



CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB

SEASON 2009-2010



CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tee-ball

To Michelle, as Tee-ball Coordinator you look after approximately 40% of our player numbers. I would like to thank you on behalf of the club and the parents for your work this year. I believe the effort you have put in this year will reap rewards for the club for many years. The goal, as a club is to build on this to ensure that we are able to provide a quality program into the future. The main game at tee-ball is to have fun – I hope this has been achieved and everyone has had a good time.

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

Juniors

To Peter Leslie/Stell Michael

The club fielded 17 junior sides this year. This is a lot of work. Thank you for your efforts. Looking at the ladders all seemed to be competitive – this is the club's first goal. The decision to have an in house U12 program has seen a huge improvement in the consistency of games played, which has lead to an increase in the enjoyment of all involved. The commitment of the U14 players who played both Friday and Sunday has enabled a consistent team structure which I am sure has helped with their development. The Sunday sides again have had their ups & 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

To Hayden/Paul/Michael

The set goal was to stay in Division 1. This has been achieved. I thank you on behalf of the Club for your efforts.

The general assessment is that without injuries and 10 more hits at the right time we would have made the top 4 and been a very real chance to do some damage.

All our other sides have been competitive with 3 sides making the finals. The 4th's missed the finals by % and the 2nd's by about 2 games. Hopefully we can win a premiership or 2.

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:

- Club is financial
- Fees were increased by only \$5 - this is the first increase for 3 years
- With the help of Peter Katz, John Ferguson, Dave Stenhouse, Peter Leslie, Wedge and Ian Curnow we continued to improve facilities eg grounds, batting tunnel upgrade
- The increase in tee-ball players to over 100, plus 4 teams competing at the All-Stars day
- As mentioned above the in-house U12 centre
- Senior games played at Cheltenham mid week
- Peter Katz running the Thursday night BBQ

Where to now?

- New committee members are required – some committee members have indicated that they will be stepping down
- Try to continue to assist aspiring coaches
- Establish an U14 in-house centre
- 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.

How can you help?:

- Make yourself aware of what is happening around the club – the club website is a great source of information. From 18 April our new website address will be www.cheltenham.baseball.com.au
- Assist the coaches where possible – let them coach
- Keep us informed of changes to email addresses
- If you are able to do little things, the committee can focus a few more big ticket items

Anyone who maybe 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.

Yours Sincerely

John Carlile
Summer President
Cheltenham Baseball Club



Tee-ball/Rookie Ball Gala Day
Jack Ogilvie, Colin Upfill, James Upfill

CLUB ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Congratulations to the following players for their inclusion in the following Victorian teams:

Claxton Shield

Matthew Gourlay
Hayden Dingle
Blake Cunningham
Paul Wiechardt
Nathan Aron

Under 23

Kyle Brookes
Blake Cunningham
Kane Davidson
Nick Rossell

Under 18

Dean Cooper

Under 16

Yoshi Campitelli
Brett Curnow
Ben Leslie
Matt Wilson

VALE JIM UPFILL



It is with great sadness we acknowledge the passing of one of the Cheltenham Baseball Club's greatest members.

Jim joined the Club in the mid fifty's when he moved to Cheltenham with his wife Marie and their three young children. After enjoying a successful season of cricket at Cheltenham he agreed to join the then fledgling baseball club. Jim was a very good pitcher (nicknamed Bimbo) and he pitched the club to its first A Grade finals series in 1954 but unfortunately the side lost both finals as it did in 1955.

During the 55-56 Summer, Jim had health problems and was unable to play again but as coach he promoted a number of young players from the B Grade team and under his coaching was responsible for the start of Cheltenham's run of premierships. He demanded and received total commitment from the players both at practice as well as during game time. Being coached by one of the best rewarded the players. It was unfortunate his health restricted his playing days but he experienced great pleasure coaching youngsters to play good ball and was highly respected as one of the best managers in the D.B.A. Under his management, the A Grade team lost less than 10 games in four years winning successive flags in 1958, 59 and 60. His coaching and team selections was instrumental in the B and C Grade teams also winning flags

He also coached the D.B.A. carnival side with success and was highly respected by the other country association managers.

Forced to retire from coaching in 1966 through ill health he continually gave vital advice to his successors ensuring the club continued to prosper.

He was later one of the instigators of the amalgamation of the Prahran and Cheltenham clubs to form the Rustlers. He was the first Chairman of Selectors and his ability and diplomacy did much to aid the smooth transition of the amalgamation.

Two of his boys also served the club well both on and off the field. His grandson is a current player and coach. Both Jim and Colin hold life membership.

In the past few years Jim would sit in his car behind home plate and view the game for a while. In his own style he would add his views on how the team was playing!

The Club will be ever indebted for his dedication to Cheltenham and to Baseball, and will always be fondly remembered especially by those close to him in the early years of the club.

Mr A Burdett

VALE KEVIN WILLIAMS



Willy came to the club over 30 years ago from the Caulfield Baseball Club as baseball moved its main playing season from Winter to Summer.

He went on to play over 600 games with our club and was elected to life membership in 1994 for his services as a player, coach, committeeman and Chairman of Selectors. Just prior to his passing, Willy had been making a major contribution as the third base coach in our Firsts.

As a player Willy always impressed as someone who approached the game with serious intent. When he arrived at Cheltenham in 1976 he was already a pretty good hitter and solid gloveman but he had the arm of a 50 year old, the legacy of being from being over

used as a young pitcher.

It was with the bat in his hands where Willy excelled. with hard work and willingness to learn he continued to improve though his mid 20's to lead the batting in the firsts for several seasons with averages over .400 including .429 in 1982/83. Willy was always very proud of his stats - justifiably so as they were the result of hundreds of hours of practice in the batting tunnel and his relentless discipline and application at the plate on a game day.

As good as he was over a normal season - he got even better in finals. The best effort probably, being his performances in the 1982/83 final series where he was B.O.G. in the grand final, with clutch hits for extra bases when the game was in the balance. Over that finals series Willy batted .500 and slugged an extraordinary .830 in 26 plate appearances. An outstanding effort and representative of his contributions as a player.

Willy also holds a unique record that is unlikely to ever be challenged. He has the distinction of being the oldest player ever to play in our firsts. A couple of years ago playing against Essendon one of our players – Travis Blackley, got himself ejected early in the game and Kevin was brought in off the bench from his coaching role to complete the at bat. He worked a base on balls and as the innings progressed he eventually found himself on 3B. An infield ground ball ended with Kevin being thrown out in clutch at home plate. Later the Essendon catcher made the comment to the effect “gee the “old bloke” plays it hard.

Willy later confessed - he was so pumped with white line fever that he found himself trying to put the catcher half way up the back-net in the hope that ball would dropped and he could score. I wasn't at all surprised - Willy could only play one way - all out.

As a coach however Willy was an even more valued member of our club making a positive impact on many lives and baseball careers.

Willy usually took on our 15 -17 year olds, with all the challenges as they moved from being boys to young men. He coached for many seasons. The early starts on a Sunday morning and 6 months of mid weeks practices requires a very special commitment as well as the full support of his family. His last premierships team was only a few years ago when he steered our Under 18's to the State Championship - which is no mean achievement.

Willy had a great belief in his players and he had a terrific ability to impart technical knowledge and skills but more importantly he was able to get across how the game should be played.

Willy stressed the privilege it is to cross the white lines to play in the game, what it takes to become part of a team and finally the importance that respect, loyalty, integrity and a good work ethic plays in building a successful team. Willy himself had all these values and demonstrated them every time he walked on to the field.

Willy was always very generous with his time and in 30 years I never saw Willy knock back a request from a teammate or young player for extra help outside the regular practice sessions.

Willy won his share of premierships and although there are quite a few flags on the walls here today due to his efforts - Willy clearly understood it wasn't the just result that counted, it was the journey and the bonding with your mates that was most important. (Didn't Willy love the word 'bonding'?) Over and above all the great things Willy did as a player and a coach - it is as a teammate that Willy will be best remembered.

Basically you knew Willy would never let you down – ever. He was a rock.

Even after Willy eased back on fulltime involvement, if we were short of someone to fill in a lower side or a junior umpire – it only took a phone call to get Willy to cover the gap. A quick “ok, where is it? What time?” then there would be a pause as his rational thought process caught up and he would say “I hope you are not now going to tell me it's at Geelong.”

Willy was regularly consulted by club personnel for his advice and highly valued opinions of different players and game tactics. If you sought an opinion you got an informed and honest response, sometimes brutally direct but at least you knew he was probably right and you knew immediately where you stood. You also knew you could rely on Willy to help you work through to a positive outcome. Whatever it takes was his common response.

Our change rooms and dugouts lifted when Willy arrived. He just loved the smell of the liniment. A couple of sniffs and he was away. His unique sense of humour and his positive, “can do” attitude rubbed off on everyone and he was a huge asset to all the teams he was associated with. Simply put - Willy was fun to play ball with and he had a big impact on many lives and always for the better.

When we talk of Willy in the years to come he will be remembered as a ballplayer who always gave it all he had.

John Ferguson



Tee-ballers and
Juniors at
Cheltenham
Baseball Club!



Under 16 Metro

First of all I would like to thank all the parents of the players for their support throughout the season. It made my life a lot easier. I would love to name you all but I would hate to leave everyone out. Special thanks to Michelle Ogilvie whom was my right hand man all year.

The team had a reasonably successful year considering the consistency of unavailabilities and injuries. A large number of games were played with 8 or even 7 players. We finished 5th however I don't believe this result reflected on our season. Every game we managed to have one innings where the guys lost concentration and allowed opponents to make a comeback of some sort, but also managed to have innings of perfection where everything fell into place. Take those bad innings away and there was no reason why we couldn't have won every game. But that's baseball and as these guys mature and become more experienced, I'm sure they all have the ability to become successful in baseball.

I am extremely happy with the development of the guys. I saw improvements in each and every one of them and I hope to see all of them next year around the baseball club (especially at training AS PRACTICE DOES MAKE PERFECT) :)

Cheers for the season boys, it was a pleasure.

Nick Rossell
Coach

Team Members

Callum Carothers
Dylan Day
Jack Dear
Connor Doody
Michael Fiore
William Mason
Jack Ogilvie
Marcus Ryan
Ryan Taylor
Joel Whitehead

Under 16 State

No Report Received

Team Members

Adam Burdett
Yoshi Campitelli
Brett Curnow
Thomas Davidson
Sam De Rose
Ben Leslie
Rhys Pierce
Jordan Russell
Joel Whitehead
Matthew Wilson

Coach: Kane Davidson

The Committee would like to thank the players, supporters and helpers for their contribution during the season.

Under 18 Metro

No Report Received

Team Members

Matthew Carlile
Dean Cooper
Tom Cotter
Matthew Felsenthal
Nicholas Fitzgerald
Simon Fox
Matthew Harvey
Adam Katz
Angus Macquire
Oliver Oxley
Cody Wilson

Coach: Blake Cunningham

The Committee would like to congratulate the players on making it to the Grand Final – The Under 16 Metro Team were runners up. Many thanks to the supporters/helpers for their contribution during the season with special thanks to Karen Cotter for scoring.

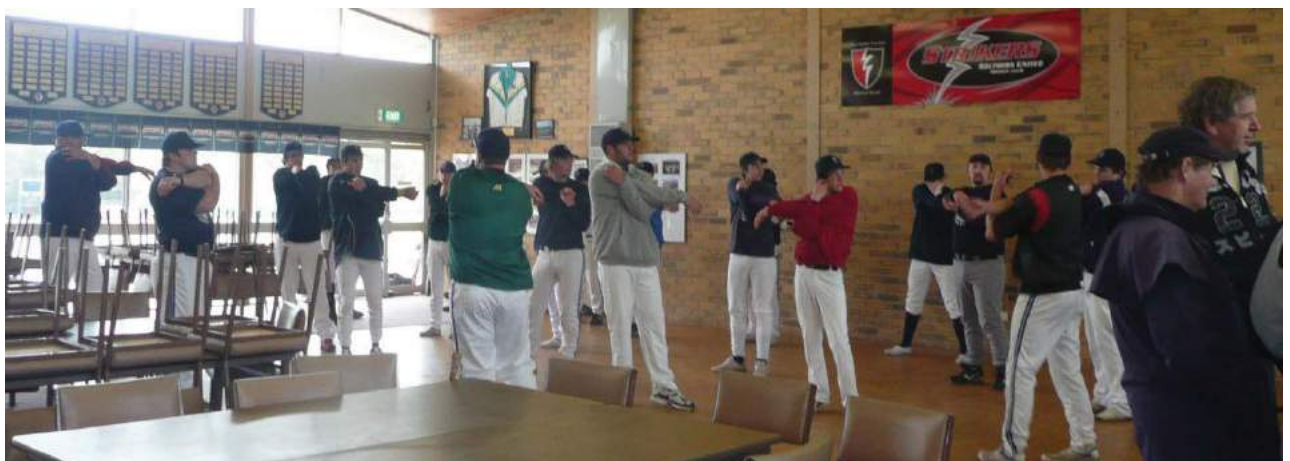
SENIOR PLAYERS 2009 – 2010

An, Jung Nam
Aron, Nathan
Bail, Tim
Bang, Ji Suk
Becher, Edward
Brake, James
Brookes, Kyle
Burdett, Adam
Burdett, Peter
Burns, Mathew
Campitelli, Yoshi
Carlile, John
Cevec, Tony
Choi, Chang Ho
Choi, Young Min
Choi , In-Hyuk (Greg)
Choo, Young Min
Cooen, Ben
Cook, Michael
Cooper, Dean
Cotter, Tom
Cousins, Jason
Cunningham, Blake
Curnow, Brett
Davidson, Kane
Davidson, Thomas
Davidson, Trent
Di Siervi, Pat
Dingle, Hayden
D'Rozario, Justin
Ellis, Tom
Ferguson, Russell
Fitzgerald, Nicholas
Fitzgerald, Thomas
Fox, Simon
Gabb, Sean
Gourlay, Matthew
Gourlay, Steve
Gribbin, Andrew
Gribbin, Daniel
Hall, Jarrod
Han, Min Chul
Harvey, Matthew
Hogben, Kable
Jones, Nathan
Jung, Min-Ho

Katz, Adam
Kerr-Chapman, Peter
Kim, JiHoon
Kwon, Young-Il
Lee, Hoo Young
Lee, Kwon Jin
Lee, Si Young
Lee, Byung Hwan
Lee, Eung Ho
Lee, Sang
Leslie, Ben
Lim, Jong Shin
Mack, Daniel
Mackay, Karl
Macquire, Angus
Macquire, Elliott
Marshall, Bryce
McNeil, Andrew
Mizzi, Aaron
Mok, Donghee
Nam, Kyoung Don
Oh, Jea Seung
Olsen, Michael
O'Neill, Pat
O'Neill, Tim
Palmer, Max
Park, Wan Ki
Ravesi, Dale
Rizzi, Michael
Rizzi, Andrew
Rizzi, Peter
Rossell, Nick
Rutgers, Paul
Seo, Dong Jun
Shearn, Nick
Smith, Steve
Trevorah, Dylan
Uk, Jang
Upfill, James
Vanderheiden, John
Vanderheiden, Trent
Ward-Bourton, Daniel
Weichard, Paul
Williams, Sean
Wilson, Matthew
Woo, Seongkwon
Youn, Joonsik



Hayden and Nathan,
Robyn, Mick, and the
players!



1ST NINE

A big change hit Cheltenham Baseball Club this season.

An exciting season for the Club in Division 1 after the Division 2 success of last season. It was a year that I believe Cheltenham set a solid path for development and success in Division 1.

The goal set prior to the season was to finish around 5th on the ladder. We had in mind that existing players needed time to feel comfortable and realise they can compete in Division 1. With the group of new players to the club, they also need time to become comfortable in a new environment and gel with the team so that it becomes a TEAM.

The goal was set with the previous years of Cheltenham being a yo-yo club between Division 1 and Division 2 in mind, we wanted to create stability in Division 1 to build on it in the coming season. The depth of the club was shown this season with 25+ players being used in the Firsts. At least half of those players were under 25 years old, which in turn shows that we have some fantastic depth and a lot to look forward to in coming seasons.

We were able to show that we were able to compete and at an extremely high standard during the season. The main thing we were lacking was consistency. We showed we were capable of beating the top teams, in fact we won more games against the teams above us than the teams below us.

Cheltenham's benchmark game/s this season was the double header against Geelong at Cheltenham. The style of baseball played that day would beat any team in the competition, it was how baseball should be played - pitchers were fantastic throwing strikes consistently and challenging hitters especially at our field, the fielders played their park like it should be played, and the hitting was the best I've seen at a club level. Bunting, stealing, hit and runs, sac fly's, extra base hits, long at-bats against quality pitching and a quality team that played finals. I believe a lot of our young players played their best game/s that day.

The goal for Cheltenham baseball club next season is to play finals baseball.

Cheltenham was well represented from the First's squad at elite levels with various players representing Cheltenham at State, Claxton Shield, national and professional baseball.

The help I received this year was exceptional. At a complex like what we have at Cheltenham the options for training are endless provided there are enough people at trainings and enough people willing to help. Lawrie Hall, the Assistant Coach of the One's made himself available every training to throw, batting practice, or hit ground balls week-in week-out and it was much appreciated. His help with selection was invaluable having knowledge on all the players' capabilities, attitudes and what they individually want. I would run my ideas past him most weeks and he would give me a good honest opinion.

I also owe Robyn Hogben a big thank you for travelling around Melbourne game after game to do the thankless job of scoring, chasing after me for lineup cards, changes and having the stats emailed to me every Monday morning. Thank you.

Nathan Jones did the hard job this season of coaching the Two's and playing in the One's. We set prior to the season what we wanted from the Two's team and "Snacks", week-in week-out, got the best out of a young developing playing group. He also was my sounding board for decisions and selection which I appreciated very much.

Mick Trevorah – if the passion of this bloke for his club doesn't push you to achieve more then nothing will. At the drop of a hat Mick would have a uniform on to coach a base or sit on the bench, he was at every training helping in any way he could and as the Chairman of Selectors was great at raising different things, and things that I may not have thought of and being right on top of game changes, player attendance, players stats and how to best use our junior pitchers.

President, John Carlile was exactly what I needed to run the team successfully. If I wanted anything, John would make it happen, if I had a question John would find an answer, while the whole time giving me free reign to do what I think is in best interest of the team. I don't think you'll find many clubs where at any training the President will be there throwing 200 pitches in batting practice then working with young kids, and then cleaning up after everyone. I would like to acknowledge how easy you made my role this year.

John Ferguson also helped me become comfortable in my new surroundings this year. Whenever a coaching issue or playing issue arose he was there to have a quiet word about the situation and his feedback was invaluable. And parting with his beloved new baseballs every few weeks when I need some more was also easier than what I've experienced at most clubs.

Another thank you that I have to give is to another one of my assistants, Kevin Williams. I met Kev at a dinner in the off season, in our first meeting his passion for the club and his experience was made ever so clear, especially when we were leaving and he put on his Rustlers' jacket and tried to convince me in the two minute that turned into a 30 minute walk to the car, that Cheltenham was the place to be. He would never mention it, but Kev was quite a great player himself. Kev was always at training and the thing I liked the most was that he was always happy - always. We would win games and it was like he had won Lotto and with the games we lost, he still would only speak on the positives, he helped me relax. He made me realise week-in week-out that it was a game, it was meant to be fun and he made sure he had fun. He was the best with the younger guys and would get more excited for them than they would when they were able to achieve something. His passing was a tragedy for the Cheltenham Baseball Club and nothing made me prouder to be a member of the Cheltenham Baseball Club than seeing the representation of players at Kevin's funeral. The amount of respect that he had earned from the baseball fraternity and the respect from such a young playing group because of the time he put into their success was exceptional.

There are so many people at Cheltenham that put in their valuable time to benefit the club and contribute towards its success and it is appreciated. From the canteen to the bar, to the barbeques to marking the grounds to coaching junior teams. Thank you.

In my first season at the club I would like to thank you for your help, support and encouragement to continue the rise of Cheltenham Baseball Club towards Division 1 success across the whole club.

Hayden Dingle
Senior Coach

2ND NINE

Finished on 18 points (7 wins, 7 losses, 4 draws) one win outside of making finals.

Thank you

A very special thank you to Gabriela for dedicating her time this year to the 2nd's as the team's scorer. So much work goes in behind the scenes that doesn't get seen by all, but is worth its weight in gold to the coaching staff. Thank you again Gabriela.

Players

We set a clear agenda at the beginning of the season, which was to develop the future First's players of the club and to finish the season winning 50% of games. I am pleased to say we have well and truly achieved both objectives.

Major emphasis being on the sheer number of junior players making their way through the senior ranks, namely Matt Wilson, Brett Curnow, Dean Cooper, Yoshi Campitelli and Ben Leslie. Matt, Brett and Dean also made appearances in the First's this year.

Matt Wilson headed up the pitching staff, winning 5 of our 7 games with a miserly ERA of 2.32, striking out 48 in 38 innings whilst only giving up 20 hits. These are phenomenal pitching statistics in Division 1 Reserves for an Under 16 player.

In the batters box we had numerous contributors, three guys finished the year hitting over .400, being Nick Rossell (.469), Dean Cooper (.450) and Daniel Gribbin (.429).

Nick led the team in hits (15), extra base hits (6), stolen bases (5), on-base percentage (.500), slugging percentage (.688) and also tied for the lead in RBI's (12) with Bryce Marshall. It should be mentioned that Nick only played the first half of the season in the seconds before playing the remainder of the season in the First's.

Dean Cooper had a break out year in the seconds, finishing the year hitting .450 and leading the team in sacrifices with 5. In 20 at-bats, Dean had 9 hits and 7 RBI's.

Summary

There is an amazing group of young talented baseballers at Cheltenham and this was put on display in the 2nd's this year. It was great to achieve the goals and objectives set at the start of the year with such a young team.

Nathan Jones

3RD NINE

You know what has always bugged me? End of season reports that start off with the phrase “Well, another season has come and gone” I hate that. It always made me roll my eyes and assume the guy writing it was a total knob. So with that in mind...another season has come and gone.

It was a season that certainly started off promisingly for Cheltenham's Third's. With the exception of getting pipped by a run in the season opener, we pretty much ran roughshod over our opposition for much of the year, unleashed a torrent of destruction that blasted our way through all those in our path and forged forth with reckless abandon and the type of viciousness usually reserved for times of war. We're talking all manner of bodily disfiguration such as decapitations, amputations, mangled torsos, severed scrotums, disintegrated testicles not to mention the wholesale devouring of souls.

The primary example of this being the 59-1 drubbing we dropped on Sunshine. But it wasn't alone as far as hellacious butt-stompings being dished out by us and generally speaking a sea of carcasses was left in our wake.

You think I'm exaggerating don't you? How dare you suggest such a thing? I never exaggerate. I know we are only the 3rds, but you know what comes in threes? Bad things, and we were **BAD**. We were a team of asskicking berserkers.

E-Mac was Godzilla and Sandringham was Tokyo.

Yosh was The Terminator and Sunshine were a police station full of cops.

Coop was John McClane and Doncaster were a bunch of thieves masquerading as terrorists.

ARiz was Donkey Kong and Essendon was just some sleeze bag after his woman.

Gabb was The Hulk and Upwey didn't like him when he was angry.

Ben was The Arch Angel Michael and Blackburn were that Angel of Light and his minions.

M-Riz was The Black Death and Newport was the population of Europe in the 1300's.

Tom & Fitz were Mother Russia and Bonbeach were...every dummy that ever tried to invade Russia.

At this point it probably seems like I'm going on and on about. I am.

Tim Bail was Tiger Woods and Waverley were hookers and pornstars.

Ok, I'll stop. I think you get the gist.

Alas, our blitzkrieg petered out over time and unfortunately we found ourselves limping into the finals with some mortal wounds and low moral. As a result we ended up on the opposite end of a Waterloo or two late in the year. But you know what they say, Karma makes us all her bitch eventually. (Please note, that's just what “they” say. I'd never use profanity personally. Blame “them” and perhaps I'm slightly exaggerating how earth shatteringly awesome we were.)

Given all this, a glass-is-half-full type of individual would not be hard pressed to put a positive slant on the situation despite the anti-climactic full stop.

You could say we only lost one game to a non-finals team and two other losses by just 1 run. Good enough for a strong 4th place finish, 3 games clear of 5th and obviously one of the powerhouse teams of the comp. Not bad for a team full of juniors (and a couple immature adults) right?

Had you a penchant for braggadocio, you would point us out as being the highest ranking finals berth the club produced this year.

I, however, am no glass-is-half-full type a guy and would say none of those things. When you're more of a glass-is-half-empty (or in my case “Ew, this glass is filthy”) kind of guy, you sum it up thustly! When it mattered 0 Wins 1 loss. Unacceptable. Losers.

With that out of the way, now comes the difficult part, thanking people.

Firstly, Thanks to Noel Davidson, who handled the bulk of the scoring with a chip-in from Peter Leslie, Janine Rizzi and James Upfil here and there. Thank you's also to Tim Bail, Jimbob, Pete Burdett and John Carlile, who between them made themselves useful in various capacities every week. Whether that be assistant coaching, team selections, scoring, umpiring, base coaching, bench sitting, emergency playing etc.

But perhaps more importantly these were the guys responsible for giving me friendly reminders when I did things like forget what inning it was, forget how many outs there were, forget what order we're batting in, forget the rules, forget to bring the kit, forget I have people on the bench, forget peoples' names, forget to supply an umpire until the last minute, forget what end we were kicking too and things like that. I'm sure there is more, but I forget. So thanks guys.

To the rest of the team I shall leave you with this heartfelt parting gift. As my mother always said, you were a mistake and I don't love you.

Fin. :)

Dan Ward-Bourton

Coach 3rd Nine

Die Hard Rustler

Batman

Incapable of writing non-sarcastic team reports

4TH NINE

They say Stats don't lie. With a team batting average of .349, an outstanding team on base average of .579, and a percentage, competitive with the best in the competition, of 631; the mighty Fourth's acquitted themselves well throughout the season.

There was not one game in which we were not competitive, finishing with ten wins, five losses, two draws and a washout, missing out on the finals by only half a game. Unfortunately concentration is one thing that can't be quantified; one can't help but imagine what could have been if we were just that little bit more focused at all the crucial moments we faced during the season. The team was characterised by its offensive production, we had it all, homerun hitters, on base men, RBI guys, and we could be counted on to be dangerous right through the order. Despite early struggles on the defensive side we showed a steady improvement as players became more experienced in their positions and had several key pitching performances which kept us in games and gave our offence the chance to explode.

A very special thank you to Janine Rizzi for scoring, even when her sons weren't playing! And to Emily, Shayne and Andrew for filling in when Janine couldn't make it. Thanks also to Andrew and Gabb for umpiring (I still owe you KFC), Dinga, Mick Trevorah, Ferg for doing the grounds, and of course to Pete for coaching with me all season. Finally, as always thanks to Tina for all the Gatorades and Custard Tarts.

Cheers

James Upfill

5TH NINE

This was a very unique baseball team, in fact most weeks we struggled to play what resembled baseball, but there was no doubt that this was one of the best social teams going around.

What worked so good in this team was each Friday or Saturday night we'd all call each other to see what the go was and we all rocked up to games as sore as each other.

We had some quality players which carried the team a little more than others and I hope their backs pulled up ok. It was just unfortunate we lost the first final's game even though our 8 lead off batters had an on base averages above .500.

Wiggy was always a solid pitcher and infielder, same goes for Fitzy. Dale pitched well in the finals and Boof was a handy utility. Most players had never played before yet we managed to win the first game of the season, so I take my hat off to Wazzy, Burnsy, Donks, Shearn and John who all picked up the general gist pretty quick.

Big thank you to anyone that filled in through the season from quality players like Kable Hogben, Ben Macquire, Lauren Olsen and Ben Cooen for filling in with our team, to battlers like Carter, Dave, Sab and Jarrod.

Another huge thanks to Jess Shearn who scored each week and number one ticket holders Maria, Russell, Jarrod and Jade.

I think it's important everyone should be aware our team highlights were:

- Wiggy's home run off the 1st pitch of the game
- Mid-season trip away
- Watching the First nine play

Trent Vanderheiden
Coach

DIVISION 3 CHELTENHAM B

Introduction of Division 3 Cheltenham B

The official name is Division 3 Cheltenham B but we named it VB (Victory Baseball, not Victoria Bitter nor Very BAD). We are only team in Victoria which consists of Korean.

Our history

The beginning of our team was very difficult. We played at footy playground in Murrumbeena till footy guys stopped us playing baseball game there. Then, we moved corner of North Road and Murrumbeena Road but the day we played, a guy from Council stopped us play baseball game in cricket play ground because it is dangerous. We could not understand why we could not play a baseball game at empty cricket playground. Dangerous, we think cricket is much more dangerous than baseball. We started to look for baseball playground which, we thought, never exist in Melbourne. We could not give up baseball game we love so much. Finally, we found Cheltenham Club baseball playground and met John and joined season.

Season Highlight

This season was the second for our team but started with bad luck. We played with Essendon Black, which has Division 2 or 3 ability and skill, first game was lost. But we worked hard and got first win at the second game with Blackburn. At the final result 6 win 11 lost placed at 6th out of 8 teams. We are satisfied with our result and hope better next season.

Thanks to the whole team and Cheltenham committee especially Ian and Kathy.

Youngmin (Danny) Choo
Manager Division 3 Cheltenham B

Team Members

Youngil Kwon
Wanki Park
Sang Lee

Youngmin Choo
Seongkwon Woo
Byoungwan Lee

Youngmin Choi
Donghee Mok
Minho Jung

DIVISION 3 CHELTENHAM A

No report or award nominees received.

AWARDS 2009-2010

U16 Metro

MVP & Batting Avg .411
Runner Up MVP
Coach's Award

Jack Ogilvie
Connor Doody
Will Mason

U16 State

MVP
Batting Avg .605
Most Improved

Yoshi Campitelli
Ben Leslie
Jordan Russell

U18 Metro

Kevin Williams' Memorial U18 MVP
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Dean Cooper
Angus Macquire
Tom Cotter

Cheltenham B

MVP
Pitching Award
Most Improved

Youngmin Choo
Eungho Lee
Jihoon Kim

5th Nine

The Strike-out Award
Fine's Award
DWB Award

Sean Williams
Andy McNeil
Aaron Mizzi

4th Nine

MVP & Batting Avg .553
Golden Hammer
Golden Glove

Peter Burdett
Peter Rizzi
Matt Harvey

3rd Nine

MVP (16 Votes)
Offense/Batting (BA.468 H22 RBI 19 SB12)
Defense/Fielding (FA .966)

Sean Gabb
Michael Rizzi
Elliott Macquire

2nd Nine

MVP 5 wins 2.32 era
Batting Avg .469 & 12 RBI's
Most Improved Avg 450 & 7 RBI's

Matthew Wilson
Nick Rossell
Dean Cooper

1st Nine

Gwen & Len Le Page
MVP/Club Champion
Batting Avg .325
Coach's Award

Matthew Gourlay
Paul Rutgers
Karl Mackay

SHUT OUT AWARDS

Cheltenham B.C. Summer 2009-10
CBC 3rd Nine v Upwey/FTG
Shut Out
6 innings – 20-0
17/01/10
Hayden Dingle

Cheltenham B.C. Summer 2009-10
CBC 3rd Nine v Sunshine
Shut Out
7 innings – 23-0
14/02/10
Daniel Ward-Bourton

Cheltenham B.C. Summer 2009-10
CBC U18 Metro v Upwey/FTG
Shut Out
6 innings – 3-0
07/03/10
Dean Cooper

CLUB AWARDS

Junior Champion Award	Matthew Wilson
Best Junior Coach	Colin Upfill
Senior Clubman Award	John Carlile
Life Members' Junior Clubman Award	Jack Ogilvie
Rookie of the Year CBC Summer	Brett Curnow
Golden Glove Award	Nathan Aron

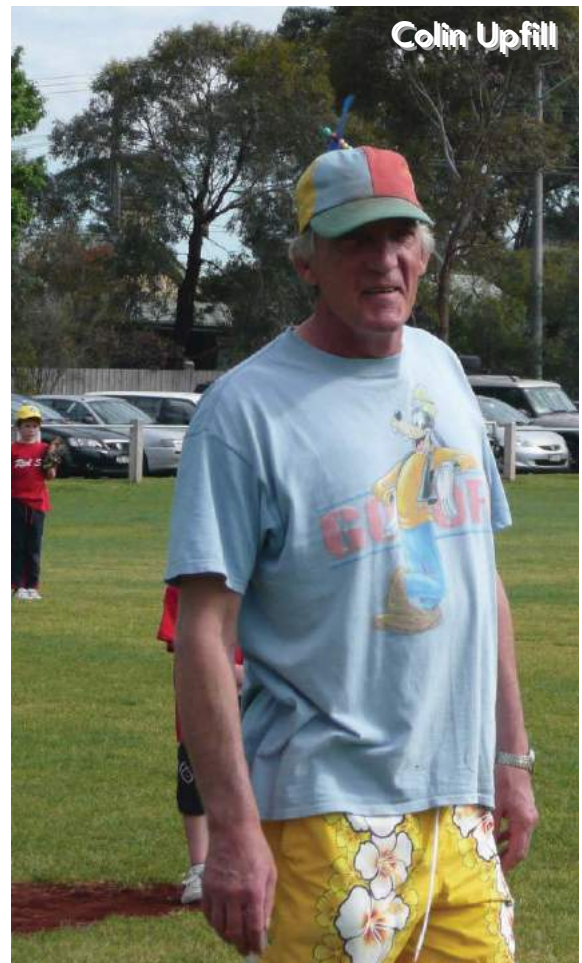
Congratulations to all award winners for 2009-2010

**Some of our
dedicated
helpers**

Gabriela Taranto



John Carlile



Colin Upfill



Jack Ogilvie

The committee wishes to thank the following special people for their contribution towards this year's presentations:

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Dave Stenhouse***