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New Season 2014 Newsletter

Welcome to the first newsletter 2014 and the First Mail Out of "The Pride" 2014. This method of transmitting information directly to the members through the registered email address will be sent monthly up until the first game commencement each week and including a copy of the Maroon Zone bulletin at this time. If one of your family or you are not receiving "The Pride" to your correct address please advise Jodi Reynolds – web@melvillehockey.com

Premier 1 Teams Men and Women

Both the men and women's teams are training hard and putting together squads, teams and strategies. They now are training regularly on the new turf and can be seen Tuesdays and Thursdays at present if you wish to see how they are shaping up. We are all excited about having the Premier 1 competition Toyota League with both Men and Women in the grade for the first time in the history of club. It should be a great year.

MCHC Turf Inc

Congratulations to the turf Committee led by Dave Porter and Pat Hall. The new turf is in use and initial reports are that it is excellent to play on.

We do require some extra volunteer Turf Sweeper trained personnel. This machine is a great boost to the maintenance of the turf and is presently being run Mondays and Fridays by Barry Hancock. Its operation is easy and the job of cleaning the turf needs to be expanded. If you can assist with extra sweepings when required please contact Barry Hancock on email or mobile as follows: bazhan43@bigpond.com or **Mob: 0400310404**. He will train you in its use. We really need a back up for Barry.

Unfortunately around this time there are some unsavory characters damaging club fencing and club property. While around the club please remain vigilant and report any damage, open gates or Technical Box and Club Doors, Gates or suspicious activity to **Gary Bowater - 0418734860** or **Turf Manager - Greg Hunt - 0413155456**. If there are no club activities on these buildings should be locked up.

Handover of clubrooms, Bar and Kitchen Facilities from the Cricket Club

The clubrooms will be handed over 18th March, 2014 from the Cricket.

There will however be a Junior Cricket wind up Sunday, 30th March between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Please respect their space and continue the great relationship we have with the cricket club.

Volunteer Requirements

The club really needs help in the following areas. This is reaching critical time now so please consider if you can assist:

1. Kitchen Staff

Club favorite Lynda Forbes is recovering from a serious condition and cannot man the kitchen this season. We are looking for at least two people to cover the staffing requirements

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along with stalwart Maureen Welten. The duties are mainly food preparation and supported by roster teams who will serve and assist on the club days and nights. This is a paying role this year and is seen as vital to club operation and prestige. If you can help please come back through your Vice President, Coordinator or Manager or contact me direct Gary Bowater - 0418734860.

2. **Busy Bee**

The Busy Bee will be held on Saturday, 22 March - commencing 0800 am. Some of the jobs required on the day are as follows:

Clean Gutters - If you have a portable scaffold would really help

Weed surrounding area of the turf. Bring your gardening tools.

Lay Astro Turf on the southern end of the ground new built up area.

Repair fencing where coming loose.

Relocate the PA Equipment from the Kitchen to Main Clubroom

General Maintenance

We look forward to you being there and all the help we can get is much appreciated. Managers please organize your teams.

I hope pre season goes well for you all see you at the club.

Gary Bowater - Melville City Hockey Club – President.