
Richard Mossop
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Don Kelly
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Vic Previtt

1966

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Clyde Sloan
MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Justin Barwick
BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - M. Johnston
MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE
Tony DeLuca
BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Mick Trevethan Trophy - Neil Dewhurst
BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE
B Woods
BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE
Chris Powell
MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE
D Kennedy
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Jim MacKenzie
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Laurie Parkes

1967

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Clyde Sloan
MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Bill Powell
BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE
Fr. LYNCH TROPHY - Peter Elliott
MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE
Richard Mossop
BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Mick Trevethan Trophy - Mick Hourigan
BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE
Chris Powell
MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE
Neil Hladenki
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher - Mulchay Trophy - Les Gallagher
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Mick Trevethan

1968

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - John Colquhoun
MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Bin Forner
BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - Chris Hobbs
MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE
P. Senior
BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Mick Trevethan Trophy - Alex. Sykes
BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE
Danny Conway
MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE
Tim Elliott
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher - Mulchay Trophy - Frank Csucsy
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Les Gallagher

1969

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Bernie Rodwell
MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Henry Keilich
BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - Mick Hourigan
MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE
Tom Kelly

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE
Cummins Cup - Danny Conway
BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Mick Trevehan Trophy - Mick Halls
BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE
Phillip Jorritsma
MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE
Danny Camilleri
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher - Mulchay Trophy - Mike McGinley
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Jim MacKenzie

1970

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Neil Hladenki
MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Chris Powell
BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - S. Quadraccia
MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE
Chris Timpson
BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE
Cummins Cup - Phillip Jorritsma
BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Mick Trevehan Trophy - Mick Szabo
BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE
Danny Camilleri
MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE
D. Trevato
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher - Mulchay Trophy - Max Donato
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Bin Forner

1971

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Chris Powell
MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Brian Cooper
BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - G Withers
MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE
George Kochel
BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE
Cummins Cup - Mark Humphries
BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevethan Trophy - Leigh Jenkins
BEST AND FAIREST - B2/3 GRADE
John Moore
BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE
John Sykes
MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE
Pat Blake
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Danny Conway
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Maurice Cummins

1972

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Chris Powell
MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Mark Humphries
BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - Leigh Jenkins
MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE
George Kochel
BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE
Cummins Cup - Vince Fisher
BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Mick Trevethan Trophy - Geoff Fisher
BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE
Mick Dando
BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE
T Ward
MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE
M Kennedy
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Brian Bowen
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Ross Divett

1973

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Chris Powell
MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Bruce Sloper
BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - Bob Allan
MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE
D. O'Connor
BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE
Cummins Cup - Mark Blinksell

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Mick Trevethan Trophy - Kevin Hogan
BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE
Tim Elliott
BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE
Brian Thomas
MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE
S Brown
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Bruce Sloper
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Peter Elliott

1974

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Ross Divett
MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Chris Powell
BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - George Kochel
MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE
Kevin Hogan
BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE
Cummins Cup - Tom McAppion
BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Bob Tribe
BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE
David Harris
BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE FIRST TEAM
Ted Griffin
BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE SECOND TEAM
Garry Kennedy
BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE
Brian MacKenzie
MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE
Geoff Colquhoun
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Noel Sloan
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Bill Powell

1975

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Ross McIntosh
MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Henry Keilich
BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Barry Rodwell
MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE
Terry Daly
BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE
Cummins Cup - Arnold Hoitink
BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Mick Trevethan Trophy - Mick Hourigan
BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE
Bob Tribe
BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE
Mike Szabo
BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE
Geoff Colquhoun
MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE
Peter Legge-Wilkinson
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Leigh Jenkins
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Jim Gallagher

1976

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Chris Powell

MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Mark Humphries

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - George Kochel

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Terry Daly

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Cummins Cup - Tony Laudenbach

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevethan Trophy - Mick Harding

BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE

Allan Sloan

BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE

Tony Gallagher

BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE

Anurin White

MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE

Geoff Colquhoun

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Henry Keilich

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Bill Powell Snr.

1977

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Ashley Price

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Max Donato

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Bruce Sloper

MOST EFFECTIVE - A GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Kevin Hogan

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Mark Gallagher

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Tony Laudenbach

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Cummins Cup - Tony McGurgan

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

Peter-John Daley

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevethan Trophy - Tim Elliott

BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE

Michael French

BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE

Brad Grey

MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE

Paul Le Mesurier

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - FIRST TEAM

Helen Stewart

MOST EFFECTIVE - FIRST TEAM

Jan Burgess

BEST AND FAIREST - SECOND TEAM

Margaret Milgate

MOST EFFECTIVE - SECOND TEAM

Annette McGufficke

1978

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

J Powell

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Ross McIntosh

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Mark Humphries

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Mark Evans

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Brian MacKenzie

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Peter Legge-Wilkinson

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

Cummins Cup - G Rowan

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

Michael Colquhoun

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevethan Trophy - D O'Connor

BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE

Michael French

BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE

Tony Nixon

MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE

K Rolfe

BEST AND FAIREST - C2 GRADE

M Conway

MOST IMPROVED - C2 GRADE

G Grey

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - H Wilson

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Jo. Cummins

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

B Wallace

BEST AND FAIREST - A4 GRADE

G. Suggett

MOST IMPROVED - A4 GRADE

R. Woodbury

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

C. Price

MOST IMPROVED - B1 GRADE

B. Jamison

BEST CLUB LADY

J Rogers

1979

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Bill Powell

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Chris Powell

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Ross McIntosh

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - George Kochel

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Brian MacKenzie

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

G. Grey

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Cummins Cup - A. Anderson

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

W Tankey

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevehan Trophy - Allan Sloan

BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE

H. Wilson

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Jim Stewart

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Helen Stewart

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

M. Stevens

BEST AND FAIREST - A4 GRADE

G. Suggett

MOST IMPROVED - A4 GRADE

T. O'Toole

BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE

W. Woodman

MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE

M. Ballard

BEST CLUB LADY

R Stopford

1980

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

John Colquhoun

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Chris Powell

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Ross McIntosh

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - B Wallace

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Craig Sloan

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

Mark Devine

MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18 GRADE

Andrew Deane

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Cummins Cup - Geoff Colquhoun

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

A. Butkus

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Treveltham Trophy - Allan Sloan

BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE

Tony Nixon

BEST AND FAIREST - C1 GRADE

D. Smith

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Beryl Colquhoun

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

T. O'Toole

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

S. Evans

BEST AND FAIREST - A4 GRADE

Jo Cummins

MOST IMPROVED - A4 GRADE

R. Nixon

BEST CLUB LADY

S. Barber

1981

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

S. Barber

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Ross McIntosh

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Barry Rodwell

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - G. Blowes

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

W. Tankey

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

Mark Devine

MOST IMPROVED UNDER 18 GRADE

P. Evans

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Cummins Cup - Mark Blinksell

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

G. Grey

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevehan Trophy - Tony Nixon

BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE

D. LeMesurier

BEST AND FAIREST - C1 GRADE

Tim Elliott

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - G. Armstrong

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

C. Price

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

J. Carroll

BEST AND FAIREST - A4 GRADE

S. Leckie

MOST IMPROVED - A4 GRADE

C. Stephenson

1982

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

George Kochel

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Chris Powell

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Kevin Hogan

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE (WHITE TEAM)

Fr Lynch Trophy - Geoff Colquhoun

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE (WHITE TEAM)

A. Proctor

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE (GREEN TEAM)

B. Evans

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE (GREEN TEAM)

Andrew Deane

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

Craig Sloan

MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18 GRADE

Andrew Aldons

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Cummins Cup - G. Dane

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

Tony Nixon

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevehan Trophy - Mick Hourigan

BEST AND FAIREST - C1 GRADE

Eric Firth

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Mark Evans

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

J. Colquhoun

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

L. Richardson

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Helen Stewart

MOST IMPROVED - B1 GRADE

Lynda Colquhoun

BEST AND FAIREST - C1 GRADE

P. Goodwin

MOST IMPROVED - C1 GRADE

Margaret Powell

BEST CLUB LADY

Helen Stewart

1983

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Mrs Josie Powell & Mrs Maureen Rodwell

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Chris Powell

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Roland Krikowa

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Phillip Evans

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Andrew Aldons

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

Andrew Deane

MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18 GRADE

Craig Sloan

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Cummins Cup - Michael Colquhoun

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

Steve Hill

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Trad Wallace

BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE

Bruce Sloper

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Brian Evans

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Helen Stewart

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Robyn Nixon

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

June Osland

MOST IMPROVED - B1 GRADE

Lynda Colquhoun

BEST AND FAIREST - C1 GRADE

Val Harding

MOST IMPROVED - C1 GRADE

Meg Stewart

BEST CLUB LADY

Pam Goodwin

INDOOR

BEST AND FAIREST

Bill Powell Memorial Trophy - Ross McIntosh

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Chris Powell

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Chris Powell

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell trophy - Mark Evans

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Bill Tankey

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Mark Devine

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

Andrew Aldons

MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18 GRADE

Scott Kovac

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Cummins Cup - Geoff Grey

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

David Smith

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevethan Trophy - Anthony Prykeil

BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE

Bruce Sloper

BEST AND FAIREST - C1 GRADE

Scott Fitzpatrick

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Mark Gallagher

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Lisa Powell

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Susan Brown

BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE

Jeannine Smith

MOST IMPROVED - B2 GRADE

Triny Powell

UNDER 18 ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Dearne Durnan

BEST CLUB LADY

Aileen Richards

INDOOR

BEST AND FAIREST

Bill Powell Memorial Trophy - Chris Powell.

1985

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Max Donato

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Mark Evans

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell trophy - Rohan Wong

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Mark Devine

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Steve Hill

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

Andrew Aldons

MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18 GRADE

Craig Toole

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Cummins cup - Tony Nixon

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

Chris Mee

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Ces Mikola

BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE

Eric Firth

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - John Lane

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - AR GRADE

Stacey Tanner

MOST IMPROVED - AR GRADE

Kate Gainer

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Aileen Richards

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

Jeannine Smith

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Jenny Snashall

MOST IMPROVED - B1 GRADE

Wendy Keeley

BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE

Sandra O'Shea

MOST IMPROVED - B3 GRADE

Vanya LeMesurier

BEST CLUB LADY

Beryl Colquhoun

INDOOR

BEST AND FAIREST

Bill Powell Memorial Trophy - Ross McIntosh

1986

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Geoff Colquhoun

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Mark Evans

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Kevin Hogan

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Dietmar Koeck

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Brian MacKenzie

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

Jason Toole

MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18 GRADE

Darren Thomas

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Cummins Cup - Dave Lowrey

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

Dave LeMesurier

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevethan Trophy - Dave Smith

BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE

Ray Monico

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Steve Hill

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - AR GRADE

Triny Powell

MOST IMPROVED - AR GRADE

Jenny Snashall

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Bronwyn O'Meara

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

Bronwyn Griffiths

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Sally McNeill

MOST IMPROVED - B1 GRADE

Karen Johnson

BEST AND FAIREST - B2 GRADE

Amanda Sheaves

MOST IMPROVED - B2 GRADE

Bernadette Garrity

BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE

Val Harding

MOST IMPROVED - B3 GRADE

Njari Richards
UNDER 18 ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
Nicole Gribbi
BEST CLUB LADY
Jeannine Smith

INDOOR
BEST AND FAIREST
Bill Powell Memorial Trophy - Ross McIntosh.

1987

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Mark Evans

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Zane Hall

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Mark Taylor

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE
Fr. Lynch Trophy - Brian Evans

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE
Michael Colquhoun

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18
Mark Straker

MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18
Jason Toole

BEST AND FAIREST - A4 GRADE
Tony Nixon

MOST IMPROVED - A4 GRADE
Stephen Mee

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE
Mick Trevethan Trophy - Trad Wallace

BEST AND FAIREST - C1 GRADE
Ray Monico

BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Mark Taylor

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE
Megan Mitropoulis

MOST IMPROVED - A1 GRADE
Triny Powell

BEST AND FAIREST - AR GRADE
Bronwyn O'Meara

MOST IMPROVED - AR GRADE
Clare Stanwix

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE
Karen Johnston

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

Rebecca Wisener

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Kim Keir

MOST IMPROVED - B1 GRADE

Susan Ford

BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE

Cindy Devine

MOST IMPROVED - B3 GRADE

Michelle Lowe

UNDER 18 ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Kelly Carlon

BEST CLUB LADY

Jeannine Smith

INDOOR

BEST AND FAIREST

Bill Powell Memorial Trophy - Peter McNally

1988

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Helen Stewart

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Andrew Aldons

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Peter McNally

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - C. Toole

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Michael Colquhoun

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

T. Casey

MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18 GRADE

Andrew Fitzpatrick

BEST AND FAIREST - A3 GRADE

Cummins Cup - Tony Nixon

MOST IMPROVED - A3 GRADE

A Proctor

BEST AND FAIREST - B1 GRADE

Mick Trevethan Trophy - A. White

MOST IMPROVED - B1 GRADE

Steven Colquhoun

BEST AND FAIREST - C1 GRADE

P. Kirkham

MOST IMPROVED - C1 GRADE

Mike Trevethan Jnr.

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Ed Mickleburgh

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - FIRST GRADE

Jenny Natali and Lisa Powell

MOST IMPROVED - FIRST GRADE

Triny Powell

BEST AND FAIREST - SECOND GRADE

Kelly Carlon

MOST IMPROVED - SECOND GRADE

Bronwyn Griffith

BEST AND FAIREST - THIRD GRADE

K. Jolliffe

MOST IMPROVED - THIRD GRADE

K. Gainer

BEST AND FAIREST - FIFTH GRADE

Michelle Carlon

MOST IMPROVED - FIFTH GRADE

A. Hicking

BEST AND FAIREST - SIXTH GRADE

T. Cornish

MOST IMPROVED - SIXTH GRADE

L. Spiteri

BEST AND FAIREST - SEVENTH GRADE

N-L Neindorf

UNDER 18 ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Vicky Pereyra

BEST CLUB LADY

Helen Stewart

INDOOR

BEST AND FAIREST

Bill Powell Memorial Trophy - Peter McNally

1989

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Dom Galloway

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - W. Gallagher

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Michael Colquhoun

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - W. Murdoch

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Brendon Colquhoun
BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE
T. Casey
MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18 GRADE
Russell Cornish
BEST AND FAIREST - A4 GRADE
Tony Nixon
MOST IMPROVED - A4 GRADE
Steven Colquhoun
BEST AND FAIREST - C1 GRADE
Mike Trevethan Jnr
MOST IMPROVED - C1 GRADE
A. Rothnie
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - B Casey Snr

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - FIRST GRADE
Triny Powell
MOST IMPROVED - FIRST GRADE
Elissa Galvin
BEST AND FAIREST - SECOND GRADE
Michelle Powell
MOST IMPROVED - SECOND GRADE
Michelle Carlon
BEST AND FAIREST - THIRD GRADE
T. Cornish
MOST IMPROVED - THIRD GRADE
A. Beckinsale
BEST AND FAIREST - FIFTH GRADE
W. Keeley
MOST IMPROVED - FIFTH GRADE
Jessica Whitlock
BEST AND FAIREST - SIXTH GRADE
T. Arnall
MOST IMPROVED - SIXTH GRADE
Christine Rowsell
BEST AND FAIREST - SEVENTH GRADE
D. Slater
MOST IMPROVED - SEVENTH GRADE
L. Randell
UNDER 18 ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
Susan Ford
BEST CLUB LADY
Joan Fitzpatrick

INDOOR

BEST AND FAIREST
Bill Powell Memorial Trophy - Stephen Hill

1990

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Kate Hobbs and Kevin Hogan

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Brendon Colquhoun

MOST EFFECTIVE - A1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - D. Koeck

BEST AND FAIREST - A2 GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - N. Clancy

MOST IMPROVED - A2 GRADE

Andrew Fitzpatrick

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

Russell Cornish

MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18 GRADE

M. Crozier

BEST AND FAIREST - A4 GRADE

C. Mikola

MOST IMPROVED - A4 GRADE

Scott Fitzpatrick

BEST AND FAIREST - B3 GRADE

G. Seivers

MOST IMPROVED - B3 GRADE

G. Nagy

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Mike Trevethan Jnr

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - FIRST GRADE

Triny Powell

MOST IMPROVED - FIRST GRADE

Vicky Pereyra

BEST AND FAIREST - SECOND GRADE

Michelle Powell

MOST IMPROVED - SECOND GRADE

Clare Stanwix

BEST AND FAIREST - THIRD TEAM

M. Moss

MOST IMPROVED - THIRD TEAM

Kate Norris

BEST AND FAIREST - FOURTH TEAM

Cindy Devine

MOST IMPROVED - FOURTH TEAM

B. Brown

BEST AND FAIREST - FIFTH TEAM

A. Geiss

MOST IMPROVED - FIFTH TEAM

M. Quinn
UNDER 18 ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Alison Reis
BEST CLUB LADY
Joan Fitzpatrick

INDOOR
BEST AND FAIREST
Bill Powell Memorial Trophy - B. Evans

1991

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Tony Nixon

MEN
BEST AND FAIREST - CL1 GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - N. Clancy
MOST EFFECTIVE - CL1 GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Michael Colquhoun
BEST AND FAIREST - CL1R GRADE
Mike Trevethan Jnr.
MOST IMPROVED - CL1R GRADE
M. Crosier
BEST AND FAIREST - A4 GRADE
C. Mikola
MOST IMPROVED - A4 GRADE
G. Seivers
BEST AND FAIREST - C1 GRADE
G. Lambert
MOST IMPROVED - C1 GRADE
Chris Trevethan
BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE
Andrew Fitzpatrick
MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18 GRADE
G. Johns
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulcahy Trophy - Mike Trevethan Jnr.

WOMEN
BEST AND FAIREST - FIRST GRADE
Triny Powell
MOST IMPROVED - FIRST GRADE
Alison Reis
BEST AND FAIREST - SECOND GRADE
Michelle Carlon
MOST IMPROVED - SECOND GRADE
M. Moss
BEST AND FAIREST - THIRD GRADE

Melinda Ford
MOST IMPROVED - THIRD GRADE
Olivia Rodwell
BEST AND FAIREST - FIFTH GRADE
N. Dodds
MOST IMPROVED - FIFTH GRADE
W. Keeley and L. Randell
BEST AND FAIREST - SEVENTH GRADE
R. James
MOST IMPROVED - SEVENTH GRADE
M. Quinn and Jenny Ford
UNDER 18 ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
Kate Norris
BEST CLUB LADY
Julie Pope

INDOOR
BEST AND FAIREST
Bill Powell Memorial Trophy - E. Gallagher.

1992

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Lisa Powell

MEN
BEST AND FAIREST - CL1 GRADE
Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Brendon Colquhoun
MOST EFFECTIVE - CL1 GRADE
Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Nick Clancy
BEST AND FAIREST - CL1R GRADE
Fr Lynch Trophy - Ben Casey
MOST IMPROVED - CL1R GRADE
James Chudleigh
BEST AND FAIREST - A4 GRADE
Jim Stewart
MOST IMPROVED - A4 GRADE
Chris Trevethan
BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE
Trad Wallace
MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE
Chris Lucas
BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE
Russell Cornish
MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18 GRADE
Andrew Fitzpatrick
BEST CLUB MAN
Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Jim Stewart

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - FIRST GRADE

Helen McIntosh

MOST IMPROVED - FIRST GRADE

Alison Reis

BEST AND FAIREST - THIRD GRADE

Roz Knight

MOST IMPROVED - THIRD GRADE

Mel Knight

BEST AND FAIREST - SIXTH GRADE

Helen Stewart

MOST IMPROVED - SIXTH GRADE

Helen Miller

BEST AND FAIREST - SEVENTH GRADE

Elanore Pringle

MOST IMPROVED - SEVENTH GRADE

Sian Smith

BEST AND FAIREST - EIGHTH GRADE

Jenny Ford

MOST IMPROVED - EIGHTH GRADE

Christine Rowsell

UNDER 18 ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Jessica Whitlock

BEST CLUB LADY

Bronwyn O'Meara

INDOOR

BEST AND FAIREST

Bill Powell Memorial Trophy - Stephen Hill

1993

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Michael Colquhoun

MEN

BEST AND FAIREST - CL1 GRADE

Brian Colquhoun Trophy - Dietmar Koeck

MOST EFFECTIVE - CL1 GRADE

Fr. S. O'Donnell Trophy - Eric Gallagher

BEST AND FAIREST - CL1R GRADE

Fr. Lynch Trophy - Mark Gallagher

MOST IMPROVED - CL1R GRADE

Andy White

BEST AND FAIREST - A5 GRADE

Andrew Proctor

MOST IMPROVED - A5 GRADE

Jonothon Learmonth

BEST AND FAIREST - C GRADE

Trad Wallace

MOST IMPROVED - C GRADE

David Fisher

BEST AND FAIREST - UNDER 18 GRADE

Russell Cornish

MOST IMPROVED - UNDER 18 GRADE

Chris Trevehan

BEST CLUB MAN

Gallagher-Mulchay Trophy - Pat Maloney

WOMEN

BEST AND FAIREST - FIRST GRADE

Susan Brown

MOST IMPROVED - FIRST GRADE

Camille Carberry

BEST AND FAIREST - SECOND GRADE

Gai Ryan

MOST IMPROVED - SECOND GRADE

Anne Beckinsale

BEST AND FAIREST - FOURTH GRADE

Robyn Jamieson

MOST IMPROVED - FOURTH GRADE

Carolyn Hourigan

BEST AND FAIREST - FIFTH GRADE

Cindy Devine

MOST IMPROVED - FIFTH GRADE

Cathy Affleck

BEST AND FAIREST - SIXTH GRADE

Megan Crockford

MOST IMPROVED - SIXTH GRADE

Christine Rowsell
UNDER 18 ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
Sian Smith
BEST CLUB LADY
Susan Ford and Anne Beckinsale

JULIE POPE TROPHY
Ford Family

INDOOR
BEST AND FAIREST - SUPER 8
Bill Powell Memorial Trophy - Stephen Hill

BEST AND FAIREST - A1 GRADE
Jason Toole and Andrew Fitzpatrick

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