

The Magpie



Fremantle Hockey Club Newsletter

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AGM Notes

Last Thursday our usual preseason players' tea was preceded by Part 2 of the AGM at which the annual accounts are made public and approved. The highlights were:

Fees unchanged.

The fees for this season are unchanged from 2003:

\$270 if paid by May 1

\$290 if paid by June 1

No play if not paid by June 1

Students

\$180 if paid by May 1

\$200 if paid by June 1

President's Address

President, Stewart Robertson, spoke about the warm feelings he and Tam had for the club when he first joined. Those feelings of belonging and camaraderie have not changed over the years. For recent arrivals at the Club, Stewart was transferred to the east at the end of his first year as President in 1998. In that year he handed over to another Robertson (no relation), Andrew. When he arrived back at the Club last year he found Andrew still in charge.

Stewart paid tribute to treasurer, John Heerwaarden who put in a great deal of hard work getting MYOB installed. The system enables immediate access to the names of unfinancial members and this has revealing the incredible sum of nearly \$10,000 fees outstanding from season 2003. Unfinancial members will be required to settle up 50% of last year's debts by the first game and the rest by . A strict no pay, no play rule will apply. As can be seen from the size of outstanding debts there are some members who are being subsidised by the majority. This is most unfair and must stop. Members were reminded that in the event of anyone encountering difficulties in paying fees they should speak to the treasurer on 0412512511 at the earliest opportunity to discuss a payment plan.

New Treasurer Sought

Treasurer, John Heerwaarden has indicated his wish to retire from that position. His effort at managing the Club's finances was praised by Club Auditor, Jack Rickie; past president, Andrew Robertson and president, Stewart Robertson. No nominations for the treasurer's position were forthcoming so the president indicated he would target someone suitable.

Jackpot Joker Dusted Off

Fred Strother has dusted off the Jackpot Joker board and it will play a major role in this year's fundraising. In 1998 the Joker yielded \$4,500 to the winner and \$5,000 to the Club. In an attempt to replicate that magnificent effort a draw will be conducted each playing Saturday

KAYLENE'S KITCHEN

This Thursday

Potato and Sausage Gratin

Next Thursday

Beef Pasta Pie.

Both with Salad and Rolls

TradeWinds Are Club Sponsors

The very conveniently located Trade Winds Hotel has become a Club sponsor. Members are asked to consider the Trade Winds when deciding where to meet for a drink or when organising a function.

ANZAC Day at Stevens

The now annual Goundrey Cup ANZAC day match against Aquinians for the David Bell Trophy will be held, yes you guessed it, on ANZAC day at PHS on Sunday 25th April at 1.00 pm. A very hard-fought contest is assured against our archivals, the Reds and supporters from both clubs will come back to Stevens for food, drink and a very convivial atmosphere

For your convenience a bus for supporters will leave Steven at 11.45 am. Returning after the

game so leave your car at the clubhouse and ride to the stadium with friends.

Richard Greenacre to Manage Bar

Richard Greenacre has become Bar Manager for this year. He has had experience in this industry and will be an asset in this important position. Richard will require volunteers at various times to serve behind the bar so please assist if asked.

ANZAC DAY AT STEVENS

GOUNDREY CUP MATCH

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AQUINIANS

For David Bell Trophy

Stadium 1.00 pm Sunday 25th April

Afterwards at Stevens for hospitality.

Bus leaves clubhouse 11.45 am.

Returns after game.

Club Number Plates

We are getting club number plates.

The single digit plates will be auctioned and the rest will be \$165 a set. The plates will have the lettering FHC on left, the Freo Magpie in the middle and the number on the right.

Cheap Mouthguards

Seniors requiring a new mouthguard can take advantage of bulk fitting at the club rooms. Lee Abbott is taking names of those interested. The cost will be a very economical \$55 for a plain guard, \$65 for a multi coloured guard. When we get 10 people arrangements will be made to get the dental technician out to do moulds at the clubrooms. This is the same company that has been doing the juniors for many years so it has a proven track record. Ring Lee 040 888 0174 if you are interested.

Quiz Night Prizes Sought

Quiz night. The crew are now actively seeking prizes for the quiz night. Please help out in anyway and contact Tania Smith or Wazza if you can help out or have a donation to give.

TradeWinds Hotel Goundrey Cup Coaches Report

It certainly is a new look Goundrey Cup Squad at Fremantle this year. An extensive recruitment

campaign occurred during the off-season and we have been delighted to add to our playing list:

Jeremy Hiskins (ex-Australian player) as a strike forward,

David Guest (current Australian development squad and NL for the Tassie Tigers) as a midfielder,

Simon Munt (current NZ development squad) as a midfielder,

Joshua Poke (ex Tassie Tigers) as strike forward, midfield, defence,

Cameron Mead (WA Under 18).

We welcome these players to the Club, and surely we would have thought that these added to our existing squad and the finishing results of the last half of last season that I could report some excellent results in the first four fixtures this year. However, this is not the case.

Our results are as follows:

Fremantle 2 Harlies 3 *Player of the Day – David Guest*

Fremantle 0 Wolves 4 *Player of the Day – Ross Brown*

Fremantle 5 Curtin 2 *Player of the Day – Paul Nichols*

Fremantle 0 Raiders 3 *Player of the Day – Mark Nichols*

Without making too many excuses observers have noticed that Daryl McCormick (Team Captain) has been absent for these first 4 games and also Paul Nichols and Cameron Mead have missed 2 games due to Under 18 commitments.

During the next few weeks the team will be back to full strength, and I am confident that some winning results will be able to be reported to you. However, in each game it was highly possible that results could have gone our way. Simple analysis shows that we haven't applied scoreboard pressure in early stages of games when many opportunities have gone begging and that too many unforced areas due to poor basic skills have occurred. This matter is being rectified.

After most games the GC team and the 2A team enjoy a few quite beverages at the TradeWinds Hotel. You are all welcome.

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