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12 August 2014 Newsletter We are coming down to the home stretch final games to the end of the season. Mathematically it is possible for both Men and Women. More so for the women. Our approach down this runway is what it is all about now. Look forward to seeing our club elite show us how it is done, win, lose or draw.

Our **Top Ladies** game had a loss against a very determined and highly skilled team. While no pushover we needed everything to maintain this not so automatic winning streak we have been on. Highlighted by Head Coach Blake Burrows we play how we train. If we are not focused at training, prior to the game and after the game we cannot do well at this level. That was the nice version. From the side line it can be seen by us spectators that every player has a defensive opponent and role to play and an offensive opponent and role to play. You must out think them and out play them in every circumstance. That is **your** responsibility. Look inside yourself for the answer. You are a good team so let's go to work and prove it.

Our **Top Men** lost in a very tight game. Sure the country's all stars were present in the opposition. Still no excuse we had our chances, near misses and actually played well in some excellent bursts. To be up there we need to still have excellent skills. Once again from the side line our favorite men's team could be seen to falter with their traps and taps when under pressure. That's what it came down to. Well the pressure is on, so now there is nothing to lose it will be there next game so now let's start using it to our advantage. Be sure the opposition is feeling it to. Good Luck.

Late News - Great midweek games by the Men's 1 and 2 teams. A pleasure to watch, not because they won but because they did it with great effort, smart thinking, ability to change when necessary, incredible team back up and some very good goal scoring. Well done. The funny side of the 1s game was the team were calm and collected the bench had a warning though. The passion is fantastic. No names no court martials.

Presentation Night - The presentation night has been booked again at the favorite location of Tompkins On 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 final successes as well. Tickets are now available at the Bar. Managers please put your team tables together.

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 which are up for nominees are: **Vice President Juniors and Assistant Vice President Juniors, Vice President Vets, Masters and Vice President Women, Vice President Women**. 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.

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National Masters O55s Competition - Unfortunately this situation is officially on hold for Melville at present and expected to not go ahead for MCHC Turf (Inc). I will update members when it is definite.

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.

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.