

## THE BEGINNING: 1934 - 1949

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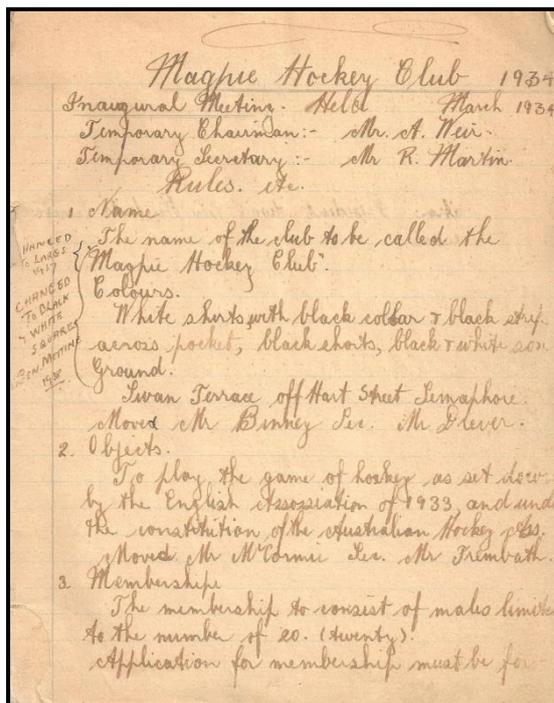
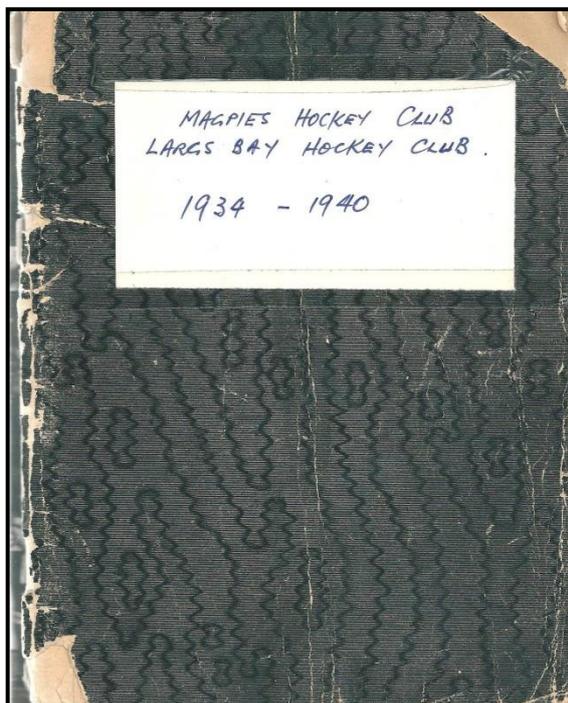
The Club had its beginning in March 1934 when a group of enthusiasts met and formed the *Magpies Hockey Club* with one team, to play in the South Australian Hockey Association premiership competition in 'C' Grade.

The name of the Club was to be called the 'Magpie Hockey Club' The club colours were to be white shirts, black shorts and black and white socks. The objects of the club were to play the game of hockey as set down by the English Association of 1933 and under the constitution of the Australian Hockey Association. The membership was to consist of males, limited to a number of 20.

Player subscriptions in its first year were 5 shillings (50 cents). This included a registration fee of 2 shillings and 6 pence (25 cents) which was paid to the South Australian Hockey Association. Fund raising during the season was by means of raffles (illegal in those days) and card evenings.

During this first season, three matches were played against Grange Hockey Club and the results were a 1-1 draw and two wins of 4-0 and 6-3.

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## **1936**

The Club again fielded two teams – in C and D Grades. Merlyn Binney, Robert Spangler and Arthur Weir were elected Life Members of the Club.

*State Representative:*

Seniors: Roth Martin

*Best & Fairest Trophy Winners:*

B Grade: Ray Porter

D Grade: Jack Summers

A Grounds Committee was formed to inquire into the possibility of finding a suitable ground for practice. The Management Committee was keen for full participation of members at social functions and every member was liable to pay a 1/- fee irrespective of whether they attended the function or not.

## **1937**

In 1937 the name of the Club was changed to *Largs Bay Hockey Club*. The club fielded teams in C and D Grades.

*State Representative:*

Seniors: Roth Martin

The club used the Largs Reserve as its practice ground (Wednesday mornings at 6.30 am)

## **1938 – 1939**

The Club fielded teams in C and D Grades in both 1938 and 1939.

Arthur Weir, the first President of the Club, was elected President of the South Australian Hockey Association in 1939, an office which he held for the following two years.

*State Representative:*

Seniors: Roth Martin

## **1940**

The Club only fielded one team (D Grade) in 1940.

1940 – CLUB TEAM



Back (L-R): Eric Raddatz, Arthur Weir, Harry Robb, Jack Waterhouse, Harry Waterhouse.  
 Front (L-R): Don Germein, Jay O'Grady (Captain), Horrie Birch, Alan Heywood, Bill Brooks, Ted Skinner, Keith Cosh.

Data of play 1940.					
Opposing team	Date	Ground	Score	Best Players	Goal Keepers
Blackwood	27/4/40	Birkalla	7 - 0	Raddatz, Cosh, Heywood, Germein, O'Grady, Sumners	Germein, Raddatz, Waterhouse
Y.M.C.A.	4/5/40	"	2 - 1	Cosh, Sumners, Robb	O'Grady, Sumners
Loc H.	11/5/40	"	1 - 1	Brooks, Raddatz, Birch, O'Grady	Raddatz, Birch
Woolbourne Park	18/5/40	"	3 - 1	Robb, O'Grady	Germein, Birch
Kookaburra	25/5/40	"	6 - 1	Robb, Birch	Germein, Birch
Argosy	1/6/40	"	5 - 1	Weir, Waterhouse, Birch	Birch, Sumners
Teacher's College	8/6/40	"	6 - 0	Raddatz, Birch	Raddatz
Goldfast Bay	15/6/40	"	6 - 3	Robb, Cosh	Raddatz, Birch
Woodville	22/6/40	"	2 - 3	Robb, Raddatz, Cosh	Birch, Birch
Westbourne M	29/6/40	"	2 - 1	Germein, Cosh, Waterhouse, Raddatz	Germein
Blackwood	6/7/40	"	3 - 0	Cosh, Robb	Raddatz, Germein
YMCA	13/7/40	Shell No 1. gd.	3 - 2	Weir, Robb, Heywood, Raddatz, Waterhouse	Raddatz, Waterhouse
Loc H.	20/7/40	Birkalla	8 - 0	Raddatz, Birch, Cosh	Waterhouse, Birch
Kookaburra	27/7/40	Shell No 1. gd.	9 - 2	Raddatz, Cosh	Raddatz, Birch
Argosy	3/8/40	Birkalla	5 - 0	Robb, Germein	Germein, Waterhouse
Goldfast Bay	24/8/40	"	2 - 0	Waterhouse, Sumners, Robb, Cosh	Germein, Birch
Woodville	31/8/40	"	1 - 3	Germein, Sumners, Robb	Germein, Raddatz

1940 Team Statistics

The team comprised of four members who were elected as Life Members of the Club: Arthur Weir (1936), Don Germein (1964), Keith Cosh (1967) and Bill Brooks (1975).

Roth Martin was elected a Life Member of the Club in 1940.

The Club continued to use Birkalla as its home ground. Because of this the Club decided to contact Porters Garage in Hart Street re the hire of a buckboard for transport of players. Appropriate arrangements were made and players travelled each week to their hockey matches in the back of a buckboard (a home-built dual purpose passenger and load-carrying vehicle which were the precursors of the factory-built 'utility' or 'pickup truck').

Regular patrons on this transport were Jack and Harry Waterhouse, Don Germein, Jay O'Grady, Keith Cosh, Eric Raddatz, Bill Brooks and Harry Robb.

## **1941**

In 1941 enlistments in the armed services by members prevented more than one team being nominated.

## **1942-1945**

The Club went into recess during the war years from 1942 to 1945.

## **1946**

Following the end of the War, the Club was reformed in 1946 with one team.

The Club applied to the South Australian Hockey Association to be allocated a home ground once again at Birkalla. Training was held every Sunday morning (10 am) on the beach between Largs and Semaphore.

Arthur Weir was elected a Life Member of the South Australian Hockey Association.

It was in 1946 that the Le Fevre Technical School was identified as a potential source for junior players in future years. It was through Arthur Weir's initiatives that a Wednesday afternoon hockey competition between technical schools started. He also played a prominent part in the formation of the South Australian Hockey Association's Saturday morning schoolboy competition.

A new constituted Grounds Committee was formed to look into the possibility of finding a suitable ground in the district.

## **1947**

A second team was fielded in 1947 with the Club participating in A2 and C2 Grades. The A2 team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> position and the C2 Grade in 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

### *State Representatives:*

Seniors: Roth Martin (Captain-Coach), Robert Botten and Jack Summers

### *Best & Fairest Trophy Winners 1947:*

A2 Grade: Bill Brooks  
C1 Grade: Ross Richards  
Most Improved: Peter Dougherty

The Grounds Committee reported to members that after considerable investigation it found that there were no available grounds in the district. Practice for the season was held on Friday evenings on the Largs Reserve and on Sundays at the Hart Street reserve.

The club decided to waive fees for schoolboys wanting to play by making them honorary members.

## 1948

At the commencement of the 1948 season the Club's first team was promoted to A1 Grade. The second team played in the C1 Grade. The playing membership of the club was 31.

It was during this year that the first steps were taken towards the Club obtaining a ground on the site that it now occupies. However, in the meantime inquiries were made concerning a possible hockey pitch in the new area being opened up adjacent to the Draper Railway Station.

### *State Representative:*

Seniors: Roth Martin

### *Best & Fairest Trophy Winners 1948:*

A1 Grade: Jim Lucas

(Note: R. Richards received most votes but under Club Constitution a player could not win trophy in two consecutive years.)

C1 Grade: Don Reid

Most Improved Junior: Barry Townsend

Goalkeeper's Performance: Allan Drever

Club Trophy (Services rendered) Roth Martin

A coach training initiative was implemented by the Club where a panel of trainee coaches was appointed to work under the Club senior coach, Roth Martin to receive instruction re training/coaching. The trainee coaching panel comprised John Summers, Arthur Weir, Rex Martin, Bill Brooks, Don Germein, Harry Robb and Eric Raddatz.

On the social scene an 'Ugly Man' competition was held to raise funds. The prize for the winner of the competition was fixed at one guinea (21 shillings). This competition raised approximately £14. No record was made of the winner of the competition!

The first Annual Presentation Night of the Club was held on 29 September 1948 at the Green Dragon Hotel, Adelaide (corner of South Terrace and Pulteney Street). Musicians and a comedian provided the entertainment for the evening and the Club President, Arthur Weir, presented the trophies

## 1949

1949 was a very important year in the history of the Club. The amalgamation of the *Largs Bay Hockey Club* and *Motors Ltd Hockey Club* was negotiated and approved at a Special Meeting held on 15 March 1949 where members of both Largs Bay and Motors were present. This move was made firstly, because of the possibility of the introduction of district residential qualifications for all players in the top grade of the Association, and secondly, to increase the playing strength of the Club.

As a result of this amalgamation the name of the Club became the ***Port Adelaide District Hockey Club*** and its clubs colours became black and white (as originally used in 1934).

However, there were a couple of minor hiccups to get to this stage. Firstly, members of the Largs Bay Hockey Club proposed the name of the Port Adelaide District Hockey Club but the Motors Hockey Club proposal was for the name to be Port Motors. The majority vote was in favour of the Port Adelaide District Hockey Club.

Secondly, there was confusion about the club colours. The Special Meeting agreed that the club colours be red and gold quarters, black shorts and red and gold socks (Motors HC colours). However, these colours were not approved by the South Australian Hockey Association and the Club was directed that the colours should remain as black and white. However, because of problems with supply of uniforms, in the first year two of the teams played in black and white and the other two teams played in red and gold. The Club fielded 4 teams

Negotiations to acquire the John Hart Reserve as a home gained momentum. Club President, Arthur Weir organized a meeting of representatives from the Port Adelaide Council, the Hockey Club, the Port Adelaide Soccer Club and the Port Adelaide Basketball Association (since changed to Netball in 1970 in Australia) and the Port Adelaide Soccer Club to discuss the development of the Hart Reserve as a combined sporting venue.

*State Representatives:*

Seniors: Bill Brooks, Roth Martin (Manager-Coach)

*Best & Fairest Trophy Winners 1949:*

A1 Grade:	Bill Brooks
A2 Grade:	Bob Richards
C1 Grade:	A Adams
C2 Grade:	J Tucker