

CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC

Summer Season 2008-2009

Rustlers



DIVISION 2 PREMIERS

SENIOR PRESENTATION

Friday, 3 April 2009



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

TEE-BALL

To Gabriela Taranto: As Tee-Ball Coordinator you look after approximately 40% of our player numbers. I would like to thank you on behalf of both the club and the parents for your work over the last 3 years. Thank you for your achievements over this period. You go out on a high with a fantastic win at the All-star day.

The main game at Tee-ball is to have fun. I hope this has been achieved and that everyone has had a good time.

To all the coaches, scorers, umpires and helpers - thank you for your efforts. We certainly hope to see you again next year.

JUNIORS

We fielded 16 junior sides this season. There have been a few hiccups along the way but, all in all, things have worked out. All the Friday night sides appear to be competitive, which is our main aim. The Sunday sides again have had their ups and downs, but that is the nature of competitive sport. Overall, the learning and development continues and we can only get better if everyone is part of the team.

Again to all the coaches, scorers, umpires and helpers - thank you for your efforts. We cannot do it without you.

SENIORS

It has to be said a successful year at senior level is to make the finals. 4 out of our 6 sides made the finals = a successful year. Hopefully we can win a premiership or two. At this level, it is a team effort to get all the sides filled on a week-by-week basis and be competitive. So to the "whole" team - thank you for your efforts over the year.

CLUB LEVEL

The following are some big positives from my point of view:

- The Club is financial
- Fees were not increased this year
- Well-attended coaches nights
- Peter Katz, along with many helpers, continued to help us with facilities eg. new pitching mounds
- Peter Leslie kept an eye on the grounds and liaised with the council
- John Ferguson & Ian Curnow - for the ground maintenance and diamond marking
- Bruce Fitzgerald and the Thursday night BBQ

Where to now?

- New committee members are required. We have at least 4 members who have advised that they are stepping down.
- We will need help at the end-of-season working bee
- Continued help to keep working on improving facilities
- If we can get approval from Council, we will be trying to improve the infrastructure around the club
- Tee-ball - the Committee will very shortly be reviewing our strategies around recruiting tee-ballers. This year we had 8 teams. We want to increase this to 10 by next year and have a goal of 100+ players the year after. This is a challenging target and any ideas that you may have would be greatly appreciated.

How can you help?

- Make yourself aware of what is happening around the club. The club website www.rustlers.org.au is a great source of information.
- Keep us informed of changes to email addresses.
- If you are able to do little things, the committee can focus on a few more big-ticket items.

I would like to thank our club sponsors:

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Anyone who may be able to help with sponsorship or fund raising, please feel free to contact me on BH 9275 2981 AH 9878 4338 or email carlilej@bigpond.net.au.

Personal thanks to:

- My family for the support and allowing me to do the job
- To the committee members who are taking a break, thank you for your support and good humor over the journey
- To all the people who have helped me with the bar this year
- To all the people I have obviously forgotten to thank

Yours sincerely,

John Carlile
Summer President
Cheltenham Baseball Club

UNDER 18 METRO

The Under 18 Metro team had a very mixed season. In most of our games we won the first half or three quarters, then lost the last. The season came down to pitchers throwing balls and strikes and a bit of fielding errors. But all in all fun was had and laughs were something that happened regularly, especially when James Murray was not happy.

Batting was OUTSTANDING! 6 out of 9 guys batted above .300 and 3 of those 6 above .400; something which any team/individual should be proud of.

Unfortunately, wins were something we did not come across too often. Finishing the season with a win loss record of 3 – 11 and 1 draw the boys should be happy with what they achieved on an individual basis and to have played with a good bunch of kids.

I was unable to fulfil my coaching duties for a number of weeks due to my Claxton Shield duties so I sincerely thank the parents who took on this job while I was away.

Parents were a great help during the season with coaching bases, umpiring, scoring and most importantly getting their boys to the game on time and not giving me a hard time.

I would like to thank:

- Mrs Karen Cotter for scoring the whole season. She did a great job and also carried a few spare sheets when I forgot the original scorebook.
- Dean Felsenthal for umpiring when we needed one.
- Shane Harvey and David Maxwell for coaching bases; and
- also anyone I have forgotten.

Thanks for the great season and hopefully there is more success in the future.

Blake Cunningham
Coach

Awards

MVP
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Matt Harvey
Will Felsenthal
Tom Cotter

Batting Avge .387
Avge .438

UNDER 18 STATE

This year the Under 18 state competition proved to be very competitive with 2nd through 6th separated by only 3 points. It is a testament to the boys' character that they played hard all year, even though finals looked like a near impossibility at one point, and were rewarded with fourth spot at the end of the season.

Throughout the year everyone made contributions and played an important role in the team. The bulk of the pitching was born by Ben Coen and Kyle Brookes, with help from Cody Wilson. Geoff Holland assumed the duties behind the plate and led the team admirably all year.

The infield primarily featured Cody Wilson, Tom Fitzgerald, Matt Carlile and Nathan Aron; all of whom worked hard throughout the season to improve their defensive skills and showed in the close games that we played during the season. Patrolling the outfield were Peter Rizzi, Kyle Brookes, Ben Coen, and Andrew Rizzi. A special mention also goes to Nick Fitzgerald who filled in at the end of the season and during the finals for the unavailable Andrew Rizzi.

Unfortunately for the boys, we had an early exit in the finals with an extra innings loss to Waverley. The game could have gone either way though, and the boys showed great maturity in what was a tough defeat to swallow.

Both Kane and I would like to thank the boys for their contributions this season and we wish them all the best in their bright baseball futures.

Also Kane and I would like to make special mention of Janette Holland (for scoring), as well as Ian Brookes, Michael Rizzi, and John Carlile for umpiring. Not to mention the others who took up the job when it was required of them. We can't play without you guys.

Russell Ferguson and Kane Davidson
Coaches

Awards

MPV	Kyle Brookes	
Batting Award	Nathan Aron	Avge .375
Coaches Award	Geoff Holland	

Shut Out

Ben Coen	Cheltenham v Haileybury	26 th October 2008
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1st NINE

This year the Cheltenham 1st team went through a transition in regard to the personnel involved at senior level.

Players who in the past have been with the senior squad decided it was in their best interest to move on to other clubs to continue their baseball dream, which in turn opened the door for other players to get an opportunity at a more senior level and I believe these players have shown they can compete at any level.

With a combined 8 shutouts for the year, it shows if the playing group can stay focused and do the basics right, winning games can be a simple process and success will follow.

I believe with the average age being so young at Cheltenham, the future of this club is very bright and as long as the players don't get ahead of themselves and continue to work hard on their game, Cheltenham can look forward to a long and successful team at the Division 1 level.

I wish to make mention to all the young players at Cheltenham regarding what their future in baseball at Cheltenham can be. If **you the player** train hard and show respect to others and don't expect somebody else to do things for you, **you the individual player** can get from baseball exactly what your talents will allow.

I'd like to thank John Carlile and the committee of Cheltenham for their support during the season and a big "thank you" to John Ferguson, who's work around the club has been a great support to myself. He is a tremendous asset to the club.

Kevin Williams and **Laurie Hall** have been a tremendous support to me. To have two guys like Kevin and Laurie at the Cheltenham Baseball Club shows what great clubmen they are. I think the playing group could better appreciate what a great support they are to players, coaches and to the club.

Craig Kernick
Senior Coach

Awards

Gwen & Len LePage	Anton Cevc
MPV / Club Champion	Russell Ferguson
Hitting	Kable Hogben
Pitching	Kane Davidson
Golden Glove	Anton Cevc
Rookie of the Year	

2nd NINE

Played: 20 Won: 12 Lost: 6 Drawn: 2 (Includes Finals)

The Reserves had a successful year, finishing the home and away season in second place. They lost a close run semi final 6-8 to Upwey before being over whelmed 3-13 by a stronger and more experienced Fitzroy in the Preliminary Final.

The primary objective of a reserves team is to develop players to support for the First side and from this perspective the team exceeded expectations. Several players earned starting positions in the Firsts and others filled key roles at crucial times throughout the season, including Dale Ravesi who won 4 games for the Firsts with sparking ERA 2.3. Overall, 26 players were used, including 11 pitchers taking time on the mound. Defensively, the team led their competition giving up only 65 runs and were second offensively with 153 runs scored prior to the finals series.

The main pitchers were Dale Ravesi (36.2 inns, 623 pitches, 23 K, 19 BB, ERA: 5.16) and Jarrod Hall (21.2 inns, 407 pitches, 13 K, 3 BB, ERA: 3.32). Sean Gabb (38 innings) and Michael Rizzi (39 innings) carried most of the work behind the plate. Ben Macquire made a successful transition from outfielder to first base and Elliot Macquire, Kyle Brookes and Jarrod Hall formed a very solid infield. Geoff Holland and rookie Tim Bail covered the outfield duties with the help of a passing parade of players from the Firsts and Thirds.

Of particular note was the assistance and support younger players received from our Firsts players. Blake Cunningham and Tom Ellis collectively threw 15 innings, while Kable Hogben, (10 hits in 14 AB's) and Dan Williams, (13 hits in 29 AB's) provided some additional power and timely offence.

Of the players with at least 40 plate appearances, Ben Macquire had the stand out year at the plate with 21 in 54 AB's (BA .389) closely followed by Geoff Holland with 15 hits in 39 AB's (BA .385) and an excellent On Base Percentage of .481 which lead the team.

The most valuable player was Jarrod Hall, who in addition to his work on the mound, anchored the infield at shortstop while batting a solid .255 (12 hits, 11 walks and 9 stolen bases), an outstanding all round performance. The best performances over the two finals games came from Ben Macquire who collected 4 hits and long doubles in each game by Dan Williams.

Thanks to Craig Kernick for filling in when I was not available and also for the great job Raie Brookes did as scorer and statistician.

John Ferguson
Manager

Awards

MVP	Jarrod Hall
Batting Award	Ben Macquire

3rd NINE

The aim of the third nine this year was to have fun playing with mates, provide a launching pad to higher grades and, above all, was to win the whole thing. Two out of three is not too bad.

The season started off with a bang beating the former title-holders Mulgrave. The season kept building from there as we scored a massive amount of runs; however this came to an abrupt halt when we came up against a younger, fitter and stronger team (who were the eventually title holders). We never really recaptured the early season form and eventually finished in a modest but fair position of third.

There were a few highlights for the year which included:

- 20 runs in the first innings against Upwey (which included us going through 3 pitchers)
- A shut out for Ben Cooen Against Werribee
- Grand Slam from Tim against Werribee (he believes the ball is still going)
- Di Servi's wrestling debut against Mulgrave (cleaned up 5 base runners at home plate)
- Beating Mulgrave by one run after them loosing 5 base runners at home plate (man I hate those guys)
- The return of Shane Middleton - he showed us all that it isn't that hard to hit
- The emergence of my young assistant coach Angus Macquire
- The pitching strength of Wiggy (but yes your hair will always be red)
- Tom Fitzgerald getting hits when we didn't think he would
- Matt Carlile's performance in the final, both with bat and in the field
- Andy Coppens' form in the second half of the year with the bat. One more year big guy - we need to win it before you hang them up
- Matt Coppens' leadership on the diamond (the job can be yours next year if you want it)
- And most importantly the biggest highlight of the year was the return of "THE LANTERN"

Huge thanks must go out to Vicki Middleton for scoring this year. It makes my job easier knowing I have someone there sometimes. Also for all the people that filled in while Shane was MIA, thanks to you too. Thanks to the guys that umpired for us this season. We didn't need them often, but we thank you for putting your hand up when we did (or me twisting your arm).

Finally thanks to all the team. Hope you had fun and enjoyed the year. I sure did. Let's come back and show the Division One teams that we are there to compete not just make up the numbers.

GO THE RUSTLERS!!!

Pat O'Neill
Manager

Awards

MVP	Patrick DiServi	
Batting Award	Timothy O'Neill	Avge .507
<u>Shut out</u>	Ben Cooen	Cheltenham vs. Werribee 36-0
<u>Grand Slam</u>	Timothy O'Neill	Cheltenham vs. Werribee

4th NINE

During the year over 30 players have played in the 4ths and we have been lucky enough to make the Grand Final.

We have been competitive all year and have been able to scramble home in a lot of games because we have had some depth and a lot of speed.

This year I can definitely say that it was an enjoyable summer due to the fact that we were able to field nine plus players every week - without me having to make phone calls late on Saturday nights.

As a team, one of our goals was to play hard and earn the respect of the opposition. I think this has been done and is a major accomplishment for a young group.

A big thankyou to the ladies (and Peter) who have helped with the scoring over the year.

In finishing, I would like to thank all the players. I hope you had an enjoyable season and I consider it a privilege to play a small part in your baseball development.

To our families, I would like to say thanks on behalf of the players for your support during the year and for getting the kids around.

John Carlile
Manager

Awards

Joint MVP's	Jesse Romano	
	Peter Rizzi	
Batting Award	Dean Cooper	Avg .485

5th NINE

DIVN 4E CHELT B

Well, we had a year that was up and down as far as results went. The year was good fun and we had many father/son combinations. The Fitzgeralds, Campitellis, Davidsons, Farmers and Burdetts. It was a fantastic opportunity for us old guys to play with our sons, which was the main aim of the year. Had we taken home the points on a few games that we let slip we would have ended up in the four.

Our line up with the bat was well balanced and, apart from the games against Blackburn and Waverley, we played a great brand of 5th's ball. Most guys played in different places throughout the year. Steve Smith found a good hole to fill at third while Glenn Farmer and Bruce Fitzgerald propped up the outfield. Glenn kept a strong eye on the outfield also and was seen to infiltrate the infield a few times too. Eddie looked after some of the outfield along with Noel who slipped into second also. Steve Campitelli did a great job in many positions. He spent time on the mound, behind the plate, shortstop and outfield and was capably relieved by Yoshi when he joined us. Adam did a good job behind the dish with Tom holding down first base very well, sometimes we gave him a break from first and stuck him behind the plate too, haha. We even had a cameo appearance from Pete Burnett for two games!!!

Daniel Farmer played a few games with us and one of the highlights was his Grand Slam against Blackburn B on his first plate appearance!

We had the pleasure of Emily Burdett doing a sterling job in the scorers' box. Thanks Emily and also to Georgia Smith for scoring when Emily couldn't make it and Alex Marshall for his job with line umpiring. Well done to all involved with the team for a good year and thanks for making it enjoyable.

Peter Burdett
Manager

Awards

MVP	Steve Campitelli	
Batting Award	Peter Burdett	Avg .596
Best Team Player	Bruce Fitzgerald	

<u>Shut Out</u>	Peter Burdett	Cheltenham vs. St Kilda 17-0	23/11/08
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<u>Grand Slam</u>	Daniel Farmer	Cheltenham vs. Blackburn B	12/10/08
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6th NINE – VICTORY BASEBALL

DIVN 4E CHELT A

Introduction of 6th Cheltenham Senior Team

The official name is Division 4E Cheltenham A - but we named it VB (Victory Baseball, not Victoria Bitter nor Very BAD). We are the only team in Victoria which consists of Koreans.

Our History

The beginning of our team was very difficult. We played at a footy ground in Murrumbeena until footy guys stopped us playing our baseball game there. Then, we moved to the corner of North Road and Murrumbeena Road, but the day we played, a guy from the council stopped us playing our baseball game in the cricket ground because it is dangerous. We could not understand why we could not play a baseball game at an empty cricket ground. Dangerous? We think cricket is much more dangerous than baseball. We started to look for a baseball ground which, we thought, did not exist in Melbourne. We could not give up our baseball game which we love so much. Finally, we found Cheltenham Club baseball ground and met John and joined this season.

Season Highlight

This season was the first one for our team but started with bad luck. We played with Blackburn A, which has Division 2 or 3 ability and skill, first game (0-24) and second game (2-18). We were very depressed but worked hard and got first win at the third game with Blackburn B. At the final result we had 5 wins and 11 losses, placed at 7th out of 10 teams. We are satisfied with our result and hope to do better next season.

Thanks to the whole team and the Cheltenham committee, especially John and Kathy.

Il Hwan (Tim) Choi
Manager

Team Members

Young Min Choo	Young Il Kwon	Sang Hyuk Lee	Joo Young Jung
Il Hwan Choi	Young Min Choi	Young Jun An	Han Kil Kim
Seoung Hyun Lee	Woong Ho Lee	Sung Han Kim	Sung Ho Lee

Awards

MVP	Sang Hyuk Lee	
Batting Award	Seoung Hyun Lee	2 Homeruns
Most Improved	Young Min Choo	

CLUB AWARDS

Club Champion	Anton Cevce
Junior Champion Award	Nathan Aron
Best Junior Coach	James Upfill
Senior Clubman Award	John Ferguson
Life Members' Junior Clubman Award	Nicholas Fitzgerald
Rookie of the Year CBC Summer	Anton Cevce
Golden Glove Award	Kane Davidson

STATE REPRESENTATION

UNDER 14

Justin Aron

UNDER 16

Dean Cooper
Scott Jansen
Ben Leslie
Matthew Wilson

UNDER 18

Nathan Aron
Kyle Brookes
Daniel Farmer
Geoffrey Holland

UNDER 23

Jason Cousins
Blake Cunningham
Nick Rossell

CLAXTON SHIELD

Blake Cunningham
Kable Hogben

V.I.S.

Nathan Aron
Andrew Gribbin
Kable Hogben
Scott Jansen
Matthew Wilson

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Journalist for Leader Newspapers

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Jenny Carlile, Janelle Ghent, Peter Leslie and Janine Rizzi

Connie Upfill

Our resident Mistress of Ceremonies

Andrew and Peter Rizzi

for the sensational music!

Roxanne Hogben

for cover photograph