

Apologies

- 1) Dan Kolek
- 2) Dylan Connell

President's Report

Following a much improved 2007 season that saw us finish on 442 Club Championship Points and with 2 teams in the Suburban Rugby Final Series (Colts & 2nd Grade), 2008 has seen Lindfield Rugby Club reach even greater heights.

Personnel consistency with regards to coaches, committee & volunteers, as well as an overall improvement in our player base have been integral factors to a successful season littered with highlights including;

1. Finishing 3rd in the Club Championships on 641 Points
2. Inaugural Under 85kg Team entered in Suburban Rugby Competition
3. 4th Grade winning Minor Premiership
4. 3 Teams qualifying for the Finals Series (4th, 3rd & 2nd Grade)
5. 3rd & 4th Grade winning Premiership Titles
6. Runner-up in Suburban Rugby Division Two 'Club of the Year' Award
7. Jonathan Broome winning Suburban Rugby 'Colt of the Year' Award

The magnitude of this season's achievements were galvanized when a club stalwart made it known that the last time Lindfield had 3 teams in the Finals was in 1987.

Coaching

With 3 teams making finals (4th, 3rd & 2nd Grade) and Colts missing out by only 4 points, our entire coaching staff deserve high praise for their efforts this season.

- Ned Carroll (1st Grade)
- Denise Carroll (1st Grade)
- Ward Benecke (2nd Grade)
- Gerard McLenaghan (2nd Grade)
- Ian Skinner (3rd Grade)
- Matt Langford-Brown (4th Grade)
- Michael Shortall (4th Grade)
- Ewan van Zyl (4th Grade)
- Paul Madden (4th Grade)

Special mention must be made firstly to Ian 'Bones' Skinner who, at the age of 21, took his first senior coaching opportunity with both hands leading his 3rd Grade side to the Division Two 3rd Grade 'Blunt Cup' Premiership.

Matt Langford-Brown, Michael Shortall, Ewan van Zyl and Paul Madden should also be congratulated for their efforts in 2008, heading a 4th Grade side which, despite a slow start to the year, finished the regular season on a 14 game winning streak, taking out the Minor Premiership Division Two 4th Grade 'Richardson Cup' Premiership.

Club of the Year & Colt of the Year

Last season, our overall improvement was recognised by being voted the *2007 NSW Suburban Rugby Division Two Club of the Year*. Through continued improvement and the huge efforts of many people, we have again received the high recognition of our peer clubs by finishing runner-up in the same award in 2008.

Special mention must also go to *Jonathan Broome*, who won the award for *Colt of Year* across all 6 Suburban Rugby Divisions. Jonathan had an excellent season captaining the Colts side and thoroughly deserves this accolade.

Sponsorship

Each season, player registration fees, fundraising and bar turnover go partway towards covering our running costs however we would not have been able to operate this season without the assistance of the following sponsors;

- Roseville Memorial Club
- Glowankowski International
- eNerds Pty Ltd
- SinglePoint
- St Ives Chiropractic
- Quants Meats

Special mention must be made of the Roseville Memorial Club who returned as our major Pub Sponsor this season. The RSM has been a fantastic venue for our members throughout the year, in particular for our *Post Grand Final* and *Presentation Night* celebrations. It is however with a degree of sadness that we bid Harry Wilkinson farewell as he heads into retirement.

I first had the pleasure of meeting Harry in 1999 when I first joined Lindfield Rugby and as a testament to his character and longevity, he was again our main contact at the RSM in 2008. On behalf of everyone at Lindfield Rugby Club, we wish you all the best in retirement Harry and thank you once again for your hospitality and assistance over the years.

Mark Glowankowski's father also deserves a quick mention. He assisted the club greatly through a cash sponsorship as well as donating 'Mr Blowie' – an inflatable 'Lindfield' character, similar to those seen at Wallabies matches.

Committee

The regular playing season runs for just 5-6 months each year however the following committee members have worked tirelessly since November 2007 to propel the club to the successful position we now find ourselves in;

- Ben Dibden (Vice President)
- Michael Hamilton (Secretary)
- Mark Quealey (Treasurer)
- Jamie Warner (Sponsorship)
- Trent Baker (Rugby Director)
- Jeremy Curtin (Recruitment)
- Tim Curtin (Club Captain)
- Michael Broome (Bar Manager)
- Mark Glowankowski (Registrar)
- Patrick Sinclair (Gear Steward)
- Joe Daven (Social)

I would like to thank each of you for your efforts this season. The fact the 2007 committee was for the most part unchanged in 2008 allowed the general operations of the Club to continue smoothly and I hope to see as many of you as possible stay on again next season.

Physiotherapist

Without doubt, one man who has played an instrumental role keeping us all on the paddock this season is Club Physio, Michael Swain.

Michael has dedicated a huge amount of personal time to assist the club this season and we thank him very much for his efforts.

Summary

Lindfield Rugby Club is a club run by members for its members.

So aside from our official sponsors, I would like to thank everyone who assisted this season, especially those who pitched in behind the scenes. Whether you assisted on the BBQ, setup &/or packed away the ground, cleaned up rubbish or helped behind the bar, your efforts do get noticed and are thoroughly appreciated.

Player Numbers this year were also the best they've been for some time and I believe this can be directly attributed to the positive culture of 'mate-ship and loyalty which has developed at the club over the past few years.

Next season is Lindfield Rugby Club's 90th year in Suburban Rugby and it is my goal to see us win the Club Championship and earn promotion to Division 1. This goal can be achieved, but only through the hard work, commitment and dedication of everyone involved.

I have no doubt that 2009 will be a fantastic year for Lindfield Rugby and I hope to see you be a part of it.

Yours in Rugby,



Tristan Warner
President

Division Two Results – 2008

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TALLY // Div 2 Club Championship Points

Navigation Options ::

» CLUB	Pts
Kings Old Boys	873
Barker Old Boys	870
Lindfield	641
Briars	640
Waverley	525
St Ives	518
Newport	500
Oatley	462
Hornsby	447
Epping	432

Ladder // Div 2 > 1st Grade (Barracough)

Navigation Options ::

» Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Barker Old Boys	18	15	0	3	559	226	333	70
Kings Old Boys	18	14	1	3	472	305	167	67
Briars	18	12	0	6	609	360	249	65
St Ives	18	9	2	7	419	382	37	51
Oatley	18	9	0	9	378	471	-93	44
Newport	18	7	0	11	294	373	-79	33
Epping	18	6	0	12	338	432	-94	33
Lindfield	18	5	1	12	390	534	-144	33
Waverley	18	6	1	11	304	473	-169	31
Hornsby	18	4	1	13	312	519	-207	22

Ladder // Div 2 > 2nd Grade (Stockdale)

Navigation Options ::

» Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Waverley	18	14	1	3	457	176	281	67
Barker Old Boys	18	13	1	4	375	192	183	63
Lindfield	18	12	2	4	513	188	325	63
Newport	18	13	1	4	337	207	130	61
Kings Old Boys	18	12	0	6	385	233	152	57
St Ives	18	6	1	11	214	344	-130	33
Briars	18	6	0	12	225	315	-90	30
Hornsby	18	6	0	12	254	399	-145	30
Epping	18	4	0	14	178	360	-182	22
Oatley	18	1	0	17	102	626	-524	7

Ladder // Div 2 > 3rd Grade (Blunt)**Navigation Options ::**

» Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Epping	18	14	0	4	353	157	196	65
Lindfield	18	14	0	4	335	117	218	62
Kings Old Boys	18	13	1	4	309	133	176	62
Briars	18	12	0	6	256	159	97	55
Waverley	18	9	0	9	258	157	101	48
Hornsby	18	8	1	9	225	228	-3	36
Barker Old Boys	18	7	1	10	195	245	-50	36
Oatley	18	5	2	11	157	350	-193	26
Newport	18	4	0	14	139	343	-204	16
St Ives	18	1	1	16	122	460	-338	8

Ladder // Div 2 > 4th Grade (Richardson)**Navigation Options ::**

» Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Lindfield	18	15	0	3	376	142	234	69
Newport	18	12	1	5	268	176	92	55
Hornsby	18	12	0	6	259	214	45	52
Barker Old Boys	18	11	0	7	274	152	122	51
Oatley	18	10	0	8	180	159	21	48
Briars	18	8	0	10	219	205	14	39
Kings Old Boys	18	7	1	10	228	184	44	39
Epping	18	6	0	12	150	194	-44	33
Waverley	18	6	1	11	188	229	-41	32
St Ives	18	1	1	16	55	542	-487	7

Ladder // Div 2 > Colts (Robertson)**Navigation Options ::**

» Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Kings Old Boys	18	13	1	4	299	183	116	62
Hornsby	18	12	1	5	472	208	264	60
St Ives	18	12	0	6	360	140	220	57
Barker Old Boys	18	11	1	6	437	241	196	56
Lindfield	18	11	0	7	411	248	163	52
Oatley	18	10	0	8	342	243	99	49
Roseville	18	7	0	11	274	281	-7	36
Epping	18	6	1	11	252	389	-137	29
Briars	18	6	0	12	262	362	-100	29
Hills	18	0	0	18	86	900	-814	0

Ladder // U85kg > U85kg**Navigation Options ::**

» Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Beecroft (Tuesday Pool)	9	9	0	0	279	5	274	43
Mosman (Wednesday Pool)	9	8	0	1	162	45	117	36
Dee Why (Wednesday Pool)	9	6	0	3	114	47	67	27
Knox Old Boys (Tuesday Pool)	9	6	0	3	136	111	25	26
West Harbour (Wednesday Pool)	9	5	0	4	134	103	31	25
Briars (Tuesday Pool)	9	4	1	4	125	149	-24	22
St Ives (Tuesday Pool)	9	3	1	5	78	135	-57	15
Epping (Wednesday Pool)	9	1	0	8	70	163	-93	7
Lindfield (Tuesday Pool)	9	0	2	7	40	206	-166	7
UNSW (Wednesday Pool)	9	1	0	8	14	188	-174	6