

# Presidents Pen 27 May, 2013

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## **Weekend Game Review**

**Weekend Games** – A good weekend for both the Men and Women’s top squads and seniors. We are very proud of them and the hard line they are taking. It takes a lot of hard work to be this competitive. Let’s not forget the excellent coaching and managing it takes that has been occurring to get this far. Well done to all. We are only half way through though and the real digging deep will come later so never lose heart, stick together, both teams and coaches and we will get there. The club is behind you all.

**Junior Games** – The juniors are in full swing and I have only been able to watch one Boys and Girls game to date. It is good to see the coaches teaching the basic skills and being so patient with fine young up and comers. The enthusiasm is there your hockey days are still early and there is a lot more fun to come yet. The organization and coordination it takes to keep everything on track is amazing and thanks to the Coaches, Managers and Coordinators. It is not only about winning but having fun while improving every week. Juniors enjoy your hockey have fun.

**Junior Parent Decisions** - As shall we say senior juniors who start to reach state level and try out or even maybe are asked to play in senior teams or are trying to support their Melville Junior Team the pressures are many and diversified. That is with school, home and sometimes multiple sporting activities, study and social commitments. It is easy for them to become confused as a young adult. As a parent who has been through this and the ultimate ruling party in these decision making processes when your young adult son or daughter is asked to play on a specialist team or is sometimes over committed it is hard for you to sometimes be as wise as Solomon and give balanced advise and make a decision that is not a favourite of all but one you believe in. There are not any set of rules that can be applied here or a right or wrong. It is, what is in your decision, the best for your child or guardian. The individual situation and junior player must be assessed separately. The constant is and I have always recommended if their passion is in sport seek excellence, if their passion is in studies seek excellence if your child seeks something that is noble let them seek excellence. The problem is how do they keep all of their duties and commitments (the Son or daughter). With all of the other activities our children are faced with in these times of multiple choices it is near impossible. All answers are right and none are wrong but you care the best to help make the decision **with** your son or daughter so the decision you make is the right decision in the end. Stay close to them during this process and Good luck from someone who has already struggled in this department.

**Volunteer Duties** - I wish to thank all of the teams and individuals for honouring their volunteer club roles to date. Without the heart coming from within we would not be as great a club as we are. Thank you once again.

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**House Keeping** – Just a friendly reminder that dogs and pets are not allowed inside the turf fenced off perimeter, clubrooms or near any area where food or drink is served. This is a council mandate and does have to be enforced.

**Import Players** – We have officially 5 import players at present. That is 3 for men and 2 for women and with one more top squad lady to join us. We have welcomed these players into our ranks and I must say they have been amazing and reciprocated in every way both on the field and off the field. Whenever you get a chance say hi and make them welcome and please without hesitation, as sometimes it is a little hard when first showing up in a new club and for some with English as a second language to make that first contact. We thank you Tristan Clemmons, Russel Ford, Matt Swan, Saehee Tac and Miyoung Um. You are one of us now. Soon to join us is Helen Grant and we look forward to seeing her in June.

**I wish you all a good long weekend and general bye time off. Rest, be safe and see you at MCHC hockey again very soon.**

**Gary Bowater - Melville City Hockey Club – President.**