President’s Pen

Saturday night I watched the women top squad seconds play Rockingham with a convincing win putting them in a position of top of the ladder & cannot be toppled. Congratulations girls this is a significant achievement for the club as it is so important to move up a grade to support the 1s girls in their quest to achieve Toyota league. This is our first goal completed, now we need the top girls to finish on top and have a chance to be promoted. From the sideline there are a number of you that should be knocking on the door for the 1s, I was most impressed with the quality of hockey that was displayed - to Craig you are doing a fantastic coaching job with the girls, thankyou and let’s hope we can finish with a flag. To the girls in the top squad please get back on track as you are another goal we have to complete, have faith in you, you can do it. Get tougher in the last two games, you have the whole support of the club behind you. Welcome back Blake, I hope you can turn our hiccup around.

The 1s men had a very tough & entertaining draw against Hale, it was great to see the boys come back to the tough game that you have produced through the year against the top teams and it has paid off, let’s just do it against all the teams. The 2s had a convincing win over Hale and are well on track for a flag. The 3s drew against Hale giving us a victory over the nights games. Leaping Leo Welton won the raffle on Saturday night and I am sure you will get some flak from that but congratulations and thanks for your support. I am sure Maureen paid for your ticket because I do not think you are that lucky. “jealous” Minkey morning saw 5 dogs inside the compound, one was not on a lead and was causing problems running around and even chasing the kids out on the turf. I asked the owner from Vic. Pk. to kindly remove the dog 4 times and was ignored 4 times. This puts me in an embarrassing position to have to ask people not to bring their dogs into the compound, the three other dogs were from our club and should know better as there is council signs on every entrance, it is a council requirement for health and safety. Result, our members, although bring their dogs to hockey I know that they only come in at the end for the bbq and then gone. Please leave them outside or we are responsible to the council and if anything goes wrong, then we are in real
trouble. In the end I had to call the ranger and have this very ignorant person and her dog removed. Please once again, do not put me in this embarrassing position - this is coming from a huge dog lover. AGM on the Thursday the 6th, 7pm please attend. The turf AGM is also included, time line approx 1 hour. Tickets to the windup are behind the bar for the 21st, getting close now so do not miss out. This year we have been given finals for the first time in a while on turf so check WA hockey for fixtures, we may have some home finals. This may mean Lynda & Maureen may have to keep the kitchen open for a little while longer, sorry guys I know you are tired. To all the committees & people involved, this is the busiest time of the year and we have to get everything done by the AGM so if you have tasks allotted please finalise soon. Year book team profiles should be in by now for printing, if not I suggest you get a move on or some teams will not make the book which will be a tragedy as a lot of work goes into it and other clubs are envious of what we produce and like to read it as well. This is a good selling point for our club. Finals are coming up so good luck to all.

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Mens Melville Toyota League vs Hale
No report

Mens Premier 2 vs Hale
No report

Mens Premier Alliance vs Hale (Drew 1 - 1)
Goals: N. Tate
A lacklustre encounter which gave neither boasting rights and will not be considered one of the finest examples of hockey that has been witnessed. With the impending arrival of finals hockey, and an upcoming opportunity against the minor premiers to warm us up, a suggestion is to get the batteries fully-charged and the hockey-brain engaged. As my teachers used to write on my school reports (all of them), 'Must try harder'.

Ladies Willow Bridge League vs Peel (Lost 1 - 2)
Best: A. Clark/C. Carter, S. Gale, M. Silvey
Goals: S. Gale
Today we began the second part of our journey which has been the aim of the group since the beginning of the year. Peel jumped out of the blocks in the second minute, and as has been the case for the last few weeks, we were chasing out tails really before the game began. We were able to equalize later in the half but we did not saturate hard or long enough and Peel were able to go ahead again two minutes later with this goal being the final result of the match. The club is 100% behind you girls and despite some disappointing results of late it is imperative that all of us, including players, coaches, management and supporters encourage one another as well as themselves. It is important to note, that we as a group, are all working hard to get back in the winners circle and the journey will continue with all your support.
"We live within two environments: one is physical and surrounds us, the other is mental and is inside of us. Both can be designed to support your success." Darren L Johnson
Ladies Promotion 2 vs (Won 0 - 0)
Best: C. Ferguson, S. Clark, S. Heal
Goals: S. Chiswell, C. Ferguson, A. Fullarton, J. Leach, H. Mason
The late game suited our girls who put on a great display of team hockey. Despite a few niggling colds, the promise of extra marsh mellows for goals seem to focus our forwards as the defence put on a superb display to keep the opposition scoreless. That's to the kitchen staff for allowing the team to celebrate after the game.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
Mens Provisional 1 vs UWA (Lost 0 - 1)
Our inability to put the ball in the net cost us today.... we had 80% of the play and we deserved to win. Let's refocus and aim for a win next week to keep us alive. With losses comes frustration however let's remember why we play each week and try and bring a positive attitude to training and game day. We win as a team and we lose as a team... plain and simple!

Ladies Provisional 1 vs UWA
No report
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Ladies Provisional 2 Gold vs Canning (Won 3 - 1)
Best: S. King, J. McDonough, O. Jones
Goals: S. King (2), K. Sparkes
TAKE THAT CANNING!!! You dirty players!! So good to have a win, and a solid win at that! It just all came together. We kept our heads cool and played our game and shut them out (why we couldn't do that last week when we played the bottom team I don't know). Even though most of our players got hit during the game it was well worth it, well done ladies!!!

Ladies Provisional 4 vs Blades (Lost 1 - 6)
Best: J. McDonough, L. Walkemeyer, E. Howells/S. De Melo
Goals: J. Lymbery-Joyce
Well last week we drowned and this week we burned to a crisp in the harsh desert that they call PHS 2. An ordinary bordering on tragic first half where nothing we did seemed to go right (except Nezza's deflection goal on the post - just like a training drill) and an outstanding second half where even the umpires congratulated it afterwards on the much improved performance (note to self: have half time talk BEFORE the game next week...) Although we didn't break the world record for consecutive short corners against us, we gave it a red hot go... I think we got to 12 in a row... (record is 38...) We actually had the best umpiring we'd had all season, so kudos to the umps as well. Keep focusing on the positives and we can finish the season with our heads high. Good work!
Mens Provisional 3 Gold vs Fremantle (Won 4 - 0)
Best: J. Palmer, K. Hill, J. Thomas
Goals: J. Palmer (3), J. McMahon

With the squealing fullback and the solid right half captain out, Melville was looking shaky for 11 players coming up against the 2nd team on the ladder, freo. Having recruited 2 players from the turf grade below (4's) we were able to scratch together 13. Melville came out hot from the start, winning the toss. With the forwards leading and WILL feeding early and through the first half, saw John get his first 2 for the night from the baseline. With recruit #2, Griff and Keiren denying the opposition from getting past our defending 25 we were able to relax and work on our possession game. With our left and right halfbacks tagging tight in the second half, we were able to dominate the centre of the field. Recruit #2 struggling to keep up with the speed of the higher grade opened the team up to a few attacks late in the second half. However persisting in the attacking D saw Johno score a selfish goal to make it a hat-trick for the night. And then to top that a wicked cross from recruit #1 to a deflection goal from Jay on the post in the 2nd last minute determined the final score. Awesome game lads, pulling together and fired up for finals.

By Will Beddoes (what of it?)

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE
Mens Metro 1 vs Westside Wolves
No report

Ladies Metro 1 vs Uni Associates (Won 2 - 0)
Best: C. Caydamar, T. Rayfield, D. Constable
Goals: T. Rayfield, M. Margetts

A good win against the top side. With only the bare 11, the whole team stepped up to secure the win. We earnt a penalty stroke before half time, Maris drew the short straw to take the penalty and scored making the half time score 1-0. Both backs and forwards played well to hold off the Uni Associates attack in the second half and a breakaway pass from Simone to Theresa resulted in a goal from a one on one contest with the goalie. Well done girls, now looking forward to the finals.

Mens Metro 2 Gold vs Fremantle
No report
Mens Metro 3 Gold vs WASPs (Drew 3 - 3)
Best: T. McEntee, D. Kidd/M. Willis/D. Wake
Goals: M. Wake, J. Wake
We looked dangerous all through but a quick goal from WASPs saw us distracted enough that they closed the gap. If only we had played like this in the begining of the season hey boys?

Special mention to Matt Hudson and Leo Welten for filling in, with Leo scoring a great, rolling, goal :)

VETERANS
Mens Masters Midweek vs YMCC (Won 5 - 3)
Best: M. Lyons, J. Cooke/M. Watton, B. Rushton/A. Scanlon
Goals: M. Read (3), B. Rushton (2)
Fantastic result that sealed our place in Finals. From defence, and all the way forward everybody gave a 100% against a quality opposition, and we had the good fortune to gain full benefit from our efforts.

Ladies Masters 2 vs NC Raiders (Lost 2 - 1)
Best: K. Mishra, M. Farrow, V. Carmody/J. Manning
Goals: D. Goundrey
What a mess again. We started at a standstill and continued that for the first 15 minutes. There were too many hard hits to nobody and not enough commitment around the field. Let's work together girls because when we do we look great and do good things like score goals. Thanks to Karen & Mini for answering our call. Sorry we couldn't win for you.

Ladies Masters 3 Gold vs Fremantle (Lost 0 - 1)
Best: S. Brockman, M. Margetts, L. Dymond
What can I say this week, not much I guess, we played well against a forceful team and we did well to keep them to only 1 goal. Actually we need to thank Kylie for a great game that kept them to 1 goal.

Mens Masters 40-1 vs Wolves (Won 4 - 0)
Best: S. Willet, A. Scanlon/M. Watton, J. Cooke
Goals: J. Cooke, B. Potter, A. Scanlon, D. Wilson
Excellent result against a quality opposition, that now has Scally worried that we may actually have our own September campaign this year ... may ...

Mens Masters 40-2 vs Hale
No Report
Mens Masters 40-4 vs Westside Wolves (Won 2 - 0)
Well thought game starting with a defensive and attacking centre halfbacks able to frustrate their attacking inners. We were then able to get our chances at goal when we had control and use of ball across the fullback and halfback line into our attacking half. Good all round team performance.

Mens Masters 50-1 vs WASPS (Lost 1 - 3)
Best: B. Robinson, R. Scanlon, M. Jensen
Goals: B. Robinson
We knew it would be a tough one with WASPs not having dropped too many games this year. Our structure was good defensively but it was still difficult to contain a fast, bullocking forward like they had and he was instrumental in scoring most of their goals. We outplayed them in the 2nd half and were close to equalising when a bad umpiring decision lead to their 3rd goal. It was tough to come back from there but we battled it out to the end. At least we know what we need to do come finals in a few weeks. Bring it on!!

Mens Masters 50-2 vs Suburban Lions (Won 1 - 0)
Best: B. Morrison, R. Nottage, M. Pitcher
Goals: R. Nottage
A hard fought game played in good spirits. Snuck over the line

Mens Masters 50-3 vs WASPs (Won 7 - 1)
Best: L. Welten, F. Williams, B. Porter
Goals: M. Hudson (2), L. Welten (2), M. Coles, S. McEntee, G. Bowater
Off to a slow start after two weeks of not playing. While position was good our skills did not seem to develop until the second half. All skills were coming back and we had a great goal scoring feast with an impenetrable back line. Congratulations to Mike Coles his first goal coming back into the fray and of the season, great to see. Once again a great team game with all contributing. The main aim now is to go into the finals with an injury free full squad.

Mens Masters 60 vs Wasps (Won 5 - 1)
Best: T. Parker, R. Domingo, P. Hall
Goals: R. Domingo (2), K. Platel (2), T. Rushton
We couldn't quite repeat the high standard of our previous game, with a few more skill and decision making errors creeping back in, but were still able to dominate possession and field position for most of the game, and come away with a good result. Great effort guys. If we play our best, we should produce the win needed again next week.
Juniors

Boys 11/12 Pool 1b vs CT Pirates
No Report

Girls 11/12 Pool 1a vs Suburban Lions (Won 5 - 1)
Best: K. Rule, G. Wade, A. Clark/M. Brockman
Goals: G. Wade (3), A. Clark, K. Silvey
Riverside scoring in the first 5 minutes did not put us off to a great start. However, the girls recovered well and were 2 nil up at half time, only to score 3 more in the second half! Some great passages of team play girls, a great game by everyone!

Boys 11/12 Pool 2a Maroon   Bye

Boys 11/12 Pool 2a White vs CT Pirates (Lost 0 - 9)
Best: R. Ayris, A. Toogood, A. Metcalfe
No Report

Girls 11/12 Pool 2 vs Hale
No report

Boys 9/10A vs (Won 0 - 0)
Best: J. Thorn, A. Ranford, M. Tate
Goals: A. Ranford (4), J. Ross
Unfortunately we didn't make the most of a few early chances, and Lions made us pay by scoring three in a row. We fought back towards the end of the first half, and the score going into the break was a more respectable 3-2. In the second half, they were once again first to score, and got out to a 6-2 lead, before we slowly started to peg them back, finishing with a 7-5 scoreline. We need to make sure we communicate with each other, and make the most of our chances in front of goals.

Girls 9/10A vs Rockingham (Drew 1 - 1)
Best: B. Lawrence, C. Fullarton, R. Harrup/L. Lefroy
Goals: R. Harrup
The girls had lots of good short passes happening and build up of play coming out of defence. We applied lots of pressure in our attacking 25m too. Unfortunately we didn’t manage to finish off with a cache of balls in the back of the net. We dominated the play, but ended up with a draw. Ah well, there is always next week.
Boys 9/10A Reserve vs Westside Wolves (Lost 0 - 8)
Best: M. Cocliff, J. Cornwall, M. Dixon
Our Melville Boys came up against a really good Westside Wolves Team and were up against it from the start. Wolves created some good early goals and had a 5-0 lead at half time. Our boys battled hard in the second half, however; the final score was a tough 8-0 loss. One game to go and a win is possible.

Girls 9/10A Reserve vs Rockingham
No Report

Girls 9/10B Gold vs St Brigids
No report.

Boys 9/10C vs Southern River (Lost 2 - 6)
Best: R. Breuer, M. Utjesinovic, L. Sinnott
Goals: M. Utjesinovic, L. Sinnott
Solid play from the boys this week despite a loss to Southern River. Once again they played strongly in the second half and the ball spent a lot of time in their D. Ryan chosen as fairest and best played a clear game. Milorad and Liam S chosen as second and third players. Caleb ran out well from the short corners and kept the opposition on their toes. A fantastic goal each from Milorad and Liam S. Great work guys.

Boys 7/8A vs UWA (Lost 0 - 1)
Best: K. Potter/W. Reynolds, J. Floyd, B. Hall
A bit of the old "Melville Mongrel" came out today, which was the result of the desire the boys had to beat a typically slick UWA outfit. A one goal deficit is much improved from the four goal thumping last time. Lets finish the season strong and with pride!

Girls 7/8A vs Vic Park (Lost 0 - 4)
Best: Bebauer, Silvey, Stephens
In contrast to the recent games we weren't sharp enough on the ball. Vic Park were often first to the contest then harassed us well when we did get the ball. In the second half we gave them too much space in the middle of the pitch, mostly because their wings dragged our outside halves wide and we didn’t fill the gap with inners. There was lots of hard work in defence and the girls didn’t stop trying until the end. Well done to all who took some aggressive bumps and kept Melville's sportsmanship alive.
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Girls 7/8A Reserve vs Westside Wolves (Won 2 - 1)
Goals: E. Hardbottle, T. Widger
A WIN!!! Well done girls!!! I'm so proud of everyone who played this match right out to the end and secured the first win of the season So many players were in positions they had not played before and did fantastic jobs (especially Kate, who put on the goalie pads and made many excellent saves in front of goals). Many players were also were sore, tired or frustrated, but still played the game out. Congratulations girls. I hope you all enjoy that winning feeling and are ready to put your hearts into the last match of the season and do it again.

Boys 7/8B Gold Maroon vs Rockingham (Lost 0 - 4)
Best: B. Delaney, C. Deaville, B. Belke
We had plenty of chances to score, we just didn't take them as strongly as we should have. But we kept them running and you could tell that they were tiring in the second half. Enjoy your week off but keep the training up, ready to blitz the opposition in the last game of the season!

Boys 7/8B Gold White vs Canning (Lost 0 - 5)
Best: C. Sinnott, J. Parker, C. Surtees
Take no Notice of the score. The assembly of the unwell played some of the best hockey seen this year but regrettably for no reward. Passing and running down the right was excellent. The boys had opportunity but need to be urgent and seek the ball when attacking. We also have to help each other in defence to dispose of the ball. That said, a game where the result did not reflect the quality of the boys performance. Our thanks to Brysen for padding up after Mac showed everyone what he had for breakfast at the start of the second half. It looked like a game of hockey (and Hospital ward) for most of the game. Well done boys - the best hockey played this year.
Mike
p.s Thanks again Mike,
Gavin and Carol

Girls 7/8B Gold Bye

Boys 7/8C Black vs Mods
No Report

Girls 7/8C vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 7)
No Report
Boys 5/6A vs BYE

Girls 5/6A vs lions (Drew 0 - 0)
Fantastic effort this week girls! To draw against the top team is a wonderful result, and you are certainly deserving of it. We had many opportunities in the first half to go one up on the unbeaten top team that we couldn't quite convert, but you rallied with aplomb when Lions surged back. Eva had her best game today at centre-half and stopped so many attacks that her coaches were sure were guaranteed goals, while Bryanna proved that she was a natural fullback, not wing. A really impressive effort girls, we're so proud of you. Remember, cake after training on Thursday! A big thanks to Sophie and Ellen for filling in.

Boys 5/6A Reserve vs Westside Wolves (Lost 0 - 5)
Best: Z. McKinnon, S. McKinnon, L. Downey
If you never fail, you never learn. If you never learn, you never progress. It's difficult to move forward with your hockey if you don't know both what does and does not work. So today was all about taking risks and making mistakes to help you acquire the information to progress.
We all have to make a few errors here and there to learn how to do things better. If you allow yourself to make mistakes, take more risks and chances with your hockey whilst you are learning the game you'll be giving yourself the opportunity to grow, learn, and be better.
Let’s regroup over the next week and as Callum would say “put some pressure on them, make them make the mistakes”. WELL DONE BOYS!!

Boys 5/6B Gold vs WASPS Green (Lost 0 - 3)
A tough game against the top team on the ladder & we were without two of our regular players through illness/injury. The boys dug deep and really took the game to the opposition and it was a fairly even game. The tackling was strong, the passing accurate and the speed of our attack was quick. We were unlucky not to score a couple of times, and then half way through the second half we were down to 10 players as Oliver was taken off injured. Overall, this was a great team effort and everyone performed brilliantly. Special thanks to Kayne Holyoake, who slotted into the team perfectly and made a valuable contribution.

Girls 5/6B Gold Maroon vs Wolves Grey (Lost 0 - 4)
Best: Z. Polglase, M. Borinelli, G. Munnings
No Report
Girls 5/6B Gold White vs Wolves Red (Won 2 - 0)
Best: M. Algar, C. Thompson, S. Hanavan
Goals: C. Forbes, K. O'Sullivan
Yet another great game of hockey to watch. Our 2-0 win has cemented our 2nd place on the ladder. Well done girls. The improvement throughout the season has been amazing. Only one more game to go as we have a bye for the last fixture.

Boys 5/6 Regional Gold Maroon vs Wolves (Drew 0 - 0)
Best: Team Effort,
Coming up against 2nd placed Wolves, the boys knew the match would be a challenge and were eager to put into practice the skills developed at training in recent weeks.
The boys came out hard early, continually threatening the Wolves defence without any success. Throughout the first half they held the upper hand, thanks to a rock solid defence and lively forwards, but were continually denied that elusive goal.
After the break they continued in much the same way, controlling the ball for long periods of time, but still unable to score. The boys never gave up, and were attacking again when the final whistle blew.
The nil all result, while not a true reflection of the game, shows the vast improvement over the season as we lost this fixture 4 - 2 first time round.
A game the boys really could have and should have won, but will take the 1 point for their efforts. Tough game against Hale next week, get ready boys!

Boys 5/6 Regional Gold White vs (Drew 1 - 1)
Best: T. Alder, K. Milson, T. Hamdorf
Goals: C. Soraine
A great game with many great individual efforts that resulted in our best game this season. Keep it up boys!

Girls 5/6 Regional Gold vs Lions (Lost 0 - 9)
Best: E. Pastorino, G. MacNevin, L. MacNevin
Girls played well in the first half and there was some nice passing between them. We saw some great hitting and lots of calling to each other. Unfortunately in the second half the girls had run out of steam. We are starting to see some of the players really trying to get involved in the game now.