

THE PRESIDENT'S PITCH



7 JUNE 2016

As winter sets in I hope all are enjoying their hockey and supporters keeping warm in the club house. Remember arrangements can be made if parents want to wait upstairs in the warm during training sessions. Speak to Neil Watson or myself and we can organise this for you.

On field

Importantly most teams are very competitive. Our U12G Shield are probably stand out in juniors, and all the district teams are acquitting themselves really well. Our Shield teams are finding the standard of competition very high, and will learn and develop as the season progresses which will show in the second half of the season.

In the Seniors, MVL1 are performing incredibly well as a unit and have beaten many of the top teams to sit second. The MVL1R team have now started to hit the nets and chalking up some good wins. The new PL criteria will include performance of the Reserves team in some situations will be important. MPC sit high on the ladder also as we press for another promotion. Our Master's teams are very competitive in most comps.

On the Women's side the VL1 team have rarely been beaten and with a good second half should be in the finals action again. The WVL1R team has won every game, and WPD are in second position and really pressing for the promotion which is a key objective in 2016. For Women's metro and masters, they have several wins and sitting middle of the table.

New Turf

Banyule Council have confirmed that our turf replacement project is one of their highest sporting infrastructure priorities in the new budget year. If there is a member with skills / interest / expertise in synthetic turf they would be welcome to join a small subcommittee who will work with BCC on this project. We have all the funding \$, the project management commences.

Fundraising, Tax deductible ASF donations & Coterie

With the financial year heading to a close please do consider a donation to the YVHC Australian Sports foundation. See

<http://www.yarravalleyhockey.com.au/get-involved/asf/> All donations are totally tax deductible. You can donate directly to either the Excellence fund <https://asf.org.au/make-donation/yarra-valley-hockey-club-excellence-program> or Turf upgrade <https://asf.org.au/make-donation/yarra-valley-hockey-club-turf-upgrade>

Many 2016 Coterie members have elected to use the asf facility and will receive their receipts shortly. Our first Coterie lunch was a great success with Earl Eddings (current Director Cricket Australia) speaking along with Banyule Mayor Craig Langdon. And plenty of discussion amongst members. The second Coterie lunch is planned for Sat 6 August. It is never too late to join, Andrew Skillen (CEO Hockey Victoria) and key local MP's will be our guests for the day. The next plank of our strategy (after pitch replacement and entering Premier League) is a second pitch. We will need another partner / tenant (school?) to secure sufficient funding. BCC is certainly very supportive, but plenty more work needed to bring this off. We will need that Holden grant ,plus, plus.

Please do support all our sponsors <http://www.yarravalleyhockey.com.au/get-involved/sponsors/> as we cannot do it all without them. More details as below.

Our fundraising efforts have been fantastic with the hockey pitch thermometer filling past half way. The recent reverse draw raffle a great success - many thanks to Pen C boys for taking the initiative and organising. YVHC will be BBQing (thanks Vet's) at Bunnings Northland on Monday June 13. Lots of other initiatives re chocolates, drink bottles and key rings on offer.

Our major fund-raiser, the YVHC Trivia & Auction night will be held on Saturday July 23 from 6.30 pm. Parents, do form a table with your age group team and slug it out for Trivia Champion. As always we are seeking donations, anything from Holiday House weekends to Gardening. Please contact Kin at mensrep@yarravalleyhockey.com.au

Other

Smash FM will be broadcasting live at the home day at Yarra on Sat 18 June. This was alot of fun last season. Commentary live streamed, interviews, analysis?

We are planning to hold a level 1 Coaching course on a Sunday in the near future. More details will follow, or you can contact the junior coaching coordinator:coach@yarravalleyhockey.com.au. All current coaches and

anyone interested in coaching should attend.

The YVHC code of conduct documents for spectators & players has been updated and linked on our web site. The YVHC policy for any red card offence is a 1 match suspension which can be reviewed after a full internal incident investigation - our form and process is on the web site. I don't expect we will be needing this for the remainder of the season!

<http://www.yarravalleyhockey.com.au/get-involved/conduct/>. It is critical that all YVHC members and supporters treat everyone within the hockey community with total respect. Especially umpires.

Enjoy the long weekend hockey break after the VL1 games this Wed / Thursday night and then refocus on the business end of the season!

regards

Craig Lovel

President YVHC

Sponsor details:

Just Hockey remains a key sponsor and I encourage all to use Just Hockey for your hockey gear needs. As a club we do source all our requirements from them.

At Bendigo Community Bank, we need all YVHC account holders to signal this to either the East Ivanhoe or Heidelberg banks as member usage is critical for our continuing relationship. Bendigo Bank will provide the Club with further \$1000 sponsorship payments for home loans that are referred by Club members that are over \$250,000, with higher amounts payable on commercial and larger home loan deals.

If club members purchase a Ford from Courtney & Patterson or a Honda through Northway Honda in Bundoora then the club benefits and additional \$200 . If a members has their car serviced through C&P then just mention the club and receive a 10% discount of parts and labour.

At East Ivanhoe Grocers every \$ you (& all your friends) spend with Paul converts to \$ to the club, and we do source much of our supplies here also. And get behind Larry's Pizza (as the Pen C team regularly does) as well as Edgy Lawns & Gardens as they do support our club