

Presidents Pen 17 June, 2014

24 June 2014 Newsletter A home game this week allowed the club members to see many of our senior teams play on turf. It was a wet and woolly day but the faithful hung in there to watch the games. It was great to see our Mayor Russell Aubrey and his wife Glenys along with many of our sponsors and life members join us on the side lines. After the games the dress of the day was something to do with Soccer in honour of the World Cup being held in Brazil. It was great to see so many members get into the spirit of the night. Including our Mayor and a couple of our favourite ring ins from the bowls club wearing their favourite soccer club colours.

Our **Premier 1 Men** won very convincingly and it was good to see. CTPs played against Aquinas last week and lost a 4 - 3 game. Our Melville boys won 4 - 0 and looked the better team all night against CTP. The players, coaches and managers should be congratulated on a fine performance. It was also well appreciated by all for the kind words from the Mayor in the change rooms after the game. This set the tone for the night with the Melville Men's Seniors winning throughout the evening. Well done to Dan McEntee for reaching his 400 game mark.

Our **Premier 1 Women** while starting slow against YM in some real poor conditions continued their relentless style to win very convincingly in the end. This achievement was further augmented for the team because we had 5 of our senior elite and stalwart players out due to AIS and Personal Duties or injuries. The depth of our young players is enormous and great to see. I understand that 6 goals were scored by 6 separate players. Think about that?

A foot note. All reports after some pretty big down pours of rain is that there was no time lost on the field and the new turf drained very efficiently and was in tip top condition very soon after the rains. The only sad item to report is that over the several hours of hockey there were at least two concerning injuries 1 x CTP Men and 1 x MCHC Prem 2s Women. We hope that Monique and Owen are feeling much better now and our thoughts are with you.

Whats Happening - Team Manager Duties - There are not to many areas the club lets itself down in. Unfortunately Team Reports, List of Players and Scores reporting from Team Managers is really becoming a problem. It may not be all our problem so just to be clear MCHC are still using our normal system of reporting back through Brad Wake and Rob Walker. The new system introduced by Hockey Australia, the HWA IMG system also must be entered otherwise the club can be fined, but for this year/season where we are in transition, our own system and Game reports are still very important to the club and the individual player who requires their amount of games etc to be tallied for milestone events. We like your reports in the Bulletin as well which are still included on our website and linked to "The Pride". So please keep your team records up to date and keep the humorous articles coming in.

Back to the Club Night - A special thanks to Catherine Timmell, Kyle McNess and the Social Committee for putting on the VIP event for the day and most of all the Back to the Club Party. I know our Life members really enjoy the day and it would seem now we are getting some regular attendance from our sponsors. Sorry the weather was so bad but we coped with a good attendance and lot of good hockey.

All Grass Teams - Whether training or after games please put your goals away on completion of your event. If in doubt that there is another team using them after your session then please put them away they will soon stop you if required.

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Volunteer Request - There is an urgent request for volunteers to work with the kitchen staff who are looking for part time **kitchen assistants** to learn the role from Lynda and Maureen. If anyone is interested and we do need your help please contact Lynda on Mob: **0418945876**.

Survey - Next time you get a chance can you advise one of your committee persons or team manager if there is any interest in purchasing MCHC vehicle number plates.

Club Numbers - Just to let you know as reported by Rob Walker (Club Registrar) club member numbers this year are: **934**. We are a big club and well respected in the sporting, political and residential community. Well done to you all and look forward to seeing you over the next weeks of hockey.

Gary Bowater - Melville City Hockey Club – President.