



Saturday 16th June 2012

President's Pen

Last week I had a conversation with Albert from City & Inland Pest Control, one of our sponsors that I have used for the fourth time & found him very efficient & honest. I'm surprised that I have been the only one from the club that has used him. Please if you have a pest problem (not being your spouse or kids!) could you at least give him a chance to quote, I do not think you will be disappointed, as goes with all our sponsors. Please support our sponsors where ever you can, it helps to keep our fee costs down.

We have entertainment books left over, so if you wish to purchase one, they are available behind the bar. There is also our \$2 raffle, for a top quality hockey stick & extras. Both these fundraisers are great value & both support the Club.

I apologise for not being here last week and hence no report. I needed the break before a break down. I also apologise for the bar & kitchen not being open last Friday, however economics dictated the decision as there was only one game, with the Boys 17s B grade fixtured at 7 pm. I cannot justify wages nor volunteers giving up their night for one hour, given turnover. I am sorry for any inconvenience but common sense prevailed.

Lost property: there are still several sticks (kept behind the bar) & clothing on the lost property rack. Any unclaimed clothes will go to Good Sammies & the sticks to our juniors who need them the most.

Steve Silvey took the initiative to take the patio down with help, due to the storm. This probably saved us a lot of grief. Pat & myself cannot be available all the time, so thank you very much to Steve and others. If you

see a problem or rubbish scattered around, please help in sorting it out straight away or if not please report it. Not only would this be much appreciated, but many hands make light work & gives ownership of this great Club to the members.

Coaching: We thank Don Miller, who has given the Club a program via Keith Harper on forward presses. Also, our goal keepers have volunteered their time for junior goal keeping development. Their support is what this Club & its members are all about- a fantastic effort.

Our top squads men & woman had a very successful weekend starting with the Men beating Hale in 1s, 2s & 3s, a fantastic result not only for the players but also coach & Club. The 1s women beat Old Guilford and continue to march towards their goal of finishing on top & promotion into top league. Keeping in mind there is a big step from Willow Bridge to top league, under the guidance of Blake & Steve, we think you will achieve your goal. Remember, listen to the coach & do not take your foot off the pedal for one moment- you are not there yet but the Club is very proud of what you are achieving. This is also supported by the 2s, defeating ECU Rangers, the 3s defeating Uni. All teams need to move up to support the 1s squad & I think we are on track with that as well. The position of the 2s and 3s is just as important as the 1s and my comments above are the same for you. Well done to you & your coaches so far. I did not see a lot of games this week in the lower grades, so I cannot comment, however I am sure we are keeping the Melville name up there.

As I have not been able to get all the names of the state junior representatives, and would not like to miss someone out or make a mistake, I will leave it till next week's report. This is a relief, as it is hard to find something to report each week & I am happy for any input.

Till next week...

Steve McEntee
President

PREMIER LEAGUE

Mens Melville Toyota League vs Hale (Won 2 - 1) 2012-06-09

A new attitude and a much higher work rate got the boys over the line this week. Playing a much higher tempo hockey game helped us to ensure victory over a tidy Hale side. Also an inspirational goal line save from Mark Brodie and many breathtaking saves from Clemo encouraged one and all to dig deep and have a win!!

Let's continue the hard work and take it to WASPS next week!

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Ladies Willow Bridge League vs OGMHC (Won 3 - 1)

Best: A. Seibel, S. Gale, A. Clark

Goals: S. Bowyer, S. Gale, C. Surman

Round 7, lucky number 7, call it what you will, but number 7 symbolises "togetherness" in Chinese culture and today the Willow Bridge girls stuck together to withstand a spirited contest against OGMHC and produce a 3-1 win. Intensity was high right from the get go and the team were able to get two goals on the board by the half time break. Increased pressure by OGMHC had us fighting our way back to regain the ascendancy and with a final 15 minutes of aggressive hockey, the team was able to complete the win.

"Work is hard. Distractions are plentiful. And time is short." Adam Hochschild

Ladies Promotion 2

Best: S. Clark/S. Chiswell, C. Ferguson/G. Bowyer

A scappy first half showed that the two week break had not worked in our favour. Thank goodness for our stength in defence! To the teams credit they lifted and produced a much better second half, utilising both the full field and attacking "D". A terrific thru pass to Grace and her lightening speed down the wing saw her score a last seconds percentage boosting goal.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Mens Provisional 1 vs UWA

No report

Ladies Provisional 1 vs UWA (Won 2 - 0)

Best: K. Biffin, J. Greenacre, S. Jarvis

Goals: S. Jarvis, R. Weddikkara

Yay! A well fought victory at the Melville Turf against UWA. Why did we win against a quality opposition? 1. Hard work throughout the game, especially running off the ball. 2. Good execution of intercepts, passing and tackling. 3. A really positive attitude. 4. Sufficient reserves to keep our pace up. 5. Good talking on the field. Everyone played extremely well with each person doing something special at least once that affected the result.

Thanks to Georgia, Jeanette and Shahni for helping out.

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Ladies Provisional 2 Gold vs Canning (Won 1 - 0)

Best: S. King, E. Joynes, M. Regan

Finally the coach sees her team win a game!

Fantastic game which resulted in a 1-0 win. There was plenty of fantastic team work and great runs down the side lines. We had most of the play but it took us till the last 5mins to score a goal. There were a few nail biting moments when the opposition got some fast breaks, but our defence stood firm. WELL DONE GIRLS - the top of the ladder is looking a little closer!

Mens Provisional 3 Gold vs Vic Park (Won 4 - 1)

Best: J. Thomas, A. Riley, J. McMahon

Goals: J. Tate (2), T. Neesham, J. McMahon

After issues with spectator seating room at last Saturday's blockbuster at Buzza, we got the call up to play at WAHA's biggest venue for another prime-time display of supreme hockey class. An under-strength side with no subs meant the boys had to work harder to score but the bottom side never had a chance. Metty 2 and Vets fill-ins meant what we lacked in finesse we made up for in brutal bouncing 16 yd hits and upright trapping that kids these days just don't appreciate enough. Passing through the centre was top notch, great team effort boys.

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Ladies Provisional 4 vs Blades (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: J. McDonough, W. Joyce/S. Dsouza, P. Lock

Great effort with the new system... We just need to capitalize on the opportunities we created in the D. Top effort by everyone on the field..... Was great to see everyone working hard and putting in 100%. Goal scoring drills this week at training... Be there!!!!

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Mens Metro 1 vs Mods/Harlies

No report

Ladies Metro 1 vs Uni Associates (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: M. Margetts, J. Coad/M. Glover, R. Latham

A hard game which saw Uni Soaks score in the first half. We had our chances but could not equalise. We had much more of the attacking play in the second half with many short corners and a few near misses but could not score resulting in a 0-1 loss. Renae made her comeback with a solid game, good to have you back Renae.

Mens Metro 2 Gold vs Suburban Lions (Won 3 - 2)

Goals: C. James (2), G. Linstead

Best game of the season so far. Great win boys. Nice to have you back Cridds. A big thanks to the vets who filled in. Let's keep it going.

Mens Metro 3 Gold vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 6)

Best: M. Willis, R. Ayriss, T. Andrews

Well we proved that holidays are not the best for our team, as always we just were not hungry enough for and with the ball. After a week of rest we went into the game already short - Mario and Rowan (our keeper) arrived late after having to deliver a gout ridden Tim back home. Age is finally catching up to Timbo it seems, we may have to put him in the back pasture to see out his final days. Ricky gets extra points this week for manning up and stepping into the goals (with only a helmet) and not letting a single one through. Great work to Brent as well, his first game with the team and he threw himself in with zeal. We gotta get more hungry boys...

VETERANS

Mens Masters Midweek vs Vic Park (Won 3 - 2) 2012-05-28

Best: M. Starling, J. Cooke, M. Lyons

Goals: J. Cooke, D. Hoad, M. Starling

Outstanding result against a really tough side.

Ladies Masters 2 vs Uni 2 (Won 1 - 0)

Best: L. O'Sullivan, T. Rayfield, M. Farrow/K. Mishra

Goals: D. Goundrey

Terrible weather and all the way down to rockingham to boot. A disorganised start and that's how we stayed. Not our best game but we got the points. Thanks to sue for coming down to play.

Ladies Masters 3 Gold vs Vic Park (Lost 1 - 4) 2012-05-30

Best: M. Margetts, H. Doyle, L. Coss

Goals: S. Brockman

Good effort first half 2-1 with some lovely work in both offense and defence. Injuries and subs in the second half didn't help however Jo survived most of the game as an INNER and is now 4 weeks hamstring free. We had several opportunities forward however couldn't convert, Lou is going to visit the optometrist for a check up!

Ladies Masters 3 Gold vs Rockingham (Drew 1 - 1) 2012-06-06

Best: L. Dymond, M. Margetts, L. Forbes

Goals: T. Forbes

We braved the wet and the time change to play at 9pm, way past our bedtimes, but we passed well and sometimes even looked professional we should have capitalised and more of our opportunities but I'm sure that will come now we have a full team, well done girls.

Mens Masters 40-1 vs Wolves (Lost 2 - 4)

Best: A. Scanlon, J. Cooke, W. Harries/D. Loffell

Goals: A. Starling, S. Willett

Disappointing result against an admittedly very classy Wolves. We couldn't put it away in attack, and with Crowey in goals, how could they miss??? (We're all keeping our fingers crossed that he may have done his back in with all that bending over to grab the ball out of the back of the net ...)

Mens Masters 40-2 vs NC Raiders (Lost 0 - 4)

Best: R. Achemedei, G. Currie, G. Ranford

Another weekend another game. We had control of the game for about 60 minutes and they had five shots, what can you say..... We saved one. A great effort around the ground. We controlled the ball, moved it short, passed to the call, everything we tell the juniors but couldn't score. It must come soon.

Mens Masters 40-4 vs Wolves

No report

Mens Masters 50-1 vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 4)

Best: P. Matthews, B. Robinson, C. Howell

As one person said to me, its a strange way to say we lost the game - we lost the 1st half 4 -0 and drew the 2nd half 0-0. But that was how the game went. We played a more determined 2nd half to prove we could match and maybe beat WASPs. We created more chances than them but couldnt put them away. We were undermanned with Ches blowing a hammy and BR having a short rest behind the goals - for what?? I have no idea!!!

Thanks again to John Smith for making himself available and proving his worth in our forward line. Another tough one next week against Harlies/Mods. A win then will sit us well and truly in a good spot for the rest of the season.



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Mens Masters 50-2 vs Suburban Lions (Won 3 - 2)

Best: R. Nottage, E. Nell, A. Marshall

Goals: A. Marshall (2), E. Nell

A great team win playing with just 10 men against a team with 14. Was a bit like the Dockers win over Richmond ... not pretty but everyone contributed and will gladly take the points. Two great seagull goals from Alan.

Mens Masters 50-3 vs WASPS (Won 4 - 1)

Best: A. Wood, F. Williams, R. Bell/B. Porter

Goals: A. Wood (2), L. Welten, F. Williams

We started a little slow and had a few regulars out of the side but with a now settled team squad came back with great control from the back and half lines setting up a hungry forward line. 2 -1 at the first half made us a little nervous but with great passes moving down the sides it started to click during the second half. Leo went down with a brutal ball to the head. We heard it from the side line. The ambulance was called the medics on the field the umpires worried but alas Leo jumped up no serious damage done and played on. Well done to all and a great stroke save from Roger and good distribution through Steve up front. Well done all we are back at our best a great final time result.

Mens Masters 60 vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: G. Riley, P. Hall, R. Domingo/T. Parker/J. Smith

The team went onto the match with high expectations after our performance the previous match against Raiders and playing a Wasp team that has not had a great start to the season. Wasps however came to play and with 2 excellent inside forwards and a fast Centre Forward we could not contain them. Our team played very well but missed our chances to score. Geoff Riley went into goals for the week and played a fantastic game, one of the opposition questioned his age. Thanks to Leo for joining us this week and hopefully can help us out in some future games.

JUNIORS

Boys 11/12 Pool 1b vs Wolves (Won 4 - 1)

Best: Bryn De Bes, Frank Reynolds, Fraser Hay

Goals: J. Pierluigi, J. Lawrence, R. Vickery, J. Wakefield

A great win to start off the real A's competition, especially against wolves at their home ground. It took us a little while to build into the game and find our feet on the blue turf, but once we got going we were able to create a number of chances. The second half was a much better performance because we didn't give wolves as much space as the first, which limited their flowing game. We still can and need to get better at doing this over the next few weeks to keep the pressure right on the other team.

Girls 11/12 Pool 1a vs Peel (Won 5 - 0)

Best: A. Clark, M. Brockman, M. Harper

Goals: A. Fullarton, A. McNess, K. Rule, A. Seibel, G. Wade

A well fought game with a good result. Although, the intensity did drop off in the second half. Nice to see the goals all to different players also! Well done girls!

Boys 11/12 Pool 2a Maroon - BYE

Boys 11/12 Pool 2a White vs CT Pirates (Lost 0 - 12)

Best: L. Kannemeyer, A. Metcalfe, J. Campbell

We started the match without Samuel, and Austin played but was still recovering from a cold.

The first half was competitive with some lax marking in defence to allow a couple of goals through, half time score line was 4 nil to CT Pirates. There were some outstanding efforts from Nick and Adam to allow Leigh to weave a little bit magic in mid field, unfortunately no goals resulted. Nice efforts from Austin even though he was not well.

10 minutes into the second half Andrew came off with an injury to his hand and in great pain, within 5 minutes Leigh was involved in a collision with a CT Pirates player and had a big gash above his eye, both players left the ground for medical assistance. This was a disaster for us with 9 players only we struggled in the final 20 minutes. Great defensive efforts from James and Jacob, Angus was again full of energy running the full field and again Rowan was overworked.

Girls 11/12 Pool 2 vs Rockingham (Lost 1 - 5)

Best: C. McCartney, P. Greenwood/S. Matthews, M. Sader

Goals: P. Greenwood

Well Done Girls - We made the A Reserves. It was a tight game and very evenly matched. Unfortunately we didn't find the backboard. We had our chances though and we will convert them. It is important to attend training to practice these shots. Thanks to Monique and Brittany for filling in for us.

Boys 9/10A vs UWA (Drew 3 - 3)

Best: M. Tate, J. Rutigliano, J. Ross

Goals: H. Edwards, A. Ranford, C. Thompson

Coming up against 2nd placed Uni, the boys knew the match would be a challenge. They came out hard with Conor Thompson scoring a tap in goal in the first 10 minutes. Throughout the first half they held the upper hand slightly, but the score heading into half time was 2-2. After the break they continued their ways with a well converted corner from Ash Ranford. A break-away goal for UWA brought the score back to 3-3 and changed the tempo of the game. UWA started to run the ball well through the middle of the ground and we were unlucky not to take the lead back with balls flying over the cross-bar and skimming the outside of the post. UWA had a string of corners which the defenders kept out very well. A game the boys really could have and should have won, but will take the 1 point for their efforts. Tough game against Hale next week, get ready boys!

Girls 9/10A (Won 5 - 2)

Best: R. Harrup, M. Sader, B. Lawrence/L. Lefroy

Goals: R. Harrup (2), I. Nelson (2), L. Lefroy

It was a very stormy day, which seemed to have the team very switched-on right from the start. We broke through their defence with our long driving hits followed by the speed and short passing in the forward line, culminating in our first goal after 10 minutes. We dominated the first half with our hard work, being 2-0 at half time. In the second half, Rockingham fought back hard, but we managed to put another 3 goals on the board,(5-2). A great effort!

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Boys 9/10A Reserve vs AW Reds (Lost 0 - 4)

Best: M. Dixon, R. Beddoes, C. Addison

Once again our Melville Boys had a fair percentage of the play, we are just not finishing off with goals. AW Reds were a very good side. Matt Dixon and Richard Beddoes are leading the defence well and Mackenzie Love is playing really well in goals. Next week boys!!!

Girls 9/10A Reserve vs Hale (Lost 0 - 11)

Best: T. Stephens, C. Browne, H. Robson

No report

Girls 9/10B Gold vs St Brigids

No report

Boys 9/10C vs Southern River (Lost 0 - 4)

Best: H. MacPherson, T. Moulin, C. Cumper

This was an entertaining game to watch despite a loss to Southern River 4-0. The boys played consistently with the ball predominately up their end. The goals just did not go in! Coach's advice is to play with more 'grunt' and be hungrier for the ball. Fairest and best player went to Hamish MacPherson. You've got the ability guys and your play is improving all the time. Best of luck for next game.

Boys 7/8A

Best: T. Ziegelaar, W. Reynolds, A. Rayfield

Goals: A. Rayfield

Lack of strength over the ball and standing off the play in the first 20 minutes is what lost us the game this week. The boys need to get to bed earlier on the Friday night so they don't run on the field asleep. We need to arrive at the game ready to play and not allow a 4 goal wakeup call before we start, this proved too much to claw back. We were outdone by a mediocre UWA team. We have some things to work on this week to enable us to bounce back with a win next week.

Girls 7/8A vs Vic Park (Lost 0 - 3)

Best: Silvey, Stephens, Kirk

This week we let ourselves down because of a basic lack of desire. We let them have the ball and were slow to mark up. We had several chances but truth be told we were not quick enough onto the rebound. Mik had a solid game and showed how to fight for the ball and Dani was strong. Let's use this game to motivate a big bounce back next week

Girls 7/8A Reserve vs Joondalup (Lost 0 - 5) 2012-06-09

Best: P. Brickhill, A. Dowsett, K. Davoren

All the girls knew this was going to be a tough match. The game started wonderfully with Joondalup immediately on the defence, but they came back hard, and the team dropped their heads after the first goal. In the second half the defence withstood a lot of pressure and there was some good breakaways in attack, but the passing under pressure and marking occasionally let us down. A warm welcome to our new team member, Katherine, who played a hard first match with us.

Boys 7/8B Gold Maroon vs Rockingham (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: C. Deaville, J. Raja, N. Deluca

Goals: N. Deluca

The boys put up a good fight and it was only bad luck that stopped us from scoring more. Joel did a great job and managed to stop quite a few goals from being scored. Your pace has moved up a notch and this showed when you moved quickly for free hits and kept the play going. Nick's parents are going to go broke buying a new stick for him every week though. Getting better every game, keep it up!

Boys 7/8B Gold White vs Canning (Lost 1 - 3)

Best: H. Rogerson, M. Scally, M. Love

Goals: T. Dickson

A poor start that lead to a bad result, but lots of positives and some more great signs. Big Cam and Preston are starting to gel into a formidable partnership, and little Cam was fantastic at half back for us. Terrific game from Mac in the net - and lots of effort from the midfield. On another day we would have scored enough to win, but today wasn't our day.

Girls 7/8B Gold vs Lions Gold (Lost 0 - 6)

Despite the scoreline, the girls stepped up this week and played well against some tough opposition. Melville are running harder, showed improved passing and maintained their efforts right throughout the match.

Boys 7/8C Black vs Whitford

No report

Girls 7/8C vs Mercedes (Lost 0 - 3)

The girls had a change in their team this week but still put up a good fight against the opposition. Good passing to each other and calling out to each other to pass too. Considering this season the girls have never had a sub and have to play a full game each week they are doing a fantastic job. We are all so proud of them. Keep up the good work girls we have a fantastic team spirit.

Boys 5/6A - BYE

Girls 5/6A vs Lions (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: L. Anderson, E. Cocks/G. English, N. Flynn

A valiant effort against a tough side girls. You didn't stop running and looked dangerous in patches. A very unlucky goal in the last few minutes of the game taught us to mark our players in the circle the hard way but overall you should all be very proud of yourselves and each other. Thanks to Chloe for filling in.

Boys 5/6A Reserve vs UWA Green (Drew 1 - 1)

Goals: D. Moulin

We fell behind early in the game but to your great credit you fought back as a TEAM and applied a lot of pressure with the ball spending most of the time in our forward half. This continued pressure found Daniel free at the top of the D with heaps of time and space which allowed him to wind up for a fantastic hit – GOAAAAAALLLLLLL! Some great work from Lochie in the middle supplied Cohen and Conor with a couple of opportunities with just the Goalie to beat – Oh so close! SUPERB effort down back by Zac and Josh, Sean and Joshua. Zac saving the day on more than one occasion and we are still trying to figure out where Josh came from for the goal line save in the 2nd Half. PHEW! Great tackling effort all round, lead very well by Callum and Brad. Austin and Lewis' work rates today were fantastic. Let's make sure we look for our wingers at every opportunity!

WELL DONE BOYS!!

Boys 5/6B Gold vs WASPS Green (Lost 2 - 3)

Best: B. McGrath, C. Brown, K. Vester

Goals: H. Brown, O. Spear

What an exciting game. The boys played some fantastic hockey against a very good skillful side who until this game had only conceded one goal. It could have been anyone's game. Our boys played extremely well, the team work was excellent and all the boys once again put in maximum effort. All of their skills are improving rapidly and Ben McG. displayed some outstanding GK skills. Well done fella's!

Girls 5/6B Gold Maroon vs UWA Blue (Won 1 - 0)

Best: G. Munnings/A. Swan, S. Brown, A. Cribb

Goals: S. Brown

Finally, a goal in the net and a win on the board! Some great forward play resulting in 2 goals: only one counted, though (well done, Stella). The defenders were strong as always, particularly Georgia and an awesome debut in goals by Alyssa. The coaching strategy of Rohan and Paul finally came together. And the lure of chocolate frogs helped as well. Now we know how to win, we'll expect a few more goals in the upcoming weeks.

Girls 5/6B Gold White - BYE

The parents and girls from Girls 5/6 B Gold Melville White would like to say a big thanks to Roy Chisholm (Samantha's Dad) for the very generous donation of a new goalie kit for our team.

Boys 5/6 Regional Gold Maroon (Lost 2 - 4)

Best: J. Drayton, R. Doody, B. Deacon

Fresh from consecutive wins, the boys took on a very good Wolves side who were sitting second on the ladder. The first half was very even, with both teams having several chances to score. The nil all score-line was due to some strong defence and excellent goal keeping. The second half saw the ball flow from end to end, with both sides taking their opportunities. The four – two result does not do justice to the boys performance. It is great to see the team improving each week. The boys are really starting to work together, calling for the ball, running their hearts out and remaining positive. The enthusiasm of the boys to fight out each game to the very end is fabulous. The hard work being put in at training to develop a structure is starting to show.

Boys 5/6 Regional Gold White vs CT Pirates (Won 1 - 0)

Best: M. Vaughan, C. Soraine, N. Bontempo

Goals: C. Soraine

The boys played well against Pirates. There were lots of impressive patches of play throughout the game which resulted in great forward movements. If we focus on looking and executing our passes perfectly we will be one of the best teams in the competition. Let's make sure we start next week's game with the same intensity as we finished this game. Good win Boys.

Girls 5/6 Regional Gold vs Lions (Lost 0 - 6)

Best: S. Lillyman, A. Hetman, A. Bodt

No report

This weekend's Top Squad matches:

Saturday 16th June

- 14:30 – Womens Promotion 2 vs UWA
- 16:00 – Willow Bridge League vs Peel
- 17:30 – Mens Premier 2 vs WASPS
- 19:00 – Mens Premier Alliance vs WASPS
- 20:30 – Mens Provisional 1 vs Aquinas

Sunday 17th June

- 14:00 – Melville Toyota League vs WASPS