

**CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB  
(WINTER) INC.**

*Rustlers*

**Year Book  
1992 Season**

PROGRAMME

6.30 pm

PRE-DINNER DRINKS

7.00pm

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

7.10pm

ENTREE

7.30pm

VOTES

8.00pm

MAIN COURSE

8.45pm

LAST VOTES, PRESENTATIONS AND SPEECHES

9.45pm

DESSERT AND DANCING

CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB WINTER COMMITTEE 1992

PRESIDENT

RUSSELL INGRAM

VICE PRESIDENT

TREVOR HOGBEN

SECRETARY

KIM BROOKS

TREASURER

RUSSELL INGRAM

GENERAL COMMITTEE

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SAMANTHA JOHNSON

TREVOR HOGBEN

MICHEAL ROBERTS

KIM BROOKS

BRAD LARK

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

TREVOR HOGBEN (PRES.)

SAMANTHA JOHNSON

DARREN BROOKS

JENNY BABIDGE

ANDREW PAYNE

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR

BRAD LARK

BAR MANAGER

TREVOR HOGBEN

CANTEEN MANAGERESS

WENDY JOHNSON

UNIFORM MANAGER

SAMANTHA JOHNSON

PAST & PRESENT GENERAL COMMITTEE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>VICE.PRES.</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>COACH</u>
1978	K.ROBERTS		J.LANDRY	C.PEACOCK	S.BOTT
1979	K.ROBERTS		S.BOTT	C.PEACOCK	S.BOTT
1980	P.STANFORD		T.HOGBEN	S.JAMIESON	S.BOTT
1981	P.STANFORD		D.ROULSTON	S.JAMIESON	S.BOTT
1982	P.STANFORD		R.GINNS	D.BEVAN	S.BOTT
1983	S.BOTT	M.JOHNSON	T.HOGBEN	R.KNEVITT	T.HOGBEN
1984	S.BOTT	K.ROBERTS	T.HOGBEN	J.BABIDGE	D.KETTLE
1985	S.JAMIESON	D.BEVAN	S.EDGEWORTH	J.BABIDGE	D.KETTLE
1986	S.JAMIESON	D.BEVAN	S.JAMIESON	M.JOHNSON	T.HOGBEN
1987	S.JAMIESON	G.PETERSON	J.BABIDGE	M.JOHNSON	T.HOGBEN
1988	D.BEVAN	G.WHEELER	J.BABIDGE	M.JOHNSON	G.HICKS
1989	D.BEVAN	P.BURNETT	J.BABIDGE	R.INGRAM	D.CLARKSON
			B.HOLMAN		
1990	D.BEVAN	O.REID	B.HOLMAN	R.INGRAM	D.McCONNON
1991	P.STANFORD	T.HOGBEN	K.BROOKS	R.INGRAM	D.CLARKSON
1992	R.INGRAM	T.HOGBEN	K.BROOKS	R.INGRAM	

J.R TREVORAH MEMORIAL TROPHY

1986 S.BABIDGE

1987 T.REID

1988 T.REID

1989 T.REID & S.BABIDGE

1990 T.REID

1991 M.TOSSAVAINEN

1992 COACHES/TEAM MANAGERS

A GRADE DAN MCCONNON / SIMON EDGEWORTH

B GRADE PAUL KILBURN

C GRADE BRAD LARK

D GRADE RUSSELL INGRAM

UNDER 18's BRAD LARK

UNDER 14's JAMIE MORGAN

UNDER 12's STAN WILLIAMSON

T-BALL STEVE WILLIAMS, JODIE WILLIAMS & KEVIN GORDAN

### PREMIERSHIPS

A GRADE 1958, 59, 60, 65, 67, 68, 69, 71, 73, 87, 89.  
A RESERVE 1987  
B GRADE 1960, 61, 65, 71, 76, 78, 89. 1993.  
C GRADE 1975, 76, 80, 87, 90, 91, 92.  
D GRADE 1989  
UNDER 18's 1969, 73, 76, 90.

### CLUB CHAMPIONS

1977, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991. 1993.

### DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION - BEST & FAIREST

A GRADE 1971 G.SIDDEL  
1980 L.HALL  
1981 L.HALL  
1986 T.REID  
1989 D.CLARKSON  
1990 T.REID

A RESERVE 1983 T.REID

B GRADE 1981 S BABIDGE

C GRADE 1976 F.BABIDGE JNR.  
1981 F.BABIDGE JNR.  
1987 P.INNES

D GRADE 1989 C.UPFIL  
1993 D.Stenhouse

### 1992 SCORERS

A GRADE SAMANTHA JOHNSON

B GRADE TRACEY JACOB

C GRADE DAVID WILSON

D GRADE MICHAEL GOURLAY

UNDER 18's KEN WATSON

UNDER 14's DEBBIE STRANGE

UNDER 14's RHONDA WILLIAMSON

T-BALL

THESE PEOPLE SUPPORTED OUR CLUB DURING THE 1992 WINTER SEASON -  
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT

KING CLUB SANDRINGHAM

LONE STAR CANTINA, MENTONE

CHELTENHAM NISSAN SERVICE

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well here we are at the end of another Winter season; another successful season on field for the club. Although we relinquished the title of club champions for the first time since 1988, we still managed to win four premierships. Congratulations must go to the players, coaches, scorers and parents involved with the T-ball, under 12 and under 14 teams and for the third successive year, C Grade.

The under 18 side lost the preliminary final and A Grade and D Grade lost their semi-finals. Overall, eight of our nine teams made the finals, so against any measure we were successful.

However, off the field things were not quite as rosy. As with all sporting clubs there is a considerable amount of work to be done behind the scenes and over the last few years this burden is being borne by fewer and fewer people. Without the efforts of these people the club would quickly grind to a halt. I would like to offer my thanks to the people who kept the club running this season- Trevor Hogben for running the Bar and organising the social calendar, Wendy Johnson for her unrelenting help in the canteen, Kim Brooks for her work keeping everything running and Brad Lark for taking over the role of Junior co-ordinator and coaching both a junior and a senior side. Without these people there would be no baseball club. Unfortunately, due to the lack of assistance, these people have only been able to organise the bare minimum required to survive. This club has been running on the momentum obtained over the last five years and this has wound down over the last two years. If we are to remain a dominate club in the D.B.A, the off-field support has to increase. If we do not become successful off-field by improving our fund raising ability and attendance at social functions, the club will return to the dark days of the 80's.

I am asking you all for your help next season. If you cannot assist on either the General Committee or Social Committee then please attend the social functions where possible. Otherwise with the reduction of council subsidies of our bills, playing fees will be increased to unimaginable levels. We are now at a crossroads in the history of our club. The road we follow will be determined over the next two years.

RUSSELL INGRAM.



## SOCIAL REPORT

On behalf of Jenny Babidge, Darren Brooks, Samantha Johnson, and Andrew Payne I would like to thank all the people who helped, attended and hopefully enjoyed the social functions that were held during season 1992.

Unfortunately, numbers were down at most functions this season resulting in a poor financial showing of the social club.

Functions held during the year were the 'Junior Life Be In It', and Junior presentation night. Both these nights were very well attended. Also during the season was the Family day, \$1000 Draw, Sportsman's Night, Car Rally, Golf Day and the Trivia Night which we would like to thank Simon Edgeworth for organising for us again this year.

Jenny also organised the sale of M & M's throughout the club which were very popular.

On closing, I hope next year's social club committee will be able to entice more people to the functions and back to the clubrooms on a Saturday night, therefore keeping playing fees to a reasonable level.

TREVOR HOGBEN  
Social Club President.

### A GRADE REPORT

Well it's that time again. All the games are finished, finals won and lost. Once again Cheltenham has shown that it is one of the leading forces in the Dandenong A Grade division. Although this year we didn't make the Grand Final, a very competent and young bunch of guys played every week with just one game for the year in mind. A couple of good wins early in the season had the team hovering around in the four with a good chance of taking second or even top spot. But a couple of costly losses kept the team around fourth and third places with the final standings Bonbeach, Dingley, Cheltenham and Frankston. Not having the double chance the semi-final between Cheltenham and Frankston was a cut throat game. Unfortunately Cheltenham went down in what was to be a one sided affair. A good effort by everyone.

I would like to thank a number of people for their help throughout the season. Firstly, Dan McConnon for running the team when at the start of the season no coach had been appointed. Unfortunately we lost Dan's services at the halfway mark due to commitments with the National League. Terry Reid for helping out with coaching, David Kettle for his coaching and to Simon Edgeworth who took over as full time coach with the last couple of games remaining and finals around the corner, thankyou Simon. In closing, I would like to thank all players who played in the A Grade and to all other players and members for their vital support throughout the season and to the committee for a job well done. Good luck to everyone with their chosen sport in summer.

An'A Grade Player!

## B GRADE REPORT

We had a very slow start to the season with a 1 and 5 record and continually losing players to injury. We never really got settled for the whole season due to players having work and other committments. Finding players and players having to play out of position every week does not help any side. In moving players up and down from the lower grades we found two players who consolidated their positions in the side- Peter Jacob and Glenn Baptist. Peter played second base and short stop and Glenn played outfield with good speed for flyballs. Not having proper training all season was very hard and I think it showed on the field with errors and hitting. The spirit of the team came through and we pushed close to the four while not being able to win games against teams in the four was telling. This kept us out of playing the final series.

Congratulations to the C Grade on winning the flag to keep the Rustlers name flying high. Thanks to the committee and players for the season.

PAUL KILBURN  
B Grade Manager

### C GRADE REPORT

After being appointed the coach of a side whose track record is nothing short of remarkable, I must admit to feeling quite confident in securing another C Grade premiership from the outset I neglected to realise just how much our side had changed since last year and also how much better the opposition was compared to last seasons sides.

After the first five games we were sitting 7th with 3 wins, 1 loss and 1 draw, I thought at that stage I was bound to become the first ever C Grade coach not to make the finals, let alone a premiership. However the injection of a few class players into the line-up saw the tide begin to change. The side consolidated a position in the four and began to make a bid for the double chance. Wins against the highly rated Ormond-Glenhuntly and Berwick saw the side sharing first position on the ladder with Frankston. We lost only one further game for the season and at the end of the home and away series we were 5 points on top. We faced Frankston in the preliminary final accounting for them 10 runs to 1. Our opposition for the Grand Final was again Frankston and despite struggling early the skill of our side at this level over powered Frankston and we eventually ran out victors 10 runs to 4. I would like to thank the team for their support this season and I also thank Bruce Hankinson for umpiring our games and David Wilson for being our scorer.

BRAD LARK.

C Grade Manager

## D GRADE REPORT

There were many new faces at the club this year- most of them appeared in D-Grade. It was also my first season as manager, so there was a lot to be learnt by everyone. Of the twelve regular players in our line-up, five were first year players and three were second or thied year players. Thus, at the start of the year there was very little cohesion or system in our play. However, as the season progressed the players confidence in themselves and each other grew and we were able to string together enough wins to make the finals. Unfortunately we lost a very good game to Bonbeach 14-13 in 3 hours and 50 minutes. (the umpires were very glad when it was over) Whilst winning was important, the emphasis in the side was in teaching the new players the game and having fun. I hope that these aims were achieved and that we will be able to retain most or all of these players at the club next season. David Stenhouse was one of the veterans who held the side together, and in the semi-final made his 100th plate appearance for the season. John Carlile was an invaluable back-up when available, but his appaerances were limited due to family committments. Skippy was another top order hitter who kept making a valuable contribution every week. Mick Griffiths contributed most of the jokes. Andy Phillips "the spaceman" mixed almost as many signals as he made plate appearances, but as a lead off hitter made a good #4. He led the team in runs scored and RBI's. Andy Kick in his first year showed that he'll be playing higher grades next season. Craig Scheller made an impressive debut at second base. Michael, his brother, also showed promise but injuries and glandular fever meant his appearances were limited. John "Terminator" Vasotka, rookie of the year at 39 and remembered for 2 hits, one to win the game against Bonbeach 2 and the next game removing Peter Darbyshire's knee with a cracking shot through the pitcher. Brooksy- he was everywhere- we couldn't have done without him. Brad Wells showed great versitility with the bat with a home run against Bonbeach, and then a textbook squeeze bunt in the final. I enjoyed the season and I hope you guys did too.

RUSSELL INGRAM  
D Grade Manager

## JUNIOR REPORTS

### T-BALL

The introduction of another Cheltenham T-Ball side competing at the Dingley centre did not seem to affect our unbeaten run on the title that we have held for the past three years. Coached by Steve and Jodi Williams and Kevin Gordon, both sides displayed skills usually associated with senior baseball. The grand final saw the Cheltenham sides playing each other for the premiership. The general response to the game from spectators was that it was the highest standard T-Ball game they had ever witnessed.

Thankyou coaches and players for another successful year at T-Ball level

### UNDER 12

Coached by Stan Williamson, the Cheltenham under 12 side had an exceptionally successful season. After a shakey start the team steadied and made it through to the centre final where they defeated Berwick 15-4. This win put them through to the centre final where the side led all day to defeat Dingley 8-0. Congratulations on a fine season.

### UNDER 14

Coached by Jamie Morgan, the Cheltenham under 14 side was our third team to earn the club a premiership. They defeated Bonbeach 12-6 in the centre final and came from behind in the D.B.A final to defeat the highly fancied Mulgrave 6-2. Congratulations on another fine season.

### UNDER 18

The under 18 side struggled for members this season fielding a full side on only four occasions during the home and away matches. To the players credit they persevered, scraping up enough wins to finish fourth where in the elimination final they played Frankston. The side was 6-1 down with 20 minutes to play but showed true character to snatch victory 7-6. We were then eliminated by a very good Dandenong side who eventually went on to win the premiership. I must thank the players for their support this season and wish the players who are pursuing their baseball at a senior level the best of luck.

BRAD LARK

Junior co-ordinator & Under 18 coach.

**A GRADE**

S.BABIDGE  
G.BAPTIST  
D.BROOKS  
M.DUCKSBURY  
S.EDGEWORTH  
B.FITZGERALD  
R.INGRAM  
D.JOHNSON  
D.KETTLE  
D.MCCONNON  
K.PETERSON  
M.PHILLIPS  
C.REECE  
T.REID  
M.TOSSAVEINEN  
B.WENDT  
B.WENKE

**B GRADE**

A.KICK  
K.PETERSON  
B.WENDT  
D.SMITH  
T.HOGBEN  
P.JACOBS  
R.GINNS  
S.EDGEWORTH  
J.MORGAN  
P.BURNETT  
B.FITZGERALD  
G.BAPTIST  
G.WHEELER  
P.INNES  
P.KILBURN  
B.WENKE  
S.BROWN  
J.McKEE  
A.PAYNE

**C GRADE**

B.LARK  
M.DEGRAW  
P.JACOB  
T.CLEMENS  
C.UPFIL  
M.TOSSAVAINEN  
J.DEGREGORIO  
G.BAPTIST  
S.BROWN  
D.SMITH  
R.DOWELL  
S.WILLIAMS  
J.FOENANDER  
M.ROBERTS  
L.HALL  
M.JOHNSON  
J.NOONAN  
G.ROBERTS  
I.WILSON  
L.DENNIS  
DEAN SMITH  
A.PAYNE  
D.ROULSTON  
J.MORGAN  
B.FITZGERALD  
D.WILSON

**D GRADE**

D.BROOKS  
J.CARLILE  
T.CLEMENS  
R.DOWELL  
R.GINNS  
M.GRIFFITHS  
R.INGRAM  
M.JOHNSON  
A.KICK  
J.McKEE  
J.McKINLEY  
J.NOONAN  
K.PETERSON  
A.PHILLIPS  
G.ROBERTS  
M.ROBERTS  
C.SCHELLER  
M.SCHELLER  
D.STENHOUSE  
N.TALBOT  
J.VASOTKA  
B.WELLS  
B.WENDT  
J.WILLIAMS  
S.WILLIAMS

**UNDER 18**

C.WITCHELL  
J.SACCO  
C.BALANTINE  
J.NOONAN  
D.WATSON  
A.WATSON  
N.BAILEY  
S.EMMETT  
A.SMITH  
C.LEWIS  
M.GOURLAY

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY....

Just a short note to say thank you to a few people who helped the club and myself this Winter season.

Thank you to Robin Hogben for her help in the kitchen, behind the bar and anywhere else she happened to appear when help was needed.

Thank you to David Stenhouse and his employers for all the engraving and the wonderful memorial plaque that he made as a donation to the club.

Thank you to all the other committee members; Russell Ingram, Brad Lark, Trevor Hogben, Micheal Roberts and Sam Johnson- it was a tough year but we finally made it.

A very special thank you to my very special assistant secretary, helper, phone answerer and general dog'sbody, my husband Darren. He deserves an award for all the running around he has done over the season and the work he has put in at the club.

Many more people have contributed their time and efforts to the club this season and I would like to thank all these people on behalf of the committee. To name everyone is impossible but you know who you are and your assistance has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you once again and we look forward to seeing one and all next season.

KIM BROOKS

\*A very special thankyou to Graeme Dowell for this year's printing\*