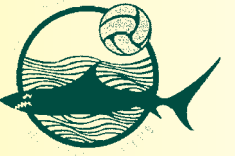


Melville Water Polo Club Newsletter



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Mariner's Report

I am pleased to report that our Mariners have for the first time completed a road trip without losing a single game. We remain unbeaten for the 2003 season and just sit below Sydney University who are also undefeated but have a slightly better percentage than us.

The Mariners have won 14 consecutive matches this year and Andre Kovalenko, our 32 year old Olympian, leads the goal scoring with 58 goals from 14 matches. He has chalked up a staggering 29 goals from the last four matches.

We have 10 home games remaining for this season - eight against the four Sydney Teams who hold first, third and fourth spots on the leadership board. This means we will be treated to some great water polo at the National League games being held at Bicton Pool over the next month.

Forthcoming games at Bicton are as follows:

Thursday	13 March	Balman	
Saturday	15 March	Balman	(Mariner Club Function)
Thursday	20 March	Wests	
Saturday	22 March	Wests	
Thursday	27 March	Cronulla	(Mariner Club Function)
Saturday	29 March	Cronulla	
Thursday	03 April	Brisbane Barracudas	
Saturday	05 April	Brisbane Barracudas	
Tuesday	08 April	Sydney University	(Mariner Club Function)
Thursday	10 April	Sydney University	

Our playing stocks will be boosted by the return of our very own Olympian Tim Neesham from Italy and Christian Hoad from Spain.

Their action together with the form of the rest of our team led by Peter Petrov and assisted by Andre Kovalenko who could if he keeps up form be the first player to score 100 goals in a season and see us take out the championship in Sydney.

All our players have performed well with some of the younger players taking on more responsibility and none more than James Stanton who has been superb in the goals all season.

Don't forget to come along to all our ten (10) forthcoming home games and cheer on your Mariners.

It's not too late to join the Mariners Club, its great value and as you can see there are still three functions for the year. Contact Kerry Neesham at the office or Garry Dunne on 9339 3214.

Garry Dunne

President's Message

Dear Club Members,

The summer competition is rapidly coming to a close with only a couple of games before the finals. All junior and senior grades have a Melville team in the top two, so we should be well represented in the finals with good prospects of winning.



A large number of National Water Polo League (NWPL) games are also fixtured from mid March to mid April and should provide plenty of entertainment as we play Brisbane Barracudas and the four Sydney teams all at home. Our Women's A Grade have also qualified for the Champion's Trophy in Sydney in April and with a full squad have a good chance to win.

On the local front we have recently installed new pool lighting and the bifold doors to the lower bar area. It is hoped to get the new paving laid as soon as the season finishes. All our junior teams are training solidly with U/14 boys and girls preparing to compete in Sydney in late April. We have a Cronulla U/16 boys team visiting in early April and the Singapore National team are currently in Perth (3-16 March) and will play some games at Bicton.

As the summer season comes to a close we now need to look at the winter program. We are committed to again provide junior water polo specific coaching to coincide with the school terms 2 and 3. This was very successful last year. I would also like to think that we can arrange a local winter competition for senior grades June to August. Further, the pool is heated (27-28 degrees) and discounted swimming (\$25/mth with unlimited access) is available to Club members and their families and you may wish to take this up as a good way to keep healthy through winter.

On the social side Michelle Finucane organised the first Club dinner with an outside caterer and Club bar. This was a great success for those who attended and it is planned to hold a second evening on Friday 28 March and another 2 May, possibly in conjunction with our windup. The meal was well priced at \$12.50 and the lower concourse proved an excellent venue.

Finally I would again raise the matter of volunteers and intend to progressively acknowledge several of our valued volunteers in each newsletter. These people significantly

contribute to the Club operation and your enjoyment by taking on a specific function.

Of significant note is Peter Neesham for his work on the pool lawns and the Bicton Reserve. Peter ensures the lawns are watered, repaired, cut and edged and are invariably in excellent shape as well as looking after the trees and shrubs around Bicton. Thank you also to Leanne Coleman for her organising work on the junior water polo team lists. Leanne's regular work on this significantly benefits the smooth running of our Junior Saturday Competition. Finally for this edition I extend sincere thanks and gratitude to Bobbie Townsend for her work each Saturday morning behind the bar assisting with food preparation, coffee, etc.

As I mentioned last newsletter, there are many other discrete areas of operation that could benefit from a volunteer(s). Some of these include

- monthly thorough clean of the upstairs area.
- a monthly thorough clean of the lower bar and toilets.
- handyman work (2-3 hrs/week) in conjunction with Frank Widdicombe.

You may identify other areas as well. You can contact me on 9330 1770 if you have an interest or see an area of need.

David Neesham
President

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Melville Water Polo Club



Katie and Luisa's Champagne breakfast



Katie Finucane and Luisa Chaves have been selected in the Australian Women's U/20 Water Polo team and are currently in Hawaii competing against New Zealand, Japan, USA, Hawaii and Canada.

They held a champagne breakfast at the club on Sunday 16 March 2003 to raise much needed funds, and raised about \$300 each thanks to their sponsors and those who attended the breakfast.

They wish to thank sponsors Harvey Fresh who donated OJ and milk, Tony 'Budgie' Buhargiar from the Leopold Hotel who donated a case of champagne and Brumby's Bakery in Bicton. Brumby's kindly donated all bread and hot-cross buns and are now under new management and open till 7pm everyday.

'We also want to thank our parents and people who helped out to make the breakfast a success,' the girls said. Play hard (in the water polo pool!) in Hawaii girls.

More Sponsors Needed!!

Do you have a small, medium or large business and would like exposure to thousands of people, including hundreds of LOCAL families?

If so, please contact Michelle Finucane on 9264 3374 to receive one of the Club's sponsorship proposals.

The committee has made sure that the sponsorship proposals are VERY attractive, with HEAPS of benefits.

END OF SEASON WIND UP

We need you to help make the 2002/2003 Wind Up one of Melville Water Polo Club's super fun and the most successful wind up ever! Keep the evening of Friday 2 May 2003 free in your diaries - 7pm till late!

The wind-up will include a delicious meal, drinks and entertainment and we would love to see all Melville water polo teams present.

Come along and Eat, Drink. Dance and Be Merry! Members will receive more details and a reminder notice closer to the date.

The cost is \$12.50 for adults and \$6.00 for children.

Junior Water Polo Report

This year we have had another very successful Flipper Ball competition and had a record number of junior players attending with their very supportive parents. We would like to congratulate all teams for their enthusiastic efforts this year and a special congratulations for the teams who played in the grand final matches. Everyone enjoyed a great day.

We extend a very special thanks to all the coaches, team managers and support staff for the terrific job they did this year as the Flippa Ball competition would not run without these people. In particular I wish to thank the juniors that have participated so well in coaching and umpiring, this experience will stand them in good stead for their future water polo careers.

It was great to see all Mariners coming to help umpire and give their advise and encouragement to the children. We would like to wish the Under 14's boys and girls all the best for their up coming competition in Sydney.

Our Monday night competition has been very successful it looks like we will have every team from Under 14's to Under 17's competing in the final series which is a credit to the players and their coaches. All the best to all teams.

Melville Water Polo Club look forward to seeing you all next season for an even better year.

Neil Styles
Chairperson - Junior Competition

Social Report

Friday Night Dinners!

I am pleased to announce that Melville Water Polo Club has introduced MONTHLY Friday night dinners for its members and friends so that all members can enjoy our fantastic facilities and each other's company.



Our inaugural dinner was held on Friday 28 February (the start of the long weekend) and was a huge success. A crowd of about fifty people enjoyed the beautiful evening, with forty people choosing to have a meal.

Our next dinner will be held on FRIDAY 28th MARCH 2003 and it is essential to book with Kerry at the Office. (The dinners will be held on the fourth Friday of each month.) The dinners are great value at \$12.50 for adults and \$6.00 for children. It includes a scrumptious main meal and beautiful sweets prepared by one of WA's best chefs. The summer dinners we hope to have downstairs and over the winter months they will be held upstairs.

Thank you to our outside caterers Richard Smith from Function Solutions who did a marvellous job. Make sure you organise a table with your family/friends/team at the next dinner - and I hope to see you all there.

Michelle Finucane
Social Events Coordinator



Peter and Mary Neesham with Linda and Geoff Chilli.



L to R: Tessa Chaves, Helen Finucane, Obi Alcarria, Michelle Finucane, and Natalie Millar.



Bottom row: Coralie and Lew Watts (centre) enjoying the night with friends.



Club President David Neesham and wife Pam with Vice President Garry Dunne and wife Glenda.