



**TROPHY
PRESENTATION
&
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 13TH
2007**

Bellbowrie Hockey Club Management Committee 2008

The Bellbowrie Hockey Club Management Committee of 2007 would like to welcome you to the Annual General Meeting and Trophy Presentation Day.

We wish to thank you all for a great season of terrific hockey, magnificent support and lots of fun and friendship.

The format of this celebration will be:

4.00-5.15pm Junior Presentations

5.15 — 5.45pm AGM

5.45—6.15pm Senior Presentations

6.15pm onwards Celebration Dinner

Thank you

Bellbowrie Hockey Club Management Committee 2007

President:	Nick Harris
Vice President:	Charlotte Knowlman
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Girls Coordinator:	Julie Ellet
Fund Raising Coordinator:	Cath Depree/Karen Dolan/Robyn Schultz/ Karen Roberts
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Publicity Officer:	Shannon Norton
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IHA Junior Delegates:	Barry Chamberlain & Karen Dolan
Sports & Rec Delegate:	Jeff Holliman
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BHC COMMITTEE ROLES

PRESIDENT: Does what all good presidents do—delegates, No not really, this position is the one that keeps BHC on track, chairs our monthly meetings, liaises with IHA when required and generally ensures a smooth running of our club.

VICE PRESIDENT: A great support person for the club, pitching in to whatever is required, running meetings in the absence of the president

SECRETARY: Usually the first point of call for all correspondence for the club, general organization of the paperwork

MINUTE SECRETARY: Takes the minutes at the monthly meetings and distributes them to the committee for action etc

TREASURER: Keeps track of all the financial workings of the club, fees, accounts etc

LADIES COORDINATOR: generally assists coaches and manages to ensure teams have players, point of contact between Ladies and the committee

MENS/BOYS COORDINATOR Ensures all things run smoothly for the fellas

GIRLS COORDINATOR Assists coaches and manages with the running of the girls teams

SPORT & REC DELEGATE Liaises between the club and the sports & rec management

FUND RAISING COORDINATOR this can be a joint role to ensure that the club will have funds to purchase uniforms, run development and coaching days etc. organization and enthusiasm is a trademark

UNIFORM OFFICER busy at both ends of the season with the distribution and collection of uniforms. Assists in organizing gear

EQUIPMENT OFFICER collects and assesses equipment needs, distributes to teams at the start of season

TROPHY COORDINATOR organizes the trophies for presentation day

PUBLICITY OFFICER hounds coaches to write reports, publishes the short corner and assists in the pre season sign up coordination

IHA DELEGATES attends IHA meetings and reports to BHC committee (usually once per month but having 2 people is great)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The year has been a very good one for Bellbowrie Hockey Club with not only an expansion of the club but also some excellent results. There has generally been a steady improvement in playing standard over the season with a few of the teams having a bit of a hesitant start but continually improving throughout the year. This can generally be attributed to two items that the Club should be proud of. We have had some great input from coaches through the season, I strongly encourage anyone that is interested in coaching to attend the coaching clinic at Ipswich, and the development of the teams has benefited from a good turn out at the clinic earlier on in the year. The second attribute that the club should be proud of is the team spirit; this has certainly helped the various teams improve over the course of the year and for the teams to achieve to their maximum potential. This really showed up in the improvements in results as the season progressed demonstrating not only an improvement but an improvement over that achieved by the other clubs.

Congratulations to the U11 and U13 Grade girls teams for their great efforts in progressing through so far into the final series, it has been a brilliant effort to achieve so highly. I am confident that we have a superb base for building the club into a real force over the coming years with the skills and talent that we have in our junior ranks to re-enforce the already strong Ladies teams that have also achieved some great results this year.

The mens teams have shown some good results and have expanded to two teams under Norm Hollimans' leadership but do need to take a leaf out of the Junior teams books and have the majority of team players attend every training session in order to really benefit from the coaching activities.

Specialist coaching for the goalies was a great bonus this season and certainly added to my limited knowledge on goal keeping, thank you to Karen Roberts for organising this.

A special thanks must go to all the coaches, managers and especially the committee members that have worked so hard over the season to make all of this possible, many thanks for all your hard work.

The final word on teams must however go to the U15 boys team, what a brilliant effort to take out the Premiership this season, congratulations boys on such a special effort it really was great to watch (please don't take it to drop offs in the semis next time, a lot of people lost hair or gained a few grey ones!). Well done and keep up the effort and well done to the coaches and managers.

Lastly thank you to Angela and Robyn who have both been outstanding members of the committee over recent times and are stepping down this year, your efforts are really appreciated.

Regards

Nick Harris.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Please accept my apologies for being unable to attend this year's annual general meeting.

This year we ran at a small loss and after final adjustments for some outstanding accounts, should commence the season with approx \$10,000 in funds. We saw an increase once again in the number of players signing up; however most of the increased amount of fees received was offset by the corresponding increased costs to the IH A. We purchased a

large number of new uniforms again this season but this has ensured that the club is certainly well recognised.

Fundraising profits were down from previous years with the chocolate drive providing most of the profit. Proceeds from Trivia Night once again were paid towards sponsoring Virutchikaa through World Vision.

I shall be stepping down from Treasurer and would like to take this opportunity to comment on the enthusiasm and professionalism of the management committee in all their efforts to promote the club and encourage players from the youngest minkey to the oldest veteran. Bellbowrie is privileged to have a large number of hardworking members and I wish them success in their future endeavours to ensure Bellbowrie remains the fantastic club it is.

Angela Gramenz

Boys Co-ordinator Report 2007 :

In the 2007 season two boys teams participated in the IHA competition, our resident U15 boys team and the newly formed U11 Boys team culminating in both teams making the finals playoffs. Both boys teams finished the season strongly winning the tough games at the right times and enjoying the results.

U11 E GRADE Boys:

These boys finished the competition in 3rd spot and were a credit to the club as they fought through many games the hard way, usually with no subs or less than the full team on the field especially in the first half of the season.

We started the season with 11 players, had a few injuries to players through out the season (not a result of playing hockey I might add), but the boys persevered. It took till July before the boys put there first win on the board, but they had being drawing games with teams regularly up to that day so a few points were starting to build.

It was also this game that 3 of our Minkey/Mod Players fronted up to play on the big field to help out with player numbers for the rest of the season, and the boys were very grateful for Daniel, Jake & Tanguy efforts on the field.

The team then got a boost of 2 new players late in the season adding some extra oomph to the forward line and usually 11 players on the field for the last few games.

The boys then won the last fixture game of the season which pushed the team into 4th spot for the first time that year, and into the finals playoffs, talk about leave it to the last moment.

Then came the game of the year, the semi finals win over North's, but not until the game had went through to 5 a side drop-offs and 97 minutes later the boys scored, all those long games early in the season paid off in the fitness stakes and the toughness to never give up!

The boys then played Bremer for a shot at the finals, and while the boys played well in that game, they just missed the mark to finish the attacks with goals and hence proudly bowed out of the final in 3rd spot.

This was a good result for a team who have never played hockey together and was formed from 3 club hockey players (Zac & Jesse Hoyland, Kyle Dolan), 5 last years Minkey/mod players (Ben Dodd, Sam & Will Robertson, Aaron Moser, Bailey Hoyland), 3 novice players (Jonty Jones, Will Griffin, Keegan Huxley) & 2 school based players (Alex & Max Clissold). Some of these boys also stepped up and helped out in the U15 boy's side as field players & goalies, even managing to score a goal for the older boy's team and repel many more.

Chocolate Wrapper – Oops Wrap Up

181 boxes of chocolates were received – 176 boxes at \$24 each and 5 boxes free. The cost to the club was \$4244.00 and our total profit should be \$4464.00

Thank you to all who ate and sold chocolates, specially Karen Roberts & the Chamberlain and Holliman families who are either very good sales people or just have a big chocolate addiction.

The job of sorting, distributing and then collecting chocolate money was huge and thanks to all those who helped – this is the major fundraiser for the club but once again the same reliable people seemed to dig deep in helping in different ways. The monies raised benefits all so everyone needs to pitch in!

Next year we will need to put some guidelines in to ensure this runs more smoothly and we don't have so many people selling heaps & heaps of boxes and others selling none!

Maybe its also time we had a few non chocolate fundraisers spread out through the year... several different things have been suggested – including maybe forming a committee for fundraising as many hands make light work. So if you think you'd like to help raise some money, have fun and meet more club members please put your name forward at the AGM.

Karen Dolan

Karen Robert's was tireless in her effort to assist the club this year. As Women's coordinator she undertook a huge job and did it with amazing enthusiasm and organization. In addition to this role though she kept plugging away with her many fund raising projects. Entertainment books, powervball, raffles, stubby coolers etc etc were all under Karen's control and we thank her for her great efforts.

Thanks also to Charlotte who had the "onerous" job to select and coordinate the wine drive. Our cellars and the club have been improved by your efforts.

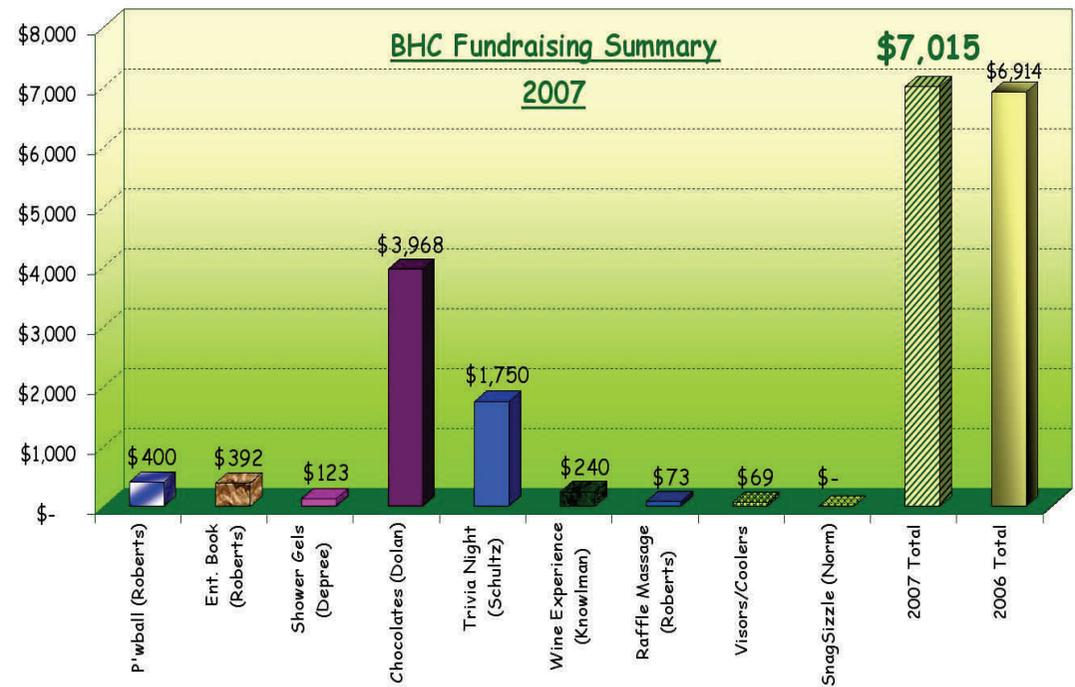
Cath Depree coordinated our first fund raiser and many of our clubbies are sweeter smelling for her coordination of the Shower Gels.

Norm has promised us a Sausage Sizzle "at a Bunnings near you" to round off the year's fund raising.

Thank you to all who supported Bellbowrie this year.

FUNDRAISING COORDINATORS:

Fund raising is becoming a vital part of the club’s existence. As we strive to provide the best playing, training and development opportunities for our members the resulting costs increase each year. In order to keep involvement in hockey at an affordable level for individuals and families we will come to rely on our fund raising efforts more into the future. As you can see from Karen Robert’s snazzy chart below we had a number of small projects and two major events to assist this years funding. The chocolate drive is by far our best avenue for fund raising and I would encourage all members to really get behind this yummy project.



Trivia Night: This night has two aims. Firstly to be a fun night for club members to get to know each other and their family and friends. The competitive streak so evident on the hockey field is never far below the surface though and some members will go to any length to be triumphant. While Fun is our main priority this year we excelled in our second aim, to provide funding for the sponsorship of our World Vision Tsunami Victim, Viirutchikaa. Bellbowrie exhibits it's wonderful community spirit through it's sponsorship of this child and our open invitation Development Day. This year we raised \$1745. Thanks again to the terrific businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes for the night. Well done everyone and start studying for next year.

Robyn Schultz

These boys exceeded all expectations of the Coaches especially considering they were playing teams who have been playing together for several years; this was demonstrated by the boys regularly leading the opposition at the half time break but simply ran out of legs and players in the second half.

IHA Representative Duties saw 7 players selected in the 2 Ipswich teams to play in the Coulter Shield:- Zac & Jesse Hoyland & Keegan Huxley in the 1st side and Jonty Jones, Sam Robertson & William Griffin in the 2nd Side. Kyle Dolan was also selected but his broken collarbone kept him from taking his place in the squad. Zac Hoyland was also selected & played in the U12 Met West School Boy side.

Thank-you to the boys for making it a memorial year, and to the parents and supporters for helping the boys through those hard early games from the sidelines, it did get more exciting at the end of the season. A special thanks to Marg Hoyland our Manageress who dealt with all the paperwork and moneys and Norm Holliman for training & coaching the boys throughout the season.

U13 D GRADE Boys:
 Just because we didn't have a team this year, didn't deter Shaun Pratt our only U13 boy from having one huge year of Hockey. Shaun was loaned to West's so he could continue playing hockey in his own age group U13. So Shaun played the centre half position for most of the year and went through with the West's team to win the Premiership for this year. Still feeling relatively fresh from his earlier win that morning he then fronted up to the U15 Grand final game as a sub, as he has done all season when he was able to help out the U15 boys. As usual Shaun put in 100% and at the end of the game had collected another Premiership medal. Naturally Shaun was selected in the No1 IHA team and represented Ipswich in the state championships in Mackay this year. Of course not to make his club hockey season any easier for himself (or his mother) he was also selected for the U12 Met West School boys team. As a result of playing in the School Boys Carnival, Shaun was then selected for the U12 Queensland School Boys Team and represented Qld in Adelaide at the Australian championships in August were Qld finished third. It was a big year of Hockey for Shaun. Congratulations on your achievements.

U15 C GRADE Boys:
 Premiers for 2007, what more can you say! This result has finally broken the long drought of chasing a Premiership, and for some of these boys who have been playing hockey since Minikey/mod & E grade days at the turn of the century, (makes them sound old doesn't it) it is a sweet victory.

The boys started the year with 13 players but lost a player early on and played the rest of the season with 12 players. We had one novice player join the team (Matthias Tay) & one new experienced player (Brendan Gallagher) with the balance of the old Bellbowrie mob (Andrew Pratt Capt, Cameron Cliff V-Capt, Jeremy & Will Dalais, Blair Smith, Tom Douglass, Owen Jonkers, Daniel Midgley, Chris Holliman, Aaron Chamberlain) from last years boys created a good squad for the season to come. The season started as usual with half the boys still playing cricket, then swimming, then Choir, then the Preforming Arts, then Cross Country, then Met West school boy's commitments, then school commitments, then a few new injuries & a

few old niggling injuries that needed managing, but in all these distractions the boys managed to jell into a hardened hockey team and won a good percentage of hockey games, easily being able to maintain 2nd spot throughout the season.

As one of the established Bellbowrie players said, "first time we have a real attacking forward line" and I know he relished & savoured every attacking move into the opposition's goal circle.

The half and back line has always been strong with these boys playing together for many years, only this year they provided the spring board and the ball possession for the forwards to create more organised attacking moves with the halves providing greater support to maintain the attack until the goal was scored.

The boys played the mid season final against West's, with the scores 2 all at full time the game went to 9 a side drop-off in which West's scored. The boys played this game with 3 regulars away, 3 E graders and Alex our regular D grader sub from Bremer. The team had now also developed some depth and commitment to keep the game very even. They even managed to score more goals from Penalty Corners in the later part of the season much to the delight of the supporters.

Semi Finals arrived and the boys crushed West's 6-1, clearly displaying which team is finishing the season strongly and earning the boys a weekend off.

Grand finals came and the boys defeated Hancocks 3-1 in a scrappy 1st half of hockey and then settled into a more consistent hockey game in the 2nd half. It was the 2nd half that the boys improved and took control of the game and the Premiership.

IHA Representative Duties saw 5 players selected in the two Ipswich U15 teams to play in the Coulter Shield and State Championships:- Jeremy & Will Dalais, Cameron Cliff, Aaron Chamberlain, Chris Holliman. Andrew Pratt was also selected but other commitments kept him from playing in Cairns.

Andrew Pratt was also selected & played in the U18 Met West school boy side.

We then had Will Dalais play for the U18 Ipswich No1 team and Jeremy Dalais, Cameron Cliff, Andrew Pratt play for the No2 U18 Ipswich State Championship team which competed in Rockhampton this year. Aaron Chamberlain was also selected for the No2 U18 team but also had other commitments and didn't play.

Will Dalais was also one of 5 players nominated for the IHA Junior Player of the year award. While Will did not win the award it recognises the talent, flare & sportsmanship he has for the game and is a justly deserved recognition.

In amongst their U15 fixture games, the boys also stepped up to help support the two Bellbowrie Men's teams regularly each weekend. In fact a total of 101 times not including the Goalie duties which would bring the tally to a few more.

So the boys had a busy and successful hockey season, enjoying the extra games in the Men's teams and the challenges and experience they gained from playing along side the men. The boys also contributed some goals for the men's teams.

bane in June. Carly Young and Emily Bellingham played in the No. 1 team and Dayle Combes, Elena Moser, Fallon McGowan and Sadie Casey were in the No. 2 team. Carly Young also played the the Metropolitan West School Girls' team for the second year in a row.

E Grade (U11) went from a team of 16 down to 14 early in the season. The girls played some great hockey and continued to improve throughout the season. The team was made up of U11 players from 2006, young girls who had played minkey/modified in 2006 and new players – both experienced and new to the game (these made up a large part of the team).

The girls had a lot of fun and played, possibly their best game, in the preliminary final in which they went down to Thistles. They finished 3rd on the ladder. Due to the large D Grade team there was little opportunity to play up in the older age group this season.

Seven girls were selected to play in Ipswich Representative teams competing at the U11 Southern Cross Carnival. They were: Catherine Harris, Christin Keogh, Elizabeth Jones, Erin Walsh, Hannah Casey, Kristina Somerset and Paige Grulke.

A huge thank you to coach Lyn Grulke, who has brought this team along through the season and taught the girls so much. Thank you also to manager Lauren Casey, who provided support for Lyn throughout the season.

I see this as a very successful season for the Bellbowrie girls' teams. Although no premierships were won, all teams were playing good, and competitive, hockey at the end of the season and they had all made progress throughout the season (thanks again wonderful coaches). Many individuals had started with no hockey experience and have learned to play and love the sport of hockey. Most of the girls had a lot of fun playing hockey, regardless of the score, and I expect to see a high return next year. That will confirm that this was a successful season. One of the more positive aspects for the older girls was the opportunity to play in the women's teams. It was great experience and it gave them the chance to see just how much fun it is playing in the senior teams. I am sure that this will make a difference to the number of girls that return to hockey once they are no longer juniors. 2008 will see roughly half of each team advancing to the next age group and that can only mean 3 strong and enthusiastic Bellbowrie girls' teams.

Go Bellbowrie!!!!

Three cheers for the coaches (all 6 of them)!

Julie Ellett
Girls' Coordinator

GIRLS COORDINATOR:

2007 was a successful season for the Bellbowrie girls, fielding 3 teams of enthusiastic hockey players, who had much fun and consistently improved their hockey skills thanks to the tireless efforts of our wonderful coaches. All teams finished the season strongly, with two teams making it to the preliminary final.

C Grade (U15) started the season with 8 players but eventually had 11 regular players who reliably turned up to training each week and rarely missed a game. Svea Staby and Sarah Johnson, both new to the game, made great progress during the season and are now looking much more comfortable on the hockey field. Lydia Fay arrived to strengthen the back line, making 11, then Alina left and we were down to 10 again. Kari Combes arrived from South Africa, bringing amazing speed to the wing and the girls really began to play as a team. The improvement in game skills and team play, as well as the enthusiasm and camaraderie among the girls contributed to a successful season. They may not have won a game, but they

were never disgraced and managed to hold some of the stronger teams to a draw or to a margin of 1 goal. The enthusiasm of these girls, despite not winning, is a credit to them. Most of the older U13 girls had the chance to make up the numbers and Emily Bellingham, Elena Moser, and Carly Young made regular appearances. Bianca Dolan, Hilary Ironside, Rachael Kelly, Alexandra Bellingham, Kari Combes, Kelly Schoermer and Lydia Fay all had opportunities to play in R1 and R2. Bianca and Hilary became regulars towards the end of the season. Danielle Westerveld stepped up to help A2 out on several occasions and Emily Kelly, our wonderful goalkeeper, played R2 most of the season, usually backing up straight after her C Grade match. The experience gained from playing at the higher level was invaluable for the girls and will contribute to the continuity of the club. Alexandra Bellingham was selected to play in the Ipswich No. 2 U15 team at the State Championships in Bundaberg in June.

Thank you to our wonderful coaches, John Kelly, Peter Westerveld and David Lockwood, who all brought different perspectives and areas of expertise to the team. Their enthusiasm and humour made this a really positive season. A big thank you to Karen Dolan, co-manager, who took charge of the finances, all of the paperwork – including team email every week and birthday cards - and organised fundraising activities and social events. Karen has redefined the role of team manager. Thank you also to Benita Ironside, assistant manager.

D Grade (U13) began the season with about 20 players and ended up with an almost manageable 17. Thank you to coaches, Nick Harris and Karen Roberts, who took on the challenging task of coaching this big group of girls. The girls played well and continued to develop as a team throughout the season. Thank you also to Karen Young, our wonderful manager who was always there and did a fantastic job of managing such a large team. Our first year hockey players, Elsa Beanland, Hayley Van Breda, Rebecca Roux and Zoe McFarland made terrific progress throughout the season. Experienced players Amber Goodwin, Robyn Clarke and Dayle Combes were new to Bellbowrie this year and added strength to a skilled combination from 2006 U13 and U11 girls.

D Grade finished 3rd on the ladder and played a very good preliminary final, going down 3-2 to Collegians. They suffered a narrow defeat to Collegians in the mid-season final earlier in the season. Some wonderful hockey was played during the season and six players were selected to play in the Ipswich Representative teams at U13 State Championships in Bris

Thank-you to the boys for making it a Premiership year, it's a positive way for them to leave the Junior boys grade and move into the Men's competition next year, hopefully to a U18 Comp. To the parents, supporters and even those loud U15 girls thank-you for making more noise than any other group, especially through the Semi and Grand Final games, all the boys, Norm & I thank you for all your support.

To Norm Holliman who has coached these boys from E grade days and has taken the boys through two earlier grand final games without success, I hope the third time and finally a premiership is a sweet reward for all his tireless coaching work he has put in to the development of these boys over the last 7 and more years.

Barry Chamberlain

WOMENS COORDINATOR:

This year BB fielded a team in each of A2, Res2 and Res1 grades with numerous highlights for all teams throughout the season:

A2 ladies finished off strongly, holding competition leaders to 0-0 at half time, reducing loss margins to 2 goals from 8 goals at the beginning and even **WINNING GAMES** against teams in the top 4 to finish the season 6th out of 8!!!

Res2 held a fairly steady position on the points table throughout most of the year, finishing 3rd but unfortunately losing the semi final 3-1 to Easts. We couldn't have done it without relentless enthusiasm and support from our U15s players throughout the season.

Res1 finished the season on that upward ramp to success, climbing back from 6th place in 2nd last round to make the semis and eventually lose the prelim finals 3-2 to Hancocks... next year ladies! Again, we couldn't have done it without the support of our Res2 players and U15s (and U13s) who live and breath hockey.

Shannon Norton was awarded the IHA Reserve Grade Women's Player of the Year (autographs for a limited time only please on presentation day J) Great work Shannon.

Bellbowrie had 6 participants in the women's VETS championships held at Ipswich in July 2007. Congratulations to Trish Harley & Helen Pilatti, who played in the IPI 2 team and were undefeated Premiers, and Roz Bolton, Kathleen Nelson, Susie Carden and Marleen Westerveld who represented BB in the IPI 4 team, who also weren't defeated until towards the end. It's **FANTASTIC** to see BB ladies sparking up conversations, laughing and **RECRUITING** members for 2008 from other clubs ...keep up the great work everyone!

Next year we'll build on these highlights to hopefully field **FOUR** senior women's teams, supported by the huge pool of talented juniors we have coming through the club. The new Women's Selection Policy 2008 will be introduced to provide a development framework for enjoyable competitive and social hockey with the aim of again fielding premiership teams and an A grade side in 2009 (WATCH THIS SPACE J)!!! So talk all your hockey playing friends into registering with Bellbowrie at sign on day on 9th February 2008.

GO STRIKERS!!!!

Karen Roberts, Women's Coordinator

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MENS COORDINATOR:

Bellbowrie men moved forward strongly this year. To start, the number of men who have signed up, this year was 19. Throughout the season this figure became 24. After much discussion at the beginning of season, Bellbowrie hockey club hosted 2 men's teams this year. One of the teams was in reserve grade and the other A2 grade. The two men's teams was boosted with a number of very keen U15 boys playing in both teams.

Training for both men's teams was Tuesday night from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Unfortunately, the search for coaches for the men's teams was not fruitful. Norm Holliman coached and managed both teams. Assistance in coaching came from Karen Roberts, Sam Cunninghame, Gary Adsett, David Lockwood which certainly allowed much enthusiasm and ideas. Managing was ably assisted by Barry Chamberlain, Paul Smith and Nathaniel Smith. Thank you to these people for their input.

Separation of the boys from the men now allows both teams to cater correctly to the skills and ages. There will be occasional practises when men and boys will train together.

Having two goalkeepers this year, Paul Smith and Nic Harris was a boon. Paul started the season as the Reserve keeper and was very gracious when Nic moved to Reserve grade. Chris Holliman (C grade boys) ably assisted when the keepers were unavailable. Thank you to these amazing people.

The Reserve team started the year off, losing 9 nil. The skills gradually increased to lose two nil to the eventual grand final winning team (East). The team won and drew games throughout the season and earned respect from the other teams in the competition. Many favourable comments of 'there is great team structure' and 'skills are improving' were voiced by the opponents. This team of players shows great promise for future years and is a strong base to grow from.

A2 fortunes were not as favourable; they still improved as the season progressed. The team had a win and draws towards the end of the season. Many of the players in A2 played both the Reserve game and their own game. The extra games certainly improved the skills of the A2 players. The improvements shown by these men, augers well for the future of the club. Their club spirit, comradeship and support were tremendous.

The men's competition in 2007 for Bellbowrie would not have been possible without the Under 15 boys. The boys' willingness to play in higher grades assisted in the strong finish of the both teams. Their own skills improved with their final winning of their grand final. Thank you for playing for the Bellbowrie men this year. The club support shows the strength of Bellbowrie to the other clubs and is something they aspire to.

I shall now list some of the changes to playing styles; some players have brought to the Bellbowrie club. This list is to demonstrate how diversity can help a club improve. Ashley Cole, diving at the ball in defence and cleanly taking it away from opposition players. Gary Adsett, strong clean skills in passing play. Bruce Smith, smart tactics that confuse the opposition. Bradley Smith, strong tactics forcing the opposition to shy away from the ball. These skills have been incorporated by other men and the under 15 boys successfully against the opposition teams. There is no intention to single out players here, just mentioning interesting tactics. Some players who must be mentioned are those who represented Ipswich at Queensland championships. Craig Dolan and Bruce Smith both went to the championships. Gary Adsett, Barry Chamberlain and Paul Smith were asked to attend. Well done to these players and these achievements.

The men are all very keen to play again next year with Bellbowrie. An expectation of a higher final position is reasonable with no promises of finishing high. They are all being encouraged to enjoy hockey and each others company. There seems to be a strong social side emerging and great camaraderie.

In the next two years it would be an expectation for Bellbowrie to field an A grade men side. The current skills being demonstrated and the strength of the current under 15 boys support this view.

Thank you to the committee for supporting the men in both grades. Bellbowrie can certainly expect a stronger male presence at Ipswich in the future. Ipswich is very supportive of our teams and strong praise for what we are doing and have done, has been received from present and past IHA committee members.

Barry Chamberlain deserves a special thank you. His support encouraged and made the coordinator's role easier for myself. Thank you to all the players for coming to Bellbowrie and accepting myself as coordinator, coach and manager. I enjoyed your company and the work

Norm Holliman