

1915 – 2005



**90TH
ANNIVERSARY**
SOMERVILLE HOCKEY CLUB INC.

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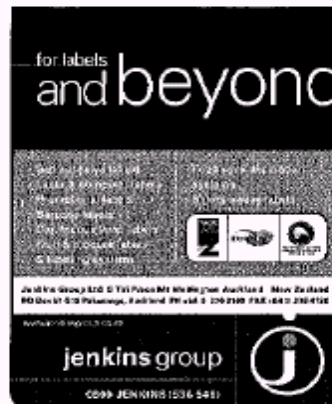
The Club Emblem



The badge consists of a Saltire shield mounted within crossed hockey sticks, surmounted by a ship and a mural crown. The shield is supported by a Lion rampant on the dexter side, and a Greyhound rampant on the sinister side.

The shield has a diagonal white cross on a blue background. This symbolises our founders, the Primary School Old Boys, whose colours were blue with a white sash, and our early associations with the Somervell Presbyterian Church, through the St Andrew's cross. The ship and the mural crown above the shield, represent Auckland and a stronghold respectively, whilst the crossed hockey sticks below represent the sport. These groups combined symbolise "a stronghold of the sport in Auckland". The supporters associate the Club with the name of Somerville. The Lion stands for courage and strength on the right hand (dexter) side of the shield, and the Greyhound on the left hand (sinister) side stands for speed and agility.

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Message from the President

90 years!!!!

That firm foundation set down by L Howard Norton and the rest of the first team 90 years ago has seen Somerville Hockey Club grow and grow. The players of today who keep the club going are following a great tradition which has seen the club grow to be the biggest in Auckland and probably New Zealand. Not only are we the biggest but last year we were awarded the "Top Auckland Club" Award by the AHA.



The club is strong due to the dedication of those first men. Our challenge today is to try and continue with the "family" aspect of the club. It's great to see many third generation of players coming through but to see a fourth generation Norton playing for the club is fantastic. The whole concept of the game has changed making it harder to create "family" atmosphere. Games are played on both Saturdays and Sundays and at the most two games on at the same venue at the same time - a lot different from 30 years ago when all games were played on Saturdays and 8 games played at the same time at Hobson Park in Market Road, Remuera. No longer do players have loyalty to one particular club and a lot work weekends. That's why it is so pleasing to see numbers within the club increasing.

For the club to grow we have had to have many, many dedicated people. To all those who over the years have coached, managed, worked on the committee - a big thank you. Especially to those who have worked hard to organise this 90th celebration.

We have had some members who have achieved higher honours by either playing in, coaching or managing national teams - to them, I would like to say we are proud to say you are a Somerville member.

But without players we would not exist. So to everyone, thank you for choosing to play for Auckland's Top Club. Be proud to be part of a club that has so much history.

Jocelyn Murphy

90th Jubilee Weekend Programme

19 – 21 August 2005

Friday, 19 August @ 6pm
Informal Reunion Drinks
Somerville Clubrooms, AGS Hockey Pavilion, 3 – 23 Normanby Road, Mt Eden

FREE ADMISSION: Cash Bar. Nibbles

Saturday, 20 August from 6pm till 1am
Senior Prizegiving & 90th Jubilee Dinner
Rutherford Room, Alexandra Park, Greenlane Road West, Epsom

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY (\$40): Cash Bar. Dinner. Dance
Dress to Impress

SOMERVILLE GAMES DURING THE JUBILEE WEEKEND

FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST:

Youth Games at AGS, 7pm and 8.15pm

SATURDAY, 20 AUGUST:

Somerville Dickson, Somerville Heard, Somerville Norton Mini teams playing at AGS 12noon and 12.25pm

Other Junior teams - tbc

Premier 1 Men	AGS	1.00pm	vs tbc
Premier 1 Women	LEP1	1.00pm	vs tbc
Champ 1 Men	Avondale	1.00pm	vs AISC A

SUNDAY, 21 AUGUST:

Premier 2 Men	AGS	10.00am	vs Roskill Eden
Champ 3 Women	St Kents	11.30am	vs Mt Eden
Premier 2 Women	AGS	1.00pm	vs Howick Pakuranga A Navy
Champ 1 Women Blue A	AGS	4.00pm	vs SLAM
Champ 2 Women	MRGS	4.00pm	vs SLAM
Under 18 Boys	AGS	6.45pm	vs Southern Districts

Champ 1 Women White B	Bye
Champ 2 Men	No play

Office Bearers 2005



[Patron – Eric Archibald]

PATRON	Eric R Archibald
PRESIDENT	Jocelyn Murphy
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	Kerry Heard
SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT	Simon Norton
JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT	Barbara Smith
SECRETARY	Andrew Connell & Ruth Jasmat
TREASURER	Steven Heard
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Glenys Whitby
ASSISTANT TREASURER	Julian van de Wetering
CLUB CAPTAINS:	Men: Richard Toomer/Matt Brook
	Women: Felicity Glenie
	Youth: Simon Joyce
	Junior: Chris Hardley
COMMITTEE:	Sian Bremner
	Sue Brown
	Alex Gribben
	Diane Gribben
	David Watt (co-opted member)
JUBILEE SUB-COMMITTEE:	Ruth Jasmat
	Jocelyn Murphy
	Barbara Smith
	Anne Towns
	David Watt
	Glenys Whitby

Les Howard Norton Esq.

The Father of the Somerville Hockey Club



It is with great pride that the Club honours its founder, Mr Les Howard Norton, whose drive and enthusiasm was largely responsible for bringing the Somerville Hockey Club into prominence in the Auckland Hockey Association's competitions in the Club's early years. But Les, as he was more familiarly known to all, did not confine his efforts only to one club. During his 62 years of active association with the game he has probably done more for hockey in New Zealand, and particularly in Auckland, than any other person connected with the game.

That same drive and enthusiasm was maintained throughout the years, and has in no small measure been the means of extending the stick game into the Country Districts and introducing hockey into the Secondary Schools where the numbers now playing would have given him great satisfaction. Always he has been keenly interested in helping the juniors.

To give a full coverage of the many facets of his career as a player and administrator in local, provincial and international spheres would take up much more space than is available here. There is it hoped that in setting out his outstanding record, Club members will be able to appreciate how how much Hockey is indebted to him for his great services to the game.

As a Player:

- Played for St George's Club in Auckland in 1909.
- Represented Auckland in 1911.
- Formed the Somerville Hockey Club in 1915 and played for several years in the senior team.
- Played for Trentham Club and represented Wellington in 1918.

As an Administrator with the Auckland Hockey Association:

Secretary	1911 – 1913
Executive Chairman	1914 – 1916
Vice-President	1917 – 1922
Vice-Patron	1925 – 1934
President	1935 – 1953
Patron	1954 – 1965

Was also Auckland Selector and Manager of touring teams.

Largely responsible for:

- The introduction of hockey in Primary Schools.
- The introduction of Country Week tournaments in 1912.
- The preparation and publishing of the first comprehensive Auckland Hockey Association handbook in 1922.

With the New Zealand Hockey Association:

- Held the offices of:
- President – Selector.
- Manager of first NZ team to visit Australia in 1923.

Was the New Zealand correspondent and representative for the magazine “Hockey Circle”.

With the Auckland Ladies’ Hockey Association:

- Held the offices of:
- Treasurer – Chairman.
- Sole Selector – Vice-President.

Largely responsible for the re-organisation of the ALHA in 1911.

As an Umpire:

Controlled many inter-provincial matches and test matches against visiting Indian and Australian teams.

Umpired the first All England Women’s team when it was in New Zealand.

Held the offices of:

- Patron of Auckland HUA
- Examiner and President of New Zealand Hockey UA.
- Chairman and foundation member of the NZHUA Rules and Interpretation Committee.

Was Life Member of:

- Somerville Hockey Club
- Auckland Hockey Association
- Auckland Umpires’ Association
- New Zealand Hockey Association
- New Zealand Hockey Umpires’ Association

An extract from the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on February 23, 1970:

It is with the most sincere regret that we must record the passing of the father of NZ Hockey, the Founder of this Club, Leslie Howard Norton.

No report of the activities of this man can do him justice. His name is not likely to ever be forgotten in New Zealand or Australia and this Club is sufficiently favoured to have his sons and his grand-children included in our present membership. We will for many years to come have the Norton influence with us.

To his family and friends, may we offer our condolences and may we remind them that the spirit of a true sportsman will be with us always.

[Excerpt from 1965 Jubilee Booklet]

The Club's History 1990 - 2005

Since our last jubilee in 1990 the Somerville Hockey Club has continued to flourish and no doubt remains one of the leading clubs in the country.

At premier level Somerville has continued its success of the previous decades. The women's team, after the establishment and consolidation of the 1980's, won 6 championships between 1996 and 2003. The men's side took 9 championships between 1990 and 2000. Both teams also won 5 National Knockout titles between them during the limited period these contests were held. Clearly these achievements make us the dominant Auckland club in the period.

To go back a little further it is worth noting that the Somerville men, in the 22 years between 1979 and 2000 inclusive, won or shared the Auckland senior title 17 times!

Highlighting our success has been the high number of national representative players, of both genders, we have produced in this period – far greater than at any other time in our history.

Even in non-winning years, both teams have inevitably been serious contenders, with both currently fielding very young sides with great potential for many victorious seasons ahead.

These successes have continued down through the grades with well in excess of 40 championship victories at open and intermediate level since 1990. Currently we have 16 teams at this level and 198 players in junior grades, a grand total of 436 playing members. These successes and numbers highlight our continued strength, underscored by winning the trophy for top overall club in Auckland in 2000 and 2004.

In other areas the last 15 years have seen many changes to our club and our sport. After losing our clubrooms at Hobson Park in 1987, we frequented Eilerslie Rugby League club and Simson's Reserve in Penrose before finally securing facilities at Auckland Grammar School in 1997. We now have use of a clubroom and pitch for most of the activities a club needs to undertake.

The greatest influence on our sport in the last decade and a half has been the introduction and proliferation of artificial surfaces. Undoubtedly our game is more enjoyable to play and watch, and easier to learn and understand. However, some of the impact has not been as beneficial. The cost of these pitches has inevitably made the game more expensive to play. This issue came to a head in 1992 in Auckland when the cost of a new turf, a new pavilion and the hosting of the Olympic Qualifying Tournament in 1991 severely stretched the pockets of local hockey players. Also the staggered timing of matches has considerably eroded the sociality of the sport and its clubs. Inevitably, this has contributed to a drop off in social player numbers and consequently a lessening of the volunteer base. The sport does continue to flourish at elite and junior level and perhaps some benefits from the growing popularity of Master's hockey will soon be felt at club level. In spite of these difficulties our club continues to be financially sound due to past and present fund raising efforts, and does its best to support our international players with some financial help.

This period in our long history has seen the decline of several proud hockey clubs. It is of great credit to this club, its administrators, managers, coaches, players and supporters that Somerville remains healthy on and off the field today.

Jeff Archibald

YOUTH SECTION 1990 – 2005

This age group provides an important link to our club for players during their secondary school years. Boys play according to age in Under 15 and Under 18 grades while our girls are graded on playing ability rather than age. The overriding goal of our youth hockey is to develop the skills and hockey ability of our teenagers in an enjoyable environment.

The past 15 years has seen an expansion of playing numbers in our youth grades and this season we are fielding six teams which is our highest level ever. Unlike many other clubs, Somerville youth grades continue to benefit from our strong junior hockey structure which fosters the players' allegiance to our club. It is always very satisfying to see so many families return with successive generations of young players who then remain loyal to Somerville throughout their playing careers.

In recent years, more than 50% of players in our premier men's and women's teams have been "home grown" Somervillians who have progressed and developed through our youth grades. The establishment of our Somerville Academy by Arvind Jasmat in 2002 has provided additional top level coaching and mentoring over summer for our elite players. Already we have seen Cain Fleming and Liz Ryan from our initial intake progress on to NZ honours and more will certainly follow.

Our youth results have been improving, particularly so in the past five years where we have won the Under 18 Boys competition in 2002, the Youth A Girls in 2003 and Under 15 B Boys in 2004.

One of the many strengths of Somerville is how past and present players give freely of their time to coach and manage our teams and our young players certainly respond very positively to these influences.

Our youth grades continue to provide a nurturing environment for our emerging talent and we will all follow their future careers with much interest and pride.

Written by Simon Joyce



[Somerville TK Academy Squad 2003/2004]

JUNIOR SECTION 1990 – 2005

The Junior section of Somerville has shown excellent growth over this period and is now one of the two largest Junior Clubs in the Auckland Association. The number of players grew from under 100 in 1990 to 230 in 2002 and we have now consolidated at a maximum of 210 players (21 teams) to ensure that a high quality of coaching and administration can be delivered at all levels.

There are several reasons for the success of our Juniors, the most important being the strength and tradition of the Senior Club and the support and encouragement which it offers to the Juniors. Every year, Senior members have been involved in Junior coaching and administration, there being no better example than this, our 90th Jubilee, with Gareth Brooks and Cain Fleming (Premier One, Auckland and New Zealand), Dipak Patel (Champ One Men), Sonia Smithson and Helen Wallwork (Champ Two Women) and Brian Heard (Life Member, Past President, Premier and Auckland player) all coaching teams in our 11th Division.

The Somerville Junior coaching system still closely follows that established by Syd Torkington in the 1980's and is unique in Auckland. For the 8th Division and below, the combination of Club provided coaches for mid-week practices and parent coaches for the Saturday matches ensures a consistent program of individual skill development in tandem with team play in a competitive environment.

Somerville Juniors who have moved on to play in Somerville Premiers and represent New Zealand at Senior level are Jeff Archibald, Jamie Smith, Simon Norton, Nigel Nairn, Greg and Craig Russ, Richard Redfearn, Anna Lawrence, Simon Towns, Ryan Archibald, Meredith Orr and Cain Fleming.

Somerville Juniors have consistently been very well represented in Auckland Hatch Cup, Collier Trophy and Primary Representative teams, with between 10% and 20% of its players at these levels being selected.

Our top grade Junior teams have regularly been in the top half of the competition and the 11 Gold team were joint winners in 2004.

In recent years the fourth generation of two great Somerville families have started their hockey in Juniors – Sam Oliver and Sam Norton, great grandchildren of L Howard Norton, and Michael Heard, great grandson of Bill Heard.

There have been a number of very committed Junior Club Captains over this period, as listed elsewhere in this booklet, with Arvind Jasmat and Graham and Margaret Walker being principally responsible for building the success of the Juniors on the foundations laid by Syd Torkington.

The introduction of Life Members' Morning in 2003 has brought a new dimension to the relationship with the Senior Club and has been very well supported by Life Members and the Committee. There is a real "Club Day" atmosphere, with nearly all the Junior teams playing at the AGS Turf over the morning. The Life Members, after whom the Junior teams are named, meet with their teams and pass on the history and traditions of the Club. A special aspect of this year's Morning was the wonderful "timeline" display of the Club history assembled by Anne Towns.

The young players who join Somerville as Juniors are fortunate indeed that they are in a Club that will offer them opportunities for a lifetime involvement in Hockey.

Written by Chris Hardley



[Somerville Dickson Team 2004, with coaches Dipak Patel and Gareth Brooks]

SOMERVILLE HOCKEY CLUB
CHAMPION 2 WOMEN (TEAM 2) 2000
WINNERS OF CHAMPION 2 WOMEN

GAMES

Played	16
Won	13
Drawn	1
Lost	2



[Champ 2 Women 2000 - Championship Winners]

Back Row: Carol McMeekin Heather Jones Penny Jones Sui Brown Bev Hughes David Watt (President)
 Front Row: Jocelyn Murphy Jane Oud Jenny Kendall Karen Knox Kim Richards
 Absent: Carolyn Guthrie Catherine Lindsay

OUR PEOPLE, OUR HISTORY

The Archibald Family

The Archibald Family is just one of the many long lines of families who have been an integral part of the Somerville Club from its inception. Eric, our Patron, and Mauch, our only non-playing Life Member, have consistently contributed to and supported Somerville over many years.

Eric Archibald

Appointed as a Life Member in 1960. Eric joined the Club in 1935. A senior player 1940 to 1958, and Auckland representative 1944 to 1951. He served on the Club Committee for over 30 years, and was Chairman and President (1967-72). Eric continues to support the Club and Auckland Hockey in 'behind the scenes' work. He has been a selector and coach in all club grades from Juniors to Seniors, and has been an active fund raiser over many years.

Maureen (Mauch) Archibald

Appointed as a Life Member 1989. Mauch is the only non-playing member to be honoured as a Life Member. She has been a conscientious and quiet contributor to both social and fundraising efforts of the Club over many years. Together with husband Eric, they must be Auckland and New Zealand Hockey's most well known and consistent game supporters and spectators. Mother of Jeffrey, grandmother of Ryan, she is a well-loved and respected member of the "Somerville Hockey family".

Jeffrey Archibald

Appointed as a Life Member 1989. An outstanding hockey player, Jeff joined the club in 1958 as a 6 year old. Played Hatch Cup for 3 years, joined the Auckland senior side at age 17. Represented Auckland for 274 games over 21 years, and was Auckland Captain for many years. First played for New Zealand at age 18, and played 102 games, 38 as Captain. Is a Montreal 1976 Olympic gold medallist. Jeff has been a dedicated Committee member for many years, and coached all grades from Hatch Cup to seniors. He is a New Zealand graded umpire. Jeff was awarded the MBE for "services to hockey" in 1989.

Ryan Archibald

Son of Irene and Jeff, Ryan was born with a hockey stick in his hands and started playing hockey for Somerville at the age of six. He played in the last Hatch Cup team that Syd Torkington coached in 1990 and started his New Zealand career whilst attending Auckland Grammar School at the age of 17. Ryan was nominated for the prestigious FIH World Young Player of the Year Award in 2001 and 2002, and has currently played over 140 games for New Zealand.

Club Captains – Men

1990	Allan Hill
1991	Helen Oakey
1992	Helen Oakey
1993	Helen Oakey
1994	Helen Oakey
1995	Helen Oakey
1996	Jeff Archibald
1997	Grant Hollyman/Jocelyn Murphy/Irene Ryan
1998	Irene Ryan/Jocelyn Murphy
1999	Irene Ryan & Jocelyn Murphy
2000	Jocelyn Murphy
2001	Jocelyn Murphy
2002	Jocelyn Murphy
2003	Glyn Clarke
2004	Jeremy Watt
2005	Richard Toomer/ Matt Brook

Club Captains - Women

1990	Irene Ryan
1991	Joanna Pooley
1992	Jenny Percy
1993	Joanna Hazard/Jenny Percy
1994	Kevin Towns/Simon Norton
1995	Helen Oakey
1996	Tracey Shepherd
1997	Grant Hollyman/ Jocelyn Murphy/ Irene Ryan
1998	Irene Ryan/Jocelyn Murphy
1999	Irene Ryan & Jocelyn Murphy
2000	Jocelyn Murphy
2001	Jocelyn Murphy
2002	Jocelyn Murphy
2003	Jocelyn Murphy
2004	Jocelyn Murphy (co- opted)
2005	Felicity Glenie

Club Captains – Youth

1990	Allan Hill/Irene Ryan
1991	Helen Oakey
1992	Helen Oakey
1993	Joanna Hazard/Helen Oakey
1994	Helen Oakey
1995	Helen Oakey
1996	Tracey Shepherd/Jeff Archibald
1997	Grant Hollyman/Jocelyn Murphy Irene Ryan
1998	Irene Ryan/Jocelyn Murphy
1999	Irene Ryan/Jocelyn Murphy
2000	Jocelyn Murphy
2001	Jocelyn Murphy
2002	Joanna Appleby
2003	Simon Joyce
2004	Simon Joyce
2005	Simon Joyce

Club Captains - Junior

1990	Arvind Jasmat
1991	Arvind Jasmat
1992	Arvind Jasmat
1993	Arvind Jasmat
1994	Arvind Jasmat
1995	Alison Ganda/Dylan Oakey
1996	Diane Gribben
1997	Diane Gribben
1998	Graham and Margaret Walker
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2001	Margaret Walker
2002	Margaret Walker
2003	Chris Hardley
2004	Chris Hardley
2005	Chris Hardley

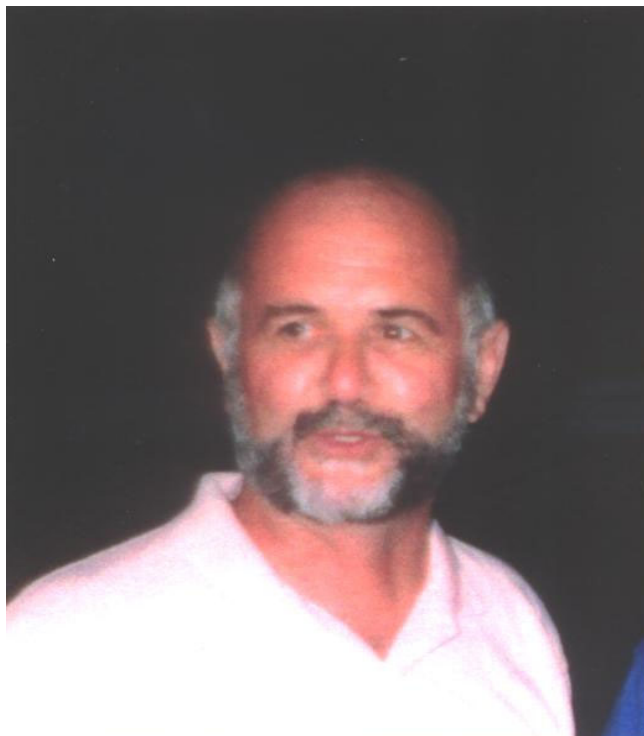
Life Members

Les Howard Norton	1920 *
Lesley K Munro	1931 *
Gordon Peace	1931 *
Harold Watts	1931 *
C Preston	1932 *
Sid Smith	1939*
W (Bill) Newsham	1953 *
Clive Stainton	1953 *
C W (Bill) Heard	1959 *
Eric R Archibald	1960
Eric Watts	1965 *
Clive Watts	1965 *
C Smith	1965 *
Jack Pooley	1965 *
Des Chapman	1965 *
Brian Smith	1965
Bruce Ginders	1965
John (Jack) Grant	1967
Ron Griffen	1973
Syd Torkington	1973 *
Graham Norton	1979
Brian Heard	1986
Ross Hammond	1986
David Watts	1989
Wayne Dickson	1989
Maureen (Mauch) Archibald	1989
Jeffrey V Archibald	1989
Arvind Jasmat	1997
Bill Percy	1998
Ian King	1998 *
Kevin Towns	1998
Barbara Smith	2001
David Watt	2003

* *deceased*

During the period 1990 to 2005, four of our esteemed Life Members sadly passed away, and we remember them here:

Ian A King
1943 – 1999



Ian was born in October 1943 in Masterton moving with his family to Glen Innes in the early 1950's attending Point England Primary School and Otahuhu College, playing Rugby League during his school years. Ian had some early experience with Hockey at school, along with athletics.

An athletics career included track events at Onehunga Athletic Club and harriers with Olympic Harrier Club. Ian represented Auckland in the team cross-country events during the 1960's before starting a Hockey career with Somerville Hockey Club in the late 1960's.

While Ian played grade Hockey rising to Senior Reserve level and played most of his time in Champ 1 and Champ 2 grades, his outstanding contribution to the Club was in administration. Ian was Club Secretary in the periods 1971-78, 1988-89, and a short period in the late 1990's. Ian also supported Auckland Hockey for a period in the 1980's and Bay of Plenty Hockey in the early 1990's as an administrator (he also played during his involvement in Tauranga for the Otumoetai Club).

He was awarded the Club's top award (the Bill Newsham Memorial Trophy) in 1976 and 1997, and was elected a Life Member of the Club in 1998.

After his untimely death, the Club recognized Ian's contribution in the administration area by creating a new award, the Ian King Memorial trophy (jointly donated by the Gribben and Watt families) which is awarded for exceptional services to Hockey including contributions to Auckland and New Zealand Hockey.

Written by Diane Gribben & David Watt

Sydney H W Torkington 1917 – 2000



One of the most influential people in Somerville, Auckland, and New Zealand hockey history, Syd Torkington, passed away on July 16, 2000 at the age of 83.

The Somerville Hockey Club is proud of, and grateful for, the contribution of Sydney Torkington.

[Written by Jeff Archibald]

Syd was brought up in the Rodney district north of Auckland, in those days a very strong hockey community. He came to Auckland in the mid 1960's, and as his playing days ended, and his son Bruce's team needed a coach, his true calling began.

Somerville junior teams and schools in the Otahuhu area soon benefitted from the passion Syd developed for coaching. In 1971 he inevitably became the Auckland Hatch Cup coach, while continuing with our own juniors, and in 1990 retired from that role with his 11th Hatch Cup success, a truly remarkable record. Literally dozens of Syd's boys went on to play representative and international hockey, well grounded in the skills of the game learnt at a young age under the guidance of Syd. Such was his ability as a coach of juniors that many without a family background in hockey went on to play at the highest level – Jamie Smith being an outstanding example.

Syd was an avid disciple of the principles that, in hockey, skill was paramount. He formed a strong bond with, and shared the hockey philosophies of, Cyril Walter, the very successful Canterbury coach. Both believed that the basic skills of the game needed to be learnt and practiced assiduously on sympathetic indoor surfaces, and that formations and tactics were only relevant once the base skills were of a high standard.

While Syd insisted on high standards of attention and behaviour from the children he coached, there was always time for fun and enjoyment, and often the reward of a Mintie for successful endeavour. At matches he always patrolled the sidelines in a continual coaching commentary, and was most put out when he later had to supervise from the dugout. We also fondly remember his dogs, especially Sally and Tina, their ever presence and the fun Syd had teaching and showing off their tricks.

Syd also had a passion for cricket, as many hockey players do, and in 1990 was awarded the Queen's Service Medal for services to schoolboy hockey and cricket.

Jack L Pooley 1928 to 2001



[Jack Pooley receiving his Life Member's Badge from Les Howard Norton, 1965]

Jack Pooley joined the club around 1945 at the age of 17 years. He used to recall to us how at the beginning he used to ride his bike from Mt Albert to Glen Innes to play a match. Like a lot of life members it was a bit of a family affair with his brother Harold playing and being secretary of the club at one time and the benevolence of his older brother Keith in providing beverages after practice behind his house in Phyllis Street, Mt Albert. Jack himself played to senior level.

He also coached at various levels and I recall one year he rescued a grateful team who subsequently gave him the team's prize for the season. At the Junior level Jack was the Hatch Cup coach in the 1960's before Syd Torkington and was later renowned for turning up at hockey with the Morris van and half the boys' team. Jack coached junior teams at various levels and was extremely supportive of the Junior side of the club especially as his own children Joanna and Mark also joined the club. I believe he would have been very proud of the mini team, 'Pooley'.

Jack was also a member of the club executive for a number of years and an AHA delegate. He was made a life member of Somerville at the 50th Jubilee in 1965.

Jack was a passionate supporter of Hockey and was well known for some of his classic sideline calls such as 'bend your backs', 'channel him' or 'go for goal'.

Written by the Pooley & Hazard Families

C. W. (William) Heard
1909 – 2004



Born in Opotiki in 1909. Bill's father was a hockey player in that region.

Bill was a great contributor to hockey and has stamped his family name onto the Somerville Hockey Club. He has children, grandchildren and now great grandchildren who have followed his desires and dreams to play hockey to a high standard.

He joined the Somerville Hockey Club in 1923, playing in the Senior Grade from 1933 to 1936 and representing Auckland in Juniors and then Seniors in 1933.

He was elected to the following offices of the club:

Club Captain from 1949 to 1959

President from 1966 to 1969

Patron from 1974 to 2004

Elected a Life Member in 1959

Bill gained most of his personal satisfaction through his coaching, whereby all teams he has coached were undefeated.

Bill was also the first Chairman of the AHA Junior Management Committee and was an Auckland Junior Selector for 6 years and an Auckland Senior Selector for 5 years.

He was renowned for his dedication and work in the improvement of the club activities.

He was a member of our club for 81 years.

Written by Kerry Heard

We also remember Maureen Hammond, wife of Life Member Ross, who, for her tremendous contribution to the Club, was awarded the Bill Newsham Memorial Trophy two years running, in 1977 and 1978. Maureen passed away in 2004;

And Grace Torkington, wife of Life Member Syd, who took great interest in following the progress of many young Somerville players. Grace passed away in 2003.

MEMBERS MADE LIFE MEMBERS 1990 – 2005

During the period 1990 to 2005, the Club chose to recognise six club members who have over many years contributed immensely to the Club, whether that be by way of playing, coaching, administrating or general support:

Arvind Jasmat	1997
Bill Percy	1998
Ian King	1998
Kevin Towns	1998
Barbara Smith	2001
David Watt	2003

SOMERVILLE MEMBERS MADE AHA LIFE MEMBERS 1990 – 2005

During the period 1990 to 2005, the Auckland Hockey Association recognised three Somerville club members to join Eric Archibald and David Glen as their Life Members. Recognition for long and outstanding service to Auckland Hockey:

Brian Heard	2003
Arvind Jasmat	2003
Kevin Towns	2003

Winners of the Bill Newsham Memorial Trophy



[Bill Newsham]

This prestigious trophy is awarded annually to the best all round Club member.

Jack Pooley *	1959	Barbara Smith	1985
Eric Archibald	1960	Jeff Archibald	1986
Des Chapman *	1961	Joanne Somerville	1987
Ray Potter	1962	Jagdish (Doug) Ganda *	1988
Barry Parmenter *	1963	Joanne Pooley	1989
Brian Smith	1964	Barbara Smith	1990
Ron Griffen	1965	Arvind Jasmat	1991
Syd Torkington *	1966	Helen Oakey	1992
Sid Watts	1967	Allan Hill	1993
Ross Hammond	1968	Bill Percy	1994
Graham Dickson *	1969	Kevin Towns	1995
Hazel Pooley	1970	Diane Gribben	1996
Jeff Archibald	1971	Ian King *	1997
Parshot Manga	1972	Jocelyn Murphy	1998
Roy Henderson *	1973	Graham Walker	
Kelvin Mephan	1974	& Margaret Walker	1999
Ron Griffen	1975	David Watt	2000
Ian King *	1976	David Watt	2001
Maureen Hammond *	1977	Ruth Jasmat	2002
Maureen Hammond *	1978	Jocelyn Murphy	2003
Wayne Dickson	1979	Helen Clarke	2004
David Watts			2005
& Jagdish (Doug) Ganda *	1980		
Jill Riggs	1981		
John Williams	1982		
Wayne Dickson	1983		
Arvind Jasmat	1984		

Club Officials 1990 - 2005

PATRONS

C W (Bill) Heard *	1975 – 2004 *
Eric R Archibald	2004 –

PRESIDENTS

David Watts	1989 – 1990
Wayne Dickson	1991 – 1992
Kevin Towns	1993 – 1994
Bill Percy	1995 - 1996
Arvind Jasmat	1997 – 1998
David Watt	1999 – 2001
Kerry Heard	2002 – 2003
Jocelyn Murphy	2004 - 2005

SECRETARIES

David Watt	1990
Ian King * & Iris Dickson	
Helen Oakey	1991
Helen Oakey	1992
Eva Ekstam	1993
Eva Ekstam	1994
Eva Ekstam, Helen Oakey,	
Ian King *	1995
Ian King *	1996
Ian King *	1997
Ian King *	1998
Ian King *	1999
Abbie Gunning	2000
Ruth Jasmat	2001
Ruth Jasmat	2002
Ruth Jasmat	2003
Ruth Jasmat	2004
Andrew Connell	
& Ruth Jasmat	2005

* *deceased*


Women

(first entered Senior or Premier grade in 1986):

1988, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

7 times in 19 years

SOMERVILLE HOCKEY CLUB
PREMIER ONE WOMEN 2000
WINNERS OF AUCKLAND WOMEN'S PREMIER COMPETITION
JOINT WINNERS OF NORTHERN REGIONAL LEAGUE



GAMES
Played 21
Won 10
Drawn 8

GOALS:
For 71
Against 27

3rd Row: Sarah Rutherford Dannaka Donington Toni Mason

2nd Row: Graham Walker (Coach) Margaret Morse (Manager) Karen Syddall Susie Murray Lee-Anne Barnes David Watt (President)

Front Row: Helen Clarke A'aha Jasmat Sarah Atwell Jenny Shepherd (Captain) Olivia Hemus Jan Gibson Hannah Soney

Absent: Margot Edwards (Assistant Coach) Sian Bromner Hannah Ockelford

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[Premier 1 Women's Team - 2000 Championship Winners]

Fathers, Mothers, Sons and Daughters who have played or are playing for the Club

Les Norton	Ron, Graham, Bruce	Arvind Jasmat	Anil, Alisha
Bill Heard	Brian, Neil	Doug Ganda	Arun, Aneil
Ron Norton	Michael	Garth Ramsden	Alister
Graham Norton	Timothy, Simon, Lisa, Kim	Allan Hill	Aidan, Sinclair
Eric Archibald	Jeff	Jeffrey & Irene Archibald	Ryan
Kevin & Irene Ryan	Oran	Ray Gardiner	Mark, Steven
Harold Watts	David	Alan Pearson	Greg
Cyril Edwards	Robert	Bob Cockle	Lance
Owen Slaney	Ray	Kevin Towns,	Simon, Robert, Natasha
Harold Roberts	John	Brent Martin	Danny, Luke
Bruce Stoddart	Craig, John	Russell Somerville	James
George McNab	Mervyn	Jack Pooley	Joanne, Mark
Harry Gee	Robert	David Watt	Jeremy
Des Chapman	Peter	Laurie Brockliss	Peta
John Grant	John, Allen	Ross Dickson	Peter
Brian Smith	Mark	Barry Parmenter	Jason
Clive Watts	Rodney	Harry Heaney	Robert
Roy Roughton	Todd	Roy Henderson	Peter
Dave Protheroe	Kevin, Malcolm	Bob Tong	Jamie, Steven
Brian Heard	Kerry, Rachel, Steven	Karen Knox	Michelle, Aaron, Cameron, Helen
Rodney Watts	Chris, Dean	Helen Butcher	Justin, Kate
Sinclair Russ	Craig, Gregg	John Turner	Mitchell
Wayne Dickson	Lisa, Kim	Dennis Whittle	Angela, Mark
Bill Percy	Scott, Karen	Alan Elliott	Grant
Clive Stainton	Graham, Murray	Syd Torkington	Bruce
Malcolm Davey	Timothy, Simon	Kim Dickson	Connor Richardson
Lyn Hedges	Don, Brian	Michael Norton	Blanco
Kerry Heard	Michael	Simon & Helen Norton	Sam
Mark and Barbara Smith	Belinda	Margot Edwards	Michael and Tony Milne
Robyn Neil	Sam Houston	Sue Brown	Louisa, Daniel
Parshot Manga	Rakesh	Felicity Pethica	Claire, James, Patrick
Murray Dickson	Toni	Graham Brownsey	Bruce
David & Jocelyn Murphy	Elanor, Colleen, Iain	Lynette Bridgford	Uneal & Jaya Dheda
Graham Walker	Angela, Kathryn, Phillip	Kay Gray	Jessica
Wendy Michelsen	Claudia, Daniel	Anne MacGill	Lucy
Timothy Stables	Benjamin	Alwyn Riggs	Alastair, Andrew
Phil Wakelin	Ryan McHenery Wakelin	Dennis Baker	Denson, Amanda
Robyn Daji	Sarah, Rebecca	Bev Hughes	Andrew
Barry Walker	Graham	Simon Loudon	Campbell, Grace, Levi
Joanne Lomax	Cherri-Lyn Lomax-Morris		

Grandchildren of the following who have played or are playing for the Club

Les Norton	Simon, Timothy, Michael, Lisa, Kim
Ron Norton	Sam Oliver, Blanco
Graham Norton	Sam
Bill Heard	Kerry, Rachel, Chris, Dean, Steven
Eric Archibald	Ryan
Clive Watts	Chris Dean
Brian Heard	Michael
Wayne Dickson	Connor Richardson
Brian Smith	Belinda
Barry Parmenter	Patrick
Ross Hammond	Richard, Sam and Tyrone Hewett
Barry Walker	Angela, Kathryn, Phillip

Great Grandchildren of the following who have played or are playing for the Club

Les Norton	Sam Oliver, Blanco
Bill Heard	Michael



[Photo taken in the Millennium Year 2000]

Members who have been named Auckland Player of the Year

Aileen Gooder Trophy

1991	Helen Shearer
1994	Tina Bell
1998	Tina Bell-Kake & Sandi Bennett
1999	Meredith Orr
2000	Helen Clarke
2001	Helen Clarke & Anna Lawrence
2002	Jenny Shepherd
2003	Karen Syddall

Dorothy Simons Scroll

1990	James Smith
1992	Nigel Nairn
1994	Mark Pooley
2000	Simon Towns
2001	Ryan Archibald

Auckland Representatives

Auckland Representatives are not listed as in recent years, the list of representatives is in the hundreds.

We have chosen not to list these successful Club members but wish to extend our congratulations to all those who have represented their province.

This Club has an extremely proud record in representative players, coaches and managers and this is reflected in the fact that the names are too numerous to list.

Members who have been named New Zealand Player of the Year

Brian Maunsell Memorial

Simon Towns 2001

Members who have Captained New Zealand

Bob Munro
Eric Watts
Jeffrey Archibald - 1985, 1986
Craig Russ – 1992
James Smith – 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997
Simon Towns – 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
Helen Clarke – 2002, 2003

Members and ex-Members who have played for New Zealand

Eric	Watts	1922, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1929, 1934, 1935
W L	Baildon	1923
C	Watts	1925, 1926, 1927, 1929
G S	Cole	1926, 1927, 1929
A	Seccombe	1927
Robert (Bob)	Munro	1932
T	Parker	1932
F de M	Wellbourne	1932, 1934, 1935, 1938
R	Roughton	1937, 1938
G	Stainton	1952
R	Goulding	1958, 1985 (Manager)
Jeffrey	Archibald	1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975 (Vice Captain), 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 (Captain), 1986 (Captain)
Russell	Somerville	1971
Kevin	Towns	1975, 1986 (Manager), 1987 (Manager), 1989 (Coach/Manager), 1990 (Coach), 1991 (Coach), 1992 (Coach), 2000 (Coach), 2001 (Coach), 2002 (Coach), 2003 (Coach), 2004 (Coach), 2005 (Coach)
Kevin	Cassin	1978
Ces	Cameron	1984 (Trainer), 1985 (Medic), 1986 (Doctor), 1988 (Doctor)
Liz	Miller	1984, 1985
Simon	Norton	1984, 1985, 1986, 1987
James	Smith	1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993 (Captain, Player of the Year), 1994 (Captain), 1995 (Captain), 1996 (Captain), 1997 (Captain), 1998
Ian	Woodley	1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992
Tina	Bell (Bell-Kake)	1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 (Vice Captain), 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000
Margot	Edwards	1986
Mark	Kake	1987, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995
Alwyn	Riggs	1988 (Coach)
Simon	Loudon	1989 (Physio)
Chris	Madill	1989
Craig	Russ	1990, 1991, 1992 (Captain), 1994, 1995, 1996, 2000
Anna	Lawrence	1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001
Greg	Russ	1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000
Nigel	Nairn	1990, 1992
Helen	Shearer (Clarke)	1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
Simon	Towns	1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 (Captain, Player of the Year), 2002 (Captain), 2003 (Captain), 2004 (Captain), 2005 (Captain)
Darryl	Cassidy	1992, 1994
Richard	Redfearn	1992
Bradley	Apted	1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999
Sian	Bremner	1994, 1997
Ryan	Archibald	1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
Jenny	Shepherd (Pooley)	1997, 1998, 2000
Toni	Mason	1999, 2001

Arvind	Jasmat	2001 (Manager), 2002 (Manager), 2003 (Manager), 2004 (Manager)
Meredith	Orr	2001, 2003, 2004, 2005
Karen	Syddall	2002, 2003, 2004
Gareth	Brooks	2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
Jan	Rowsell	2003
Casey	Henwood	2003, 2005
Jess	Brewster	2004
Cain	Fleming	2005
Liz	Ryan	2005

Members who have played more than 100 games for New Zealand

Simon Towns	214+
Helen Clarke	166
Anna Lawrence	164
Jamie Smith	160
Ryan Archibald	140+
Tina Bell-Kake	132
Greg Russ	120
Jeffrey Archibald	101



[Somerville representatives – Athens Olympics 2004]

Somerville has produced many outstanding New Zealand players over the years, of particular note Jeff Archibald, Gold Medallist Montreal Olympics, and Jamie Smith who for many years held the record for the most caps, was Player of the Year in 1993 and captained the Men's side from 1993 to 1997 inclusive. We profile three of our New Zealand players here:

HELEN CLARKE



Helen started with Somerville in 1989 when Kevin Towns, "KT", was coaching. She had played one season of Senior B with SLAM the year before, then moved across to Somerville in 1989 to play Prem's. Helen obviously started as one of the "youngies" in the Prem team along with Lou Campbell, Anna Rumbold and those sorts of people, and with "oldies" like Margot Edwards, Julie Child and Kate Peri looking after her.

She played continuously for the Club from then on minus the times she was away on Auckland or New Zealand rep duties.

Helen played for Auckland from 1989 retiring at the end of 2003, having played over 130 games for the province..

She played for NZ U18's and NZ U21's before making the NZ team in 1991, playing her first test match against Korea in Auckland losing 3-0. Helen went on to play 166 test matches over the next 13 years. She played at three Olympic Games - 1992 in Barcelona, 2000 in Sydney and 2004 in Athens, finishing 6th at each games. Helen was the only NZ women's hockey player at Athens to have played at three Olympics.

Helen also represented NZ at two Commonwealth Games - 1998 in Kuala Lumpur, winning a bronze medal, and Manchester in 2002, finishing 4th. She attended two World Cup Tournaments (1998 and 2002) and four Champions' Trophy Tournaments (1999, 2000, 2002 and 2004).

Helen captained New Zealand at the 2002 Commonwealth Games, and in 2003.

Helen, a physical education teacher, retired at the age of 33 after the 2004 Athens Olympics.

On 1 January 2005, Helen was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the New Year Honours list.

Her lightning-fast reactions and ability to read the game established Helen as one of the world's leading goalkeepers during the period of her international career.

MEREDITH ORR



Began playing hockey in 1989, 11 years of age, in Whakatane, Bay of Plenty.

10 years playing for Somerville Hockey Club
1990 – 1996
2002 – 2004

U18 Team; 1992, Championship Winner
Premier Team; 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2002, 2003, 2004
Championship Winner; 1996, 2002, 2003

Club Trophies:

2004 – Foundation Cup, Player of the Year
2003 – Most Improved Women's Player
1996 – Most Improved Schoolgirl
1994 – Most Improved Schoolgirl

Other Hockey History:

2005:

Black Sticks - 74 test matches as at 6th August 2005
Winner of Champions Challenge Tournament, Virginia Beach

2004:

Athens Olympic Games – 6th placing
Olympic Qualifying Tournament – 3rd placing
Champions Trophy – 6th placing
Auckland Women's Team

2003:

Champions Challenge Tournament – 4th place
Auckland Women's Team

2001:

Champions Trophy – 5th place
Auckland Women's Team – NHL winner

SIMON TOWNS



[Simon Towns – Olympic Qualifying Tournament Madrid 2004]

Simon Towns born in Wellington 1972 saw the light and moved to Auckland at the tender age of 3 years. Obviously there was no option for Simon when it came to playing Hockey or for that matter choosing a club to play for.

He began playing for Somerville in 1978 in the 15th division team a memorable start as the team failed to win a game with some scores in the double figures. Under the keen eye of Syd Torkington Simon along with a talented group of players began to make progress and stayed together in the 15th – 14th divisions to eventually win their respective grades over a sustained period. Representing Auckland at Hatch Cup along with many of his Somerville team mates seemed to be a natural progression and further enforced the view that Somerville were a leading club in the development of it's players.

Moving on through the age groups Simon represented Auckland and New Zealand at U15, U18 and U21's before being selected for New Zealand in 1992.

There is no doubt that the grounding given by Syd Torkington and subsequent Somerville coaches has been instrumental in the success that Simon has shared along with a number of other Somerville team mates.

PLAYING HISTORY

SOMERVILLE AGE GROUP 1978 – 1985 (15th – 14th division)

AUCKLAND AGE GROUP Hatch Cup 1984 & 1985 (Captain North Island Team)
U15 – 1986 - 1987
U18 – 1988 – 1990

AUCKLAND/NEW ZEALAND U21 1988 – 93
 Captain 1992 – 93

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL TEAM 1992 – present (214 caps)
 Captain 2000 – present (103 caps)
 World Cup – 1998 (11th), 2002 (9th)
 Commonwealth Games– 1998, 2002 (Silver Medal)
 Olympic Games – 2004 (6th)

AUCKLAND/NEW ZEALAND 1989 – 1992, 1994 - 2000
 Captain 1999 – 2000
 National Champions – 91, 92, 94, 97, 98

SOMERVILLE PREM/AUCKLAND/NZ 1989 – 1992, 1994 - 2000
 Captain 1995 - 1998 Player/Coach 2000
 Auckland Champions – 89, 90, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98

NTH QUEENSLAND/AUSTRALIA 1993, 1996, 2000

LILLE/FRANCE 1997/98
 National Champions

READING/ENGLAND 2000/2001 – present
 National Champions – 01/02, 02/03, 03/04
 European Cup Winners Cup – 2001 (3rd), 2002 (2nd)
 European Cup – 2003 (1st), 2005 (2nd)

KEVIN J TOWNS



Over the years, Somerville has been fortunate to have had some highly accredited coaching personnel within our ranks, no-one more so than Kevin Towns, current National Men's Coach, whose hockey playing, managing and coaching record is outstanding.

KT's Hockey Experience

Playing Record

Wellington Colts	1967 – 1968
New Zealand Colts	1968
Wellington Senior Representative	1968 – 1975
Auckland Senior Representative	1976 – 1979
North Island representative	1968 – 1975
New Zealand Player	1975

Team Manager

Auckland Colts	1978 – 1980
New Zealand Men	1986 – 1987
New Zealand Team (observer Australian games)	1975

Coaching

Wellington Colts	1974 – 1975
• Third & second placing	

Auckland B (Record – Played 40, Won 36, Drew 2, Lost 2)	1980 - 1982
• 1980 - Winners Indian Plate	
• 1981 – Winners Newmans Trophy	
• 1982 – Winners Newmans Trophy	

Auckland A - assistant coach	1983
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Auckland A (Record – Played 82, Won 72, Drew 8, Lost 2 GF 329 GA 48)	1984 – 1987
• 1984 – Winners Challenge Shield	
• 1985 – Winners Challenge Shield	
• 1986 – Winners Challenge Shield	
• 1987 – Runners Up Challenge Shield (7 players o'seas)	
• 1988 – Winners Challenge Shield	

Somerville Senior Men	1984 & 1987
• 1984 – Winners Auckland Club Championship	
• 1997 - Winners National Club Championship	

Somerville Senior Women	1988 – 1991
• 1988 – Joint Winners Auckland Championship	
• 1990 – Winners National Club Championship	

New Zealand Mens Team	1988 – 1992
• 1991 – 2 nd Indra Ghandi Tournament India	
• 1991 - 3 rd Olympic Qualifying Tournament	
• 1992 – 8 th Olympics Barcelona	

New Zealand Womens Academy	1994 – 1996
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KT's Hockey Experience (continued)

Midland Express National Hockey League	1999 – 2000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1999 – 6th Technical Advisor• 1991 – 4th Selector Coach	
New Zealand Mens Team	2000 - Current
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2001 – Home series win against India• 2001 – 7th World Cup Qualifier Edinburgh• 2002 – 9th World Cup Kuala Lumpur• 2002 – 2nd Commonwealth Games Manchester (Silver Medal)• 2003 – 3rd Azlan Shah Tournament Ipoh (Bronze Medal)• 2004 – 6th Olympic Qualifier Madrid (Qualified)• 2004 – 6th Olympic Games Athens (World Ranking 9th)• 2005 Current National Coach	

Mature Players

- The Club's eldest active player – this mantle was relinquished at the start of the 2005 season with the retirement from competitive Hockey by David Watt, former President of the Club, on reaching age 60. It is understood that this role has now been assumed by the current President of the Club, but at a much younger age!!
- Somerville Pirates. A number of elder Club statespeople participate in Golden Oldies events and are currently away for the 2005 event being held in Den Bosch in Holland. This section of the club is under the stalwart stewardship of Bill Percy.
- A number of the Club's senior members are also playing at Masters level for Auckland Hockey – a number are playing for other clubs to maintain their Premier 2 status and one (Irene Ryan) has represented New Zealand at a Pacific Rim Masters tournament. As an aside, David Watt also represented South Korea in the Mens' 2003 International Pacific Rim Masters tournament in Auckland and scored the team's only goal against Australia (a team which included Somerville ex member Dennis Baker).
- A number of retired players are also umpiring at Premier level for Auckland Hockey and for New Zealand Masters. Jeff Archibald and Sue Brown are prominent in this regard.
- A number of current and ex-members have provided support to Auckland Hockey as members of the Auckland Hockey Executive – Brian Heard, Margaret Fish, Kevin Ryan, Chris Hardley and Irene Ryan. Others have provided support in coaching, managing and umpiring of Auckland and New Zealand teams, Kevin Towns, Arvind Jasmat, Allan Hill, Simon Norton, Barbara Smith, Stu Ramage, Graham Walker, Suzette Eastmond-Mein, Wendy Michelsen and Alan Dass,

SOME MEMORIES FROM JOHN (JACK) GRANT - LIFE MEMBER

“My hockey started around the mid-1930’s out on the road with teams comprised of local residents and their sons; sticks were willow branches with appropriate curves; goals were marked with jam tins or rocks. The bottom of the sticks soon wore away on the asphalt.

In 1938 my schooling took me to Kowhai Intermediate where weekday games were played. Owai Rovers Club was starting up about then and they invited Kowhai players to join for weekend games, which I did for two seasons. Then I moved on to Seddon Tech. and played there for two seasons. Sports day hockey was held on Tuesdays at Hobson Park and I remember chasing sheep off the grounds before play began.

After starting work I did not play for a few seasons; then in 1945 I almost joined Mt Eden Club at the invitation of Graham Chester whom I had played with in the early days, but I met Barry Marshall and Bernie Adams who talked me out of joining Mt Eden and into joining Somerville.

My introduction to Somerville 3rd Grade was not that great. We were short of players so I was both fullbacks and goalie less pads. We held Auckland Grammar to 15-0. We went better against Mt Albert Grammar who beat us 13-0.

1946 was much better with the Club being strengthened by members returning from WWII. Some players were disappointed by being re-graded downwards to accommodate the servicemen, including the aforementioned Marshall and Adams. I think this was the year that an excellent inside left by the name of Griffen came along. Playing at right fullback, I was delighted with the way Ron could make gaps to receive my passes or free hits. Around this time I got my neighbour and friend John Chamberlain to join up and a bit later we got our mate Jack Pooley to give up playing rugby for Mt Roskill and join up too. The three of us and Ron Griffen used to practice at Phyllis Street Reserve in Mt Albert on Sundays. Jack’s brother Keith lived adjacent to the reserve and he welcomed us with refreshments after practice. Another of the Pooley family involved with the Club at the time was Gordon, who was 3rd Grade goalie for a season.

After a couple of promotions I was in the 1949 Senior ‘A’ Champion team. This was actually the team below Senior and because the name was a bit confusing it was subsequently changed to Senior ‘B’. I was in that side for three more seasons. Although I was never a permanent member of the Senior team I did have a few games with them.

I think it was 1950 when a couple of vacancies on the Committee came up. John Chamberlain and I were invited to fill them and we accepted, then in 1952 I was elected Hon. Sec. and Treas. when Warwick Watts left the position for business reasons. That year, the Club got a number of good new members, including Lt. H Gee who was P.T. instructor at the Naval Base. Harry arranged that once a week after work we all got aboard a Naval packet and went to the Naval Base gym for all sorts of physical torture on the gym equipment, running backwards around the rugby field, then indoor hockey followed by basketball. We got fit! This all helped towards the Club winning the top three Championships and as well we got the 7th Grade Championship.

I remained as Sec. and Treas. until the end of the 1955 season when I moved a bit too far out of Auckland to be effective in the position. Then in 1966 I agreed to act as Secretary in Des Chapman’s place to enable him to go on a course related to his position in the Post Office (refer Annual Report 1966 season).

At the beginning of the 1953 season I decided not to play so I could more effectively carry on as Sec. as well as umpiring which I had done from about 1946 and passed my Auckland badge in 1951. However, a couple of weeks after the season started we were short in 3rd Grade so I filled in and that was the end of my retirement from playing. It worked out that I was either playing two games and umpiring two morning games or playing one game and umpiring three per Saturday. Over following seasons I went up the grades again and played occasional games for the Seniors.

In 1969/70 I worked in Whangarei and played for a team called Rovers, which was run by the same Graham Chester who wanted me to play for Mt Eden in 1945. I returned to Auckland in 1971 and resumed playing for Somerville until 1978.

My only Rep. Honours came in 1951 when Auckland Senior and Senior 'B' went to Gisborne to play Poverty Bay. I was in the 'B' team which won whilst the Seniors lost, then later, back in Auckland, we gave the Seniors a practice game and managed to beat them.

I was awarded Grade Trophies in 1948, 1950 and 1974.

The 52nd Annual Report, 1967 season, records that I was honoured with Life Membership.

*J Grant
25 September 2004*

Facilities Development

The Club executive over the last 15 years since the closure of Hobson Park has provided temporary headquarters for the Club in venues such as Simson Reserve in Southdown and Ellerslie Eagles in Ellerslie.

During the mid-1990's the Club purchased a half share in the Grammar Windsor assets at the Auckland Grammar School Turf in Normanby Road and was jointly responsible for the running of the Pavilion. After some difficulties experienced with Grammar Windsor unable to continue to provide their half of voluntary support and there being no financial basis for continuing of a paid time employee by the joint venture, a new arrangement was found to be required.

In 2001, the Club was instrumental in forming a new entity (of which it continues to hold the controlling membership) that negotiated a term lease for the Pavilion which provides to Somerville priority access to the turf and pavilion outside the hours required by Auckland Grammar School. This arrangement has been instrumental in underpinning the capability of the successful Summer Hockey Program in which up to 1,000 people participate on a weekly basis for 20 weeks over the summer period.

This lease is renewable at the end of 2005 for a further 5-year term.

*Written by David Watt
Chairman, Grammar Turf Facilities Association Inc.*

MEMORIES FROM RALPH H MORGAN – 1950'S / 1960'S

Greetings!

Browsing through the Old Friends website and came across your entry.

I was a member of the Somerville Hockey Club, playing at the Market Road grounds, (Hobson Park??) during the 1950's/1960's.

Most memorable year was that of 1960, playing 6th Grade, our team played 12 games, won 10, drew 1, lost 1; 79 goals for, 18 goals against. That season we were recipients of the Soldiers' Memorial Cup, Champion Club, Suzanne Davis Cup, Winners of the Seven a side Tournament, and winners of the Championship.

Also, our team, which seldom changed from year to year, won the Seven a side Tournament in Waiuku???, 1957, 1958, 1960, cannot recall why we did not win in 1959 (maybe too much socialising the night prior).

Members of our team were: **A G Davis, Graham Knowles, Peter C Greenwood, G C Protheroe, Ralph H Morgan, E G Sherriff** (this young lad was hearing impaired and a terrific defence person), **Bruce [Bryce?] A Lott**, who I understand led New Zealand to a Gold Medal at the Summer Olympics [?], **W C Chamberlain, Wayne T Dickson** (our tactful captain), **Raymond D Gardiner, B Cameron, J Bird, B Kempster, G Moir.**

Our Patron was **L H Norton** and our coach was **Dave A Dickson.**

Playing field hockey was great fun, when our team had games at Papatoetoe, we would set off along Great South Road in pairs, hitchhiking to the grounds. Sunday some members of the team got together to hone their skills at "poker" or "in between".

We also played at other Seven a side tournaments at Hamilton, I think this would have been on Queen's Birthday Weekend.

I still have super memories of those days, and I thank **Brian and Honey Smith**, neighbours of **Graham Hough**, of Puriri Avenue, Greenlane, for taking me 'under their wing' and introducing me to the sport.

I will not be in Auckland for the Reunion, (I was in Auckland December/January/September 2004 and will be again in December/January 2005). However, should you manage to come in contact with the persons I have mentioned I ask that you pass on my kindest regards.

Congratulations to Somerville Hockey Club on their 90th Anniversary.

Ralph H Morgan
CANADA

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Every care has been taken in compiling this 90th Jubilee Booklet, but should there be errors or omissions, the Jubilee Committee offers its apologies.

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The Jubilee Committee
wishes everyone a very
pleasant
and enjoyable weekend.

Notes

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