

## Avon Grass Women's Team

Time to pull out the boots for some grass roots hockey. Always a lot of fun lumbering about sometimes in the mud, sometimes the rather long grass, the occasional hole or strategically placed doggy doo!

This year we had to do without Sue and Colleen who were taking a season off to spend more time with family. We welcomed back Carol and Angela. Unfortunately Carol did her knee in during the first game and Angela was unavailable for the first 3 or 4 games so we struggled for players. The usual story of either having 3 on the sideline or playing short! However we were lucky enough to have Nic from Mid Week join us. Normally a goalie, she was keen for some field time. Also Kim's daughter, Jacinda who plays for one of the Avon junior teams stepped in to add speed and youth to our team.

So each week we managed to field a team with the help of a few guest appearances from Jill and Melinda.

As for results, well we were very good at keeping to a draw! Very frustrating with some games that we dominated the opposition's half but the goals eluded us. I prefer to say that they had exceptional goalies! We had our wins and losses and many draws.

It was great to see Hornby with two teams adding some growth to the competition.

We struggled for umpires this season as the men were usually playing at a different venue due to the small number of teams in their competition. Many thanks to Lloyd, Grenville and Liam from the men's team and Keith (who came out of retirement again for us!) to umpire for us.

So we ended up playing off for 5th and 6th on finals' day and winning 6 - 0 we took 5th place. Nice to end with a win.

Player of the year was a well deserved Robin Cox and most improved was Jacinda King who became a lot stronger dealing with stroppy older ladies!

Thanks to all in the team who turned up each week happy to have a run around and play any position thrown at them.

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