



The Bulldog Banter



Thank you to Members for efforts thus far

The Board of Directors would sincerely like to thank all members who promptly registered and paid their fees prior to their first game of the season. The Boards detailed cash-flow statements and tight budgets for 2014 are perfectly on-track. Thank you for your patience with the new IMG registration form and

process. The working bee was very productive with 12 volunteers attending and completing many of the necessary tasks to bring the venue up to standard prior to the Police and Emergency Service Games. The Police Games was the first major tournament our club hosts this year, and thank you to all the members who came forth to work a shift during this time. Again we have had many volunteers assist the directors to put over 45 teams on the pitch this season. Thanks to everyone who has put their hand up to do a job - those include roles such as age group coordinators, coaches, team managers, umpire coordinators, first aiders, admin assistants, website/facebook uploaders, Hockey HQ workers and the list goes on. We really appreciate the nature of volunteerism at our club and it should only improve as time goes on. Please see the next important post on what is coming up! We have a big year ahead.

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Junior Country & Men's Senior Country Championships: Help Required

As we near our 2 biggest and busiest tournaments for the year we put the call out to any members who would like to nominate a shift for these events (before Mark White & Marj Aked send out a roster with names listed!) Why not let them know what shift you'd like to to and get your 1 x 3 hour canteen stint done and dusted?

Marj Aked on 0411460465 Email: marjorie.aked@bigpond.com (Canteen Manager)

Mark White 0416095761 Email: jwh90344@bigpond.net.au (Retail Operations)

Junior Country Championships : 24th & 25th May. A tricky tournament to fill as juniors and seniors play away this weekend and the tournament is at FHC! As all the alcohol will be moved into Bucks Bar we are opening canteen shifts to sell food and Gatorade/water juice etc to those enthusiastic 15+ members as well as adult members. The coffee station will be in full swing again and this too can be manned by 15+ members.

Stations: Canteen, Coffee, General Duties

Shift times are:

Sat

8.30-11.30

11.30-2.30

2.30-5.00

Sun

9.00-12.00

12.00-3.00

Men's Senior Country Weekend: Queen's B'Day weekend 7th, 8th & 9th June: We welcome all members to nominate a shift. In particular all Masters players and Metro 3 Senior players - this is the weekend where we ask for your help to run this major tournament. Metro 3 players in lieu of being rostered onto umpire - we ask that you do a duty over this weekend. The canteen, coffee and kitchen will be running. If you have any particular experience on the grill - we look forward to hearing from you.

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2.30 - 5.30

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Who is on the FHC board?

Please see below the FHC Board of Director's, please feel free to contact us, introduce yourselves or come and have a chat to us anytime throughout the year.

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FOOTSCRAY HOCKEY CLUB BOARD

				
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FHC Welcomes New Junior Platinum Sponsor: YCCC

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We are very fortunate to welcome a new Junior Platinum Sponsor: Yarraville Club Cricket Club (YCCC) for season 2014. This is an exciting community sporting development of Hansen Road in Roberts Street is wishing to foster greater ties with our club and use of venue post-hockey season.

program leading into their Summer Cricket season. YCCC is not dissimilar to FHC in many respects, they have a great ambition to build up their junior section from the ground up like FHC did over a decade ago.

Club House Telephone Number: 03 9315 3099
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Footscray Hockey Club 2014 Events Calendar		
Round 4	Sat 17 th May:	Op Shop Bingo
Round 8	Sat 21 st June:	FHC's 80th Birthday Party
Round 12	Sat 20 th July:	VIP & Sponsor's Function
Round 15	Sat 9 th August:	Pink Day vs HAW
Round 15	Sat 9 th August:	Function (possible) TBA (Round 14 for Juniors)
Round 17	Sat 23 rd August:	Rideathon Fundraiser TBA
Grand Final Night:	Sat 13 th September:	Grand Final BBQ & Mega Draw
Presentation Night:	Sat 25 th October:	Senior Presentation Night @ Yarraville Club

FHC Events Calendar 2014

[Read more.](#)

New Social Director & Op Shop Bingo

Welcome Penny Mather to the board of directors as our new social director.

OP SHOP BINGO NIGHT

MAY 17TH 7.30PM ONWARDS

Come dressed in your Op Shop best (\$10 maximum spend).	Those not dressed up, \$10 entry fee.	Prizes throughout the night, including best dressed.	Pasta for dinner before 8pm.	Music, drink specials & other drinks at bar prices.
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Possible Fundraiser - Rideathon - bikes required!

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First event being Op Shop Bingo this Saturday 17th May. Hope to see as many members down in their Op Shop best!

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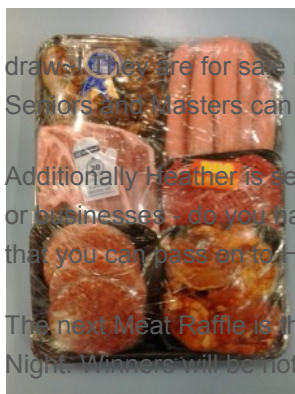
The Board is putting their support behind a proposed Rideathon fundraiser for charity and for FHC potentially on Senior Round 17 Saturday 23rd August (Junior Grand Final Weekend) at the club. Chris Wiseman has volunteered to organise the event and fundraiser. The idea is to replicate Shane Crawford's ride from Melbourne to Perth (3600kms). Riders would need to source minimum \$1 per km pledges for kms ridden.

However - for this event to be successful we require 15 - 20 or so exercise/spin bikes for the day that can record the kilometers cycled! Do you have a bike we can borrow for the day? Do you have any contacts in the gym industry who may be able to lend FHC the bikes for the day. Chris Wiseman would love to hear from you christopher@wiseman.net.au This is a WHOLE club activity where masters, mens, womens, juniors, parents, siblings etc can get involved. We hope we can get it up and running.

[Read more.](#)

Home Game Meat Raffle!

Thanks to life member and fundraising supporter Heather Shaw, she has secured a home game donation of a meat tray from her local butcher and raided her wine rack and pantry to come up with 2 terrific prizes for our first Home Game Meat Raffle. Raising \$341 towards our fundraising thermometer for season 2014. Thanks Heather.



How can members support? Of course buy some tickets to be in the draws! They are for sale in Hockey HQ during the week prior to the home round so Juniors, Seniors and Masters can get involved too and of course sold during the day on a PL Home day.

Additionally Heather is seeking any donations that can be used as 2nd or 3rd prizes from families or businesses - do you have something in your cupboard you are never going to drink, eat or use that you can pass on to Heather? Thank you in anticipation of your support!

The next Meat Raffle is this Saturday 17th May - drawn at around 9pm at the Op Shop Bingo Night. Winners will be notified so please put your mobile number on the raffle ticket!

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Becoming an Accredited Umpire

Umpiring pathways are an integral part of our sport and it is a mandatory requirement for FHC to have 10 Accredited Umpires who are willing to:

- a) complete the 2014 umpire registration with HV \$25.00
- b) have (or working towards) a Hockey Ed Accreditation (Community Umpire, Level 1 Umpire, Level 2 Umpire, Australian Umpire)
- c) active on the 2014 HV umpire roster for either juniors and or seniors

Anne Robinson was our Club Umpire Coordinator and in previous years and she is taking a step back and just fulfilling umpiring duties. Thank you Anne for your work. We are currently seeking a FHC Umpire Coordinator who will - ensure FHC comply with H'Vic umpire policy, assist umpires gaining accreditation/registration and on the active umpire list. Please contact Nicole Virtuoso 0424132715 nicolevirtuoso@gmail.com

Whilst we find a replacement, if you are an accredited umpire and have not received an e-mail from Nicole recently - please contact her 0424132715 nicolevirtuoso@gmail.com.

Or if you are interested in learning how to umpire contact Nicole 0424132715 nicolevirtuoso@gmail.com

Or if you are interested in becoming an Accredited Umpire please contact Nicole 0424132715 nicolevirtuoso@gmail.com

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3 Selectors Required for Girls Wildcat Trials 18th May

It is so important for the club to have selectors from FHC at the Wildcats trials on Sunday 18th May from 8am. We require one selector per age group (3) U13, U15 & U17 girls all at FHC. The boys have 3 selectors ready to go so we are looking for some representation at the girls trials. Please contact Marj

on marjorie.aked@bigpond.com

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Premier League Men's Ladder

#	Team	P	W	L	D	SF	SA	SD	EQP	PTS
1	Camdenwell	6	5	1	0	17	5	12	2.50	15
2	Altona	5	5	0	0	16	9	7	3	15
3	Greensborough	5	4	1	0	27	10	17	2.40	12
4	Powerhouse/St Kilda	4	3	1	0	15	13	2	2.25	9
5	Waverley	6	3	3	0	14	19	-5	1.50	9
6	Footscray	6	2	3	1	7	8	-1	1.17	7
7	MCC	5	2	3	0	8	9	-1	1.20	6
8	Doncaster	6	2	4	0	6	10	-4	1	6
9	Hawthorn	6	2	4	0	10	16	-8	1	6
10	Essendon	5	1	3	1	7	10	-3	0.80	4
11	Southern United	4	1	3	0	8	14	-5	0.75	3
12	Mentone	4	0	4	0	3	13	-10	0	0

Premier League Women's Ladder

#	Team	P	W	L	D	SF	SA	SD	EQP	PTS
1	Hawthorn HC	6	4	0	2	26	5	21	2.33	14
2	Mentone HC	6	4	1	1	18	10	8	2.17	13
3	Greensborough HC	6	3	1	2	12	7	5	1.83	11
4	Footscray HC	6	3	1	2	10	9	1	1.83	11
5	Essendon Ladies HC	6	3	2	1	14	9	5	1.67	10
6	Altona HC	6	3	3	0	11	14	-3	1.50	9
7	Camdenwell HC	6	2	1	3	9	5	4	1.50	9
8	Doncaster HC	6	2	2	2	13	12	1	1.33	8
9	MCC HC	6	2	3	1	7	17	-10	1.17	7
10	Waverley HC	6	1	3	2	7	14	-7	0.83	5
11	Powerhouse/St Kilda HC	6	0	4	2	4	16	-12	0.33	2
12	TEM HC	6	0	6	0	5	18	-13	0	0

Premier League Ladders

The Men's & Women's Premier League Ladders as of Round 6. Note: Men's ladder some postponed games yet to be played.

All Hockey Victoria Fixtures, Results & Ladders see link below
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[Read more.](#)

Junior Section

Thank you to all the coaches, coordinators, team managers and parents for supporting the club get 23 junior teams on the park for 2014.



We have an enthusiastic group of junior parents that are starting work on School Sports Victoria activities for junior players and parents for 2014. Watch out for more information and dates soon. If you are interested in being involved in Junior Social Committee please contact Amanda Braiden (0417 312 233) or via email: footscrayhockeyjuniors@gmail.com

School Sports Victoria Representation 2014. Congratulations to the following Footscray players that have been selected to represent Victoria:

U12 Girls – Josie Erbsland

U16 Girls – Kaitlyn Grimaldi, Georgia Hopkins, Carly James, Bethany Russ and Riley Sutherland.

U16 Boys – Mitchell Braiden

[Read more.](#)



Ball Boys & Ball Girls Wanted

FHC are required to provide 4 Ball Boys and 4 Ball Girls at each Premier League home game. Ball Boys and Ball Girls can be aged 10+ and only need to put their hand up to do 1 game for the year. They are provided with a shirt (or coat) and hat on the day. Must wear shinguards and mouthguard. Fee hot dog & drink after

the game.

At present the club is seeking someone who may be interested in arranging / coordinating the Ball Boys & Girls - so if this interests you - please let us know.

In the mean time contact:

Ball Boys: David Braiden footscrayhockeyjuniors@gmail.com

Ball Girls: Nicole Virtuoso nicolevirtuoso@gmail.com

Hope to hear from some enthusiastic ball persons soon!

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Masters Section

Thanks to all of the Masters players for being so supportive and organized with getting our season off to a smooth start by registering and paying fees. Your support is greatly appreciated. We've had a goalie shortage and big thanks to Paul Killeen and Alan Kalwig for their tremendous support and filling in when needed.

LADDER POSITIONS, RD 4

TEAM POSITION

Men's 35A Grade 8th

Men's 35B Grade 3rd

Men's 45B Grade 7th

Men's 50A Grade 6th

Men's 50B Grade 9th

Women's 35A Grade 4th

Women's 35B Grade 8th

2 Quick Team Profiles:

Women's 35As

The FHC Women Master's A grade team has had a great start to the season showing some real promise when we field a full team. Of the five rounds played the team has won three and lost two. The three games won were with the full 11 and even once with a bench. The team is squarely placed in the middle of the ladder with 6 points. We welcome newcomer to the 35+ team Filemena Bruce who has been a highlight in our matches and Mirella Di Benedetto has taken on goalie with flair and finesse, well done to the two of those players.

Men's 50 A's

3 games so far with strong wins over Power House and Greensborough and a loss to Yarra Valley after conceding 3 soft goals in the first 15 minutes. They have a good list which will be tested during the year with National duties and injuries but anything less than a finals appearance will be disappointing.

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