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**20 August 2014 Newsletter** Some great games on the weekend with our women holding second place on the ladder. Not bad for a first time MTL Season Team. Our men are toughing it out to the end by holding fourth place with the barest margin. Well done to both teams. You are the representatives of the Melville Spirit.

Our **Top Ladies** game had a draw against the season 2014 leaders Curtin Trinity Pirates. A very tough game as usual against this team of stars and ex stars known for their Australian players. Well we held them and once again demonstrated that Melville Girls are not only happy but real contenders this inaugural year.

Our **Top Men** won in not only in a dramatic fashion but also with a spectacular goal. I was for the first time in the HWA Box sitting with the CEO of HWA Peter Churack and Alison and Pat Hall it was coming down to the wire one all draw less than a minute to go. Were we nervous and then a miraculous goal scored by our youngest 1's team player Bryn de Bes sent us jumping in the air. The clock had 42 seconds left on it until the end of game. Most teams would have let it wind down. Well the Melville boys did not even consider that and forced their way into goals. The Melville boys were happy and so were all the loyal fans. I think I even heard the non partial CEO cheer when that goal was scored.

**2's Teams** - There is not a top squad without a pool of players to pick from hence squad. Many times not mentioned but equally important is the depth in a club. Well the top squad men and women's teams are made up of two teams 1s and 2s. Without these players and the constant rotation of players the club will not have depth and upward pressure at the top. I encourage these elite players to keep going, keep heart and keep pushing for the top team. You are all only a breath away. Please support our 2's men and women's team by watching them play this Sunday their playing style is excellent and exciting to watch.

**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. Managers please put your team tables together, bring your partners and have a good time.

**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.

**National Masters O55s Competition** - This situation has been clarified and MCHC and MCHC Turf will **not** be required to host any of the regular games. Thank you to the people who put their hand up to volunteer you are most appreciated. We wish the games well and look forward to catching up to our interstate friends.

**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 Day** - 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.

**A final Note** - Vale to Geoff Corlett - Geoff (Budda) passed away 1st May, 2014.

A stalwart player in the Masters scene with Australian Masters and State Masters he has over 28 years experience at this level. That is WA, Qld, and Vic. He played for the Australian National Masters Team from 1996 - 2006 and 2008 - 2010. Geoff was a goalie and we know these fellas don't go down easy and as his Masters friends say "they just get sent to the back of bus".

While known as a gentle and compassionate family man to his loved ones he was also a friend to his hockey mates and many were there to say goodbye at is service. He finished his tour at Melville City Hockey Club and will be remembered as a friend and passionate competitor.

To his family and loved ones we share with you in your loss and give our sincere condolences from the Melville City Hockey Club and specially from the old guys. Bhudda see you in the back of the bus some time later. 6/12/1943 - 1//5/2014.

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

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