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Firstly, a very Merry Christmas to you all. I hope that all of you get to spend time with Family and Friends throughout this period. I am not at all a big fan of the commercialism associated with Christmas. I have got into numerous family arguments in relation to organizing KK's for every group possible rather than buying presents for each individual.... but that's just the 'tight arse' in me.

It has been a tough past few months for me. Getting used to our new life with our little one but also trying to motivate the club to dominate for another year.

Despite our growing numbers and our solid financial position it feels like we have lost some of our close family atmosphere. I believe that I am partially responsible, as my constant desire for success has been too forceful for some. Maybe it is a Premiership hang over, maybe the club is now too big to be seen as an underdog, and maybe you are all getting sick of the same message from the same President but the drive doesn't seem as strong as last year.

Either way, the club will achieve some degree of venue success but will struggle in the Shield final as we have numerous injuries, less high level athletes competing and many not doing the extra events required for valuable points. Most disappointing for me has been the lack of desire to compete for Athletics Waverley in relays. I realise that the timing usually doesn't suit but I am surprised with the excuses and the departures to avoid the chance to run with team-mates.

Anyway enough whinging....

Hopefully after Christmas there will a new drive, a less anal President and the joy of at least 5 venue Premierships. Maybe just maybe, if we can all pull our finger out and have all athletes qualify for the four rounds and the events required we might get some Shield success at the eleventh hour.

On a social note, the Christmas Party again beckons to be an extravaganza. Santa, presents for all and a BBQ. It would be great to see as many of you as possible down there after Round 8 at Glen Huntley. It starts at 7pm at the clubrooms with the Big Black Santa due to make an appearance around 8:30pm.

Folks, I congratulate you all for your efforts in the past 12 months. Last summer's success, the winter revival and this year's growing registration list have made it the greatest 12 months for the club in its history. I now ask you for the final time this year.....to help Waverley continue to be recognized as the best performed 'athletics team' in Victoria. Athletics is still a team sport so don't be an individual!!!!

Have an awesome Christmas, travel safe over the holiday period and don't drink too much to welcome in the New Year (especially our younger members, you know who you are!!)

Your proud President

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SOCIAL SCENE

Our world famous "**Pizza Night**" was held on Tuesday 20th November at 6.00PM after training. The junior men maintained their unblemished record of eating more pizza, more quickly than everyone else.

The second is the legendary "**Christmas Party**" on Saturday 15th December at 7.00PM also at the clubrooms. Adults \$10.00, U12 \$5.00- fabulous food, presents and even a special guest!! Bring your own drinks or sample the club esky. RSVP Julie plus money!!

Both these functions will allow us to get to know our new members and they us. By the time you read this the Party will have happened and you will know it was even better than the hype!! That is true we even had more turn up than planned. Julie did a great job, thanks also to the salad s providers and Terry Baldwin for his great selection of interesting pressies.

NORTHCOTE/WAVERLEY GIFT

As we advised in the last Wrag we had decided not to have a 2008 Waverley Gift. Northcote Athletics Club, however, asked us if they could hold their Gift on the Waverley track because their facility was in such poor shape due to water restrictions. The Monash Council has given their approval and we shall be jointly hosting the event. The Northcote Club will organise sponsors and prizes etc and we shall provide facilities and catering etc- a win-win for both clubs. The date is 16th December 2007 so make sure it is well supported by our club. Latest news from the Gift showed our track at Central Reserve is the preferred venue of the athletes. It was a bit strange for us to watch an event without bunting, no entertainment for the kids and no special races. We should return bigger and better in 2008.

RESULTS

As at **8th December** we have declared our intention to repeat last year's great results and we have seen many athletes of all ages doing that little bit extra. Thanks for that and the following shows what we have achieved. The last meeting of 2007 on 15th December turned out to be a farce. Due to the rain the field events were cancelled one by one. The track events went ahead but as there were no field events it could not be considered a proper competition, so no points and worse the athletes who participated did not have their participation counted to qualify for the finals. The good news is you now need only three interclubs to qualify. Please note the next two meetings are

Tuesday 8th January and Monday 16th January 2008 and they are twilight events. Put them in next year's diary NOW.

<u>F18</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Agst</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Athletics Waverley	2484	3350	74.1	51
Knox Athletic Club	1357	4477	30.3	40
Frankston Athletic Club	843	4991	16.9	29
Sandringham Aths Club	693	5141	13.5	25
Knox Athletic Club 2	170	5664	3	15
Mentone Athletic Club	132	5702	2.3	8
Glenhuntly Athletic Club	103	3565	2.9	5
<u>FOP1</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Agst</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Athletics Waverley	2492.7	5449.4	45.7	56
Glenhuntly Athletic Club	1741.4	6200.7	28.1	41
Knox Athletic Club	1391.5	6550.6	21.2	35
Sandringham Athletic Club	1162.5	6779.6	17.1	29
Malvern Harriers Aths Club	529	7413.1	7.1	19
Frankston Athletic Club	377	7565.1	5	15
Mentone Athletic Club	188	7754.1	2.4	5
<u>FOP2</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Agst</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Athletics Waverley	1489	358	415.9	56
Glenhuntly Athletic Club	109	1738	6.3	21
Knox Athletic Club	227	1620	14	18
Malvern Harriers Aths Club	22	1825	1.2	6
Sandringham Athletic Club	0	1847	0	0
Mentone Athletic Club	0	1847	0	0
Maccabi AC	0	1847	0	0
<u>M18</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Agst</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Knox Athletic Club	2991.5	8102	36.9	71
Athletics Waverley	2347.5	8746	26.8	63
Frankston Athletic Club	1809.5	9284	19.5	56
Glenhuntly Athletic Club	864	10229.5	8.4	39.5
East Melbourne Harriers	1170.5	9923	11.8	34
Malvern Harriers Aths Club	494.5	10599	4.7	29.5
Maccabi AC	430.5	10663	4	29
Knox Athletic Club 2	493.5	10600	4.7	28
Mentone Athletic Club	408	10685.5	3.8	27
Haileybury Athletic Club	0	11093.5	0	0
<u>MOP1</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Agst</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Athletics Waverley	3773	10701	35.3	64
Glenhuntly Athletic Club	3655.5	10818.5	33.8	61
Knox Athletic Club	2820	11654	24.2	50
Sandringham Athletic Club	1774.5	12699.5	14	42
Mentone Athletic Club	822	13652	6	29
Frankston Athletic Club	768	13706	5.6	27
Mornington Peninsula Aths	553.5	13920.5	4	25
East Melbourne Harriers	149.5	14324.5	1	8
Haileybury Athletic Club	44	14430	0.3	4
<u>MOP2</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Agst</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Athletics Waverley	3027.1	6196.1	48.9	63
Glenhuntly Athletic Club	2258.6	6964.6	32.4	48
Knox Athletic Club	1461	7762.2	18.8	40

Malvern Harriers Athls Club	1371	7852.2	17.5	38
Sandringham Athletic Club	545	8678.2	6.3	22
Maccabi AC	387.5	8835.7	4.4	20
Mornington Peninsula Athls	91	9132.2	1	10
Mentone Athletic Club	82	9141.2	0.9	4

<u>MOP3</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Agst</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Oakleigh Athletic Club	2797.7	4698.4	59.5	57
Athletics Waverley	2578.9	4917.2	52.4	55
Glenhuntly Athletic Club	1024.5	6471.6	15.8	34
Knox Athletic Club	670	6826.1	9.8	31
Malvern Harriers Aths Club	339	7157.1	4.7	23
Sandringham Athletic Club	86	7410.1	1.2	8
Mentone Athletic Club	0	7496.1	0	0
Maccabi AC	0	7496.1	0	0

<u>MOP4</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Agst</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Athletics Waverley	1759	2030	86.7	54
Oakleigh Athletic Club	883	2906	30.4	38.5
Victorian Masters Athletics	785	3004	26.1	38.5
Glenhuntly Athletic Club	103	3686	2.8	17.5
Knox Athletic Club	219	3570	6.1	13
Malvern Harriers Aths Club	22	3767	0.6	5
Sandringham Athletic Club	18	3771	0.5	3.5

COMMITTEE MATTERS

The December committee meeting was mainly concerned with the year end activities and our Northcote Gift duties. The club remains in an excellent financial position but will not receive the injection of funds in 2008 from the Waverley Gift.

TALL TALES AND GOSSIP

No gossip at the moment, not even schoolies reports from the juniors. Perhaps it was too bad to mention! Steve Machar's wife supported the club at the Gift, BBQ wise which was a great effort considering their first child is due in some two weeks. We wish them all the best. Club members are certainly doing their bit to ensure membership in the future. Membership this year has now hit 100.