

## Presidents Pen 5 August, 2014

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**5 August 2014 Newsletter** A tough weekend for both teams. Not good at all. No point in belaboring the point. Our women had a draw 2 all and hold their second position on the ladder. A good fight back, by all accounts to make the score even. I believe the team strengthens as the AIS and away players come back. With an enormous loss (at times), of what are considered front line players, we are still holding our own and the young up and coming players along with our regulars should be commended for their fight.

There is no way to not notice the "**elephant in the room**". The men lost 6 - 1 from what seemed like either a far better opposition team that showed up on the day or we had an enormous mental loss for 70 minutes or both. We must believe individually as players we are equal or better than our opposition- which we are. It was obvious that we did not play as a team and were predictable. The motto of the team is play for your mate. To me, that is playing as a team. Not just effort (because that was there), but really playing as a team which includes passing, backing up, not keeping hold of the ball, honoring first calls moving on fast. As a spectator it was obvious this did not occur and the opposition was allowed to run their game plan.

There is a saying by Mark Twain "**it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog**". I for one know you guys have it and now it is time to show it. Let's keep this fight going but as a team.

**Presentation Night** - The presentation night has been booked again at the favorite location of Tompkins on The Swan. This year the event will be held Friday night 26 September 2014. So please put this in your diary. There will be more advertised over the next weeks. We are a finals club so it has been planned so our finals players, Honored Guests, Life Members and VIPS can attend and have fun out of season. Hopefully we will be celebrating some finals successes as well.

**AGM** - The MCHC AGM has been scheduled for **Monday, August 25, 6:30PM** followed by the General Meeting at the club. Please get your nominations in for important Club Positions and if you wish to take up a position please let us know. Any Committee Member can assist.

I was remiss to mention last week that directly following the above is the **MCHC Turf (Inc) AGM**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Three positions, are up for nominees are: **Vice President Juniors and Assistant Vice President Juniors, Vice President Vets, Masters**. These very important roles do need filling at this time as planning for the new season starts in from October and will be elected at the AGM. Be assured that these positions will have adequate handover and guidance for the role all through the start period and with committee support during the tenure.

**National Masters O55s Competition** - will be held at MCHC and Turf on the following days: Friday 3/10/14, Sunday 5/10/14, Tuesday 7/10/14, Wednesday 8/10/14 and finally Friday 10/10/14. If you can help out please let us know there will be 6 games per day, The Kitchen, Bar and Turf Areas need your help. We do need some help in these areas so if you can assist please contact Graeme Coleman 0414 441 490 or Gary Bowater 0418 734 860.

**Junior Wind Up** - will be held at the club Sunday, 21 September, 2014. Come and celebrate with our juniors, your kids, family and friends. It is a great morning. Our Junior Committee, Coordinators, Coaches and Managers are busy working towards the end of season games and this great day. Look forward to seeing you all there.

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**Back to the Club Night** - This has been scheduled for Sunday 24 August with back to back games at our favorite place MCHC. This will be for sure some real important games as we come down to the end of the season and finals. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Year Books - Brad Wake** has reminded me it is that time of year whereby all year-book entries must be completed. So, player written caricatures, award counts, Committee People articles, Coach entries etc must be completed. Managers please remind your players these year-book entries are required and vital to a great year book for what is shaping up to be a good year.

**Entertainment Books** - If you haven't picked your book up please do so if they were requested and paid for during registration. There are also some left over for over the counter sales at the bar. So if you need a book please come and get one for yourself or more so as a gift. At \$65.00 this is a bargain for even some of the savings that can be made as presented. Last chance is coming up fast.

I hope you have a good week and look forward to seeing you **at the club**.

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