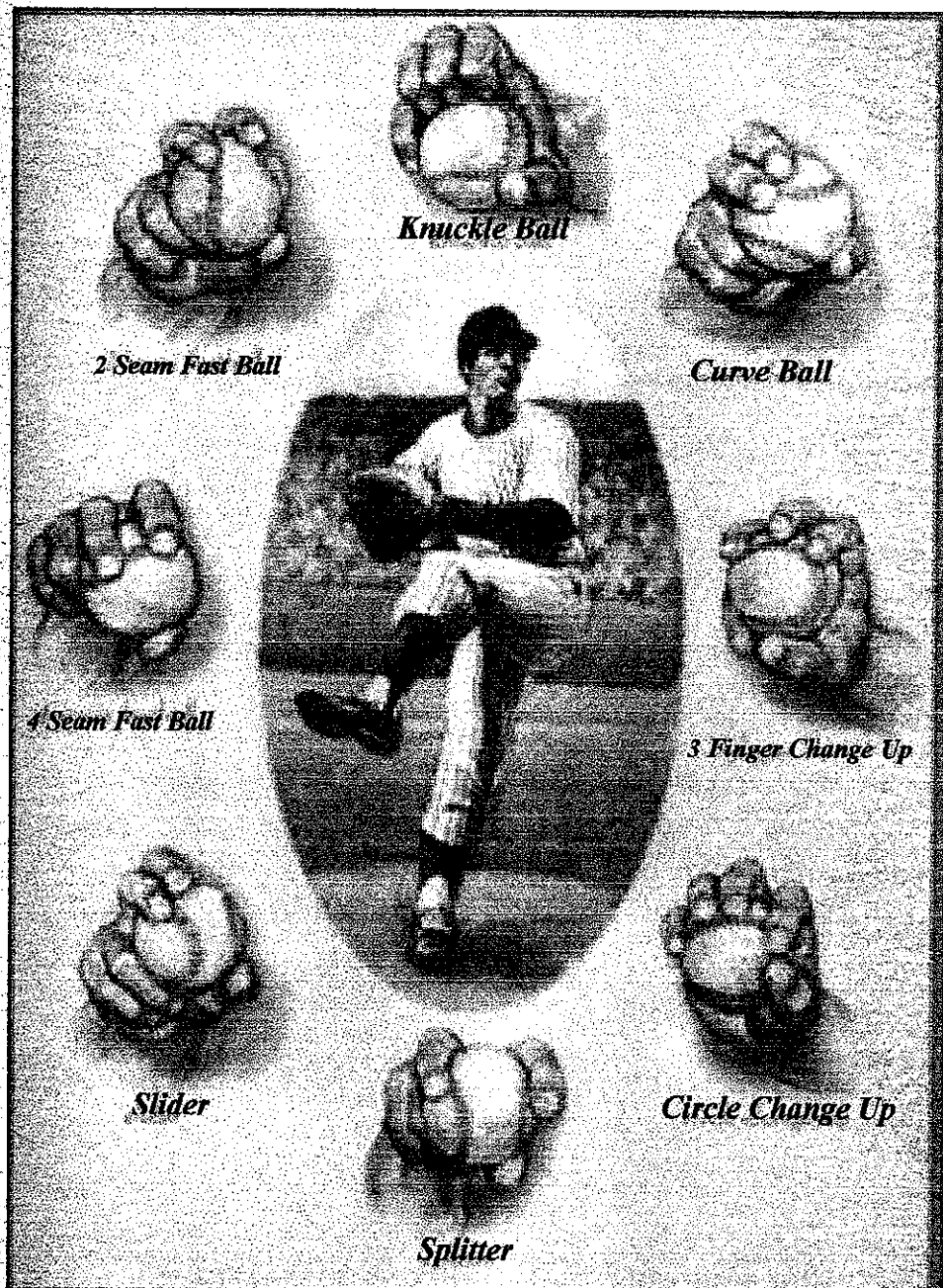


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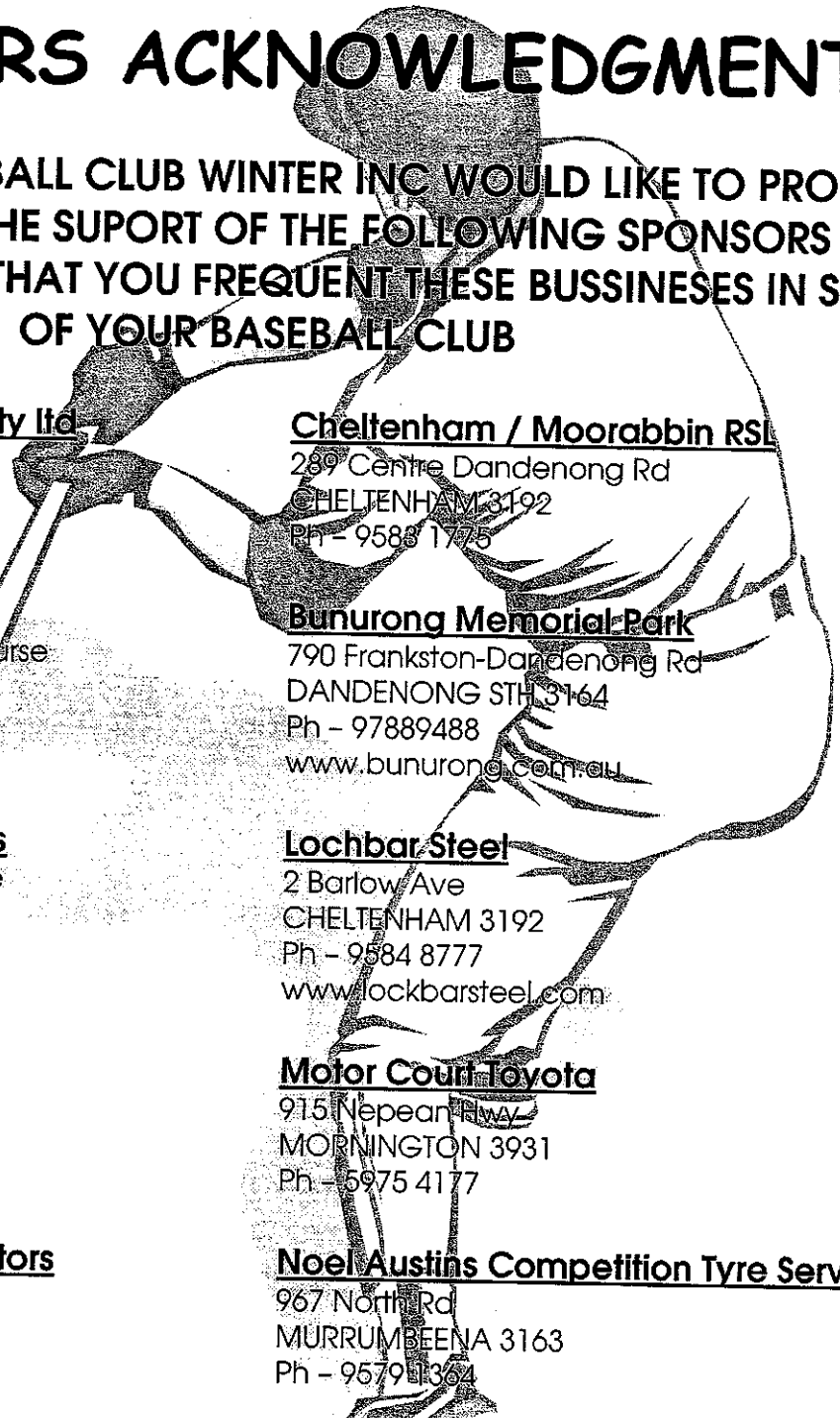
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Come, fill the Cup, and in the fire of spring
The Winter garment of repentance fling:
The bird of time has but a little way
To fly – and Lo! The bird is on the wing.

Another winter season nears its close and unfortunately, if clubs are to be measured by their first nine success, we have not achieved the result we had hoped for. I would like to commend David Clarkson for his efforts as club coach this season, Dave clearly loves the game and from time to time perhaps we should all ask ourselves if we share his passion. The overall results at the end of the home & away season were again a great "big club" effort, with only E Grade who played in a very tough competition and the Cricketers (what happened in that game against Monash?) missing the finals. B,C, & D Grades are playing off for a flag as I write, while A Grade was knocked out in the first semi and A Reserve lost a heartbreaker in the Preliminary. The women's team finished third with a gallant but undermanned performance in the final. Good luck to those still to do battle.

Off-field incidents were of grave concern to me this season, it would appear that although the future of the Australian Netball Team maybe assured, some of our members have not been looking to the future of baseball. Congratulations to Katrina & Nikki on the birth of their lovely daughters.

There are of course, many people to thank for the season. It is possibly too easy to take for granted the understated way CBC goes about its business, so please think well of the following club slaves: firstly the committee, TC, Katrina, Dave, Russell, Terri, Karen, Mika and Bash who make the season run so smoothly and professionally.

Well done to the Coaches, Managers, Scorers, Umpires and Helpers without whom we could not be out there enjoying ourselves.

Kartrina O'Neill who again has made the difficult job of Junior Coordinator seem as easy as having a baby.

To Brad and Remy and the Farm Road Milk Bar for their continued support and kindness.

Trevor Hogben, heaven knows we all need a coldie at the end of the day, thank you for being there.

Thank you Pauline Stenhouse, awesome as canteen manager, and David Stenhouse our creative and colourful grounds manager. I would like to make special mention of Dave & Pauline, not for the considerable amount of effort and time they put into the club of which we are all aware, but I'm sure we could all follow the wonderful way in which they make things happen.

I would be amiss not to mention Fay, Ray and Barry for their tremendous contributions to the club over the years, although health has curtailed their involvement this season, they are and will remain welcome members at Cheltenham. This season marks the Fiftieth anniversary of the Cheltenham Baseball Club, it is a proud history, and our never-say-die attitude is legendary (it's even in the Club song), but also important in our legacy is the spirit with which Cheltenham has played and the good sportsmanship it has displayed overtime. Let us not forget our core values and responsibilities, so that when we reach deep down we can say with pride that we are members of this great club.

To Connie, for letting me out to play.

Col 'Cupcake' Uphill

Cheltenham Baseball Club

LIFE MEMBERS

PRAHRAN

1934	L.E. Cheong*
1936	T. Greenwood*
1937	C. Boulton*
1939	J. Lowe*
1940	M. Simpson*
1940	H. Raphael*
1946	J. Middleton*
1947	J.W. Ferguson*
1948	R. Chapman
1949	J. Phillips*
1950	G. Tambllyn
1951	L. Collins
1951	C. Chapman
1951	R. Grime
1951	J. Coulson*
1954	M. Adams*
1954	L. Snare
1955	J. Scott
1957	W. Anderson
1957	J. Wadsworth
1961	B. Bedwell
1961	C. Hyland
1961	W.C. Wale
1961	J.E. Beitzell
1963	G. Lockhart
1966	P. Boulton
1967	H. Fowler
1968	R. Skinner
1970	G.B. Ainscough
1971	P.R. Finney

CHELtenham

1962	E.E. Knorr*
1963	J.R. Trevorah*
1964	Mrs. M. Knorr
1968	T.G. (Frank) Babidge Snr*
1968	J.E. Upfill
1971	A.H. Burdett
1981	K.H. Roberts
1982	P.C. (Frank) Babidge Jnr*
1983	J.R. Ferguson
1984	A.M. Tanner
1984	S.J. Hogben
1985	M.J.P. Trevorah
1986	P.A. Ferguson
1987	Mrs. B. (Joy) Roberts
1990	S. Jamison
1992	P.A. Stanford
1992	S.T. Hogben
1992	L.J.P. Hall
1993	Mrs. M.E. Phillips
1994	K.K. Williams
1996	C.J. Anderson
2000	C. Upfill
2001	S. Babidge
2002	B. Fitzgerald

* DECEASED

TOTAL: 54

CLUB COACH'S REPORT 2003

Firstly let me say how great it was to back at the Cheltenham Baseball Club. After an eleven-year absence there still remained the friendly faces from all those years ago and also a lot, and I mean a lot, of young fresh-faced kids around the club. I thank everybody involved with the club for welcoming me back and hope I have contributed in some way in maintaining the Cheltenham Winter Baseball Club as one of the strongest, if not the strongest, club in the DBA.

When I was approached to take on the coaching role, it was made perfectly clear that the Committee/Board were prepared to take two steps back and put time and effort into the younger players for the future of the club. If you looked at the 'A' Reserve team during the year, it was made up of players ranging from a young Andrew Gribbin, Russell Ferguson through to the veterans in Glen Sanders and Chris Hook, with the exception being Mark Lewis who was their illustrious leader. It was a credit to these young guys to see the way they went about their practices and games and thoroughly deserved their place in the finals and with a little luck on their side could have gone on to win the 'A' Reserve Premiership. With juniors like these guys, the club is in great hands for future years.

A lot of new faces were tried in A Grade this year. Through the revolving door came Michael Kroll, Glen Sanders, Chris Hook, Pat Diservi, Daniel Gribbin and Patrick O'Neill. All these young men did the job when asked and certainly will be better players in the future for their experiences this year.

I would like to thank Bev Blackley for giving up her time and scoring for A Grade during the year. It makes life very easy when you don't have to worry about stats, votes, etc. because Bev had all this under control. Thank you Bev for your assistance throughout the year.

Many thanks also to Mark Lewis for his help with selection on Thursday nights especially at the start of the year when trying to put names to faces.

What can you say about the man in the wrestling shirts who stands in front of the BBQ with a smoke in one hand and a beer in the other and still manages to flip burgers, steaks, shaslicks, spare ribs, sausages and even the odd fish. David Stenhouse you're a marvel and if it wasn't for you I would be about 5 kg's lighter. Thank you for your time, effort and support during the season.

In closing, congratulations goes to all teams this year in the way you have upheld the great name of the Cheltenham Winter Baseball Club. To have such a strong Junior and Senior Program makes you the envy of all Clubs.

David Clarkson - Club Coach

Cheltenham Baseball Club

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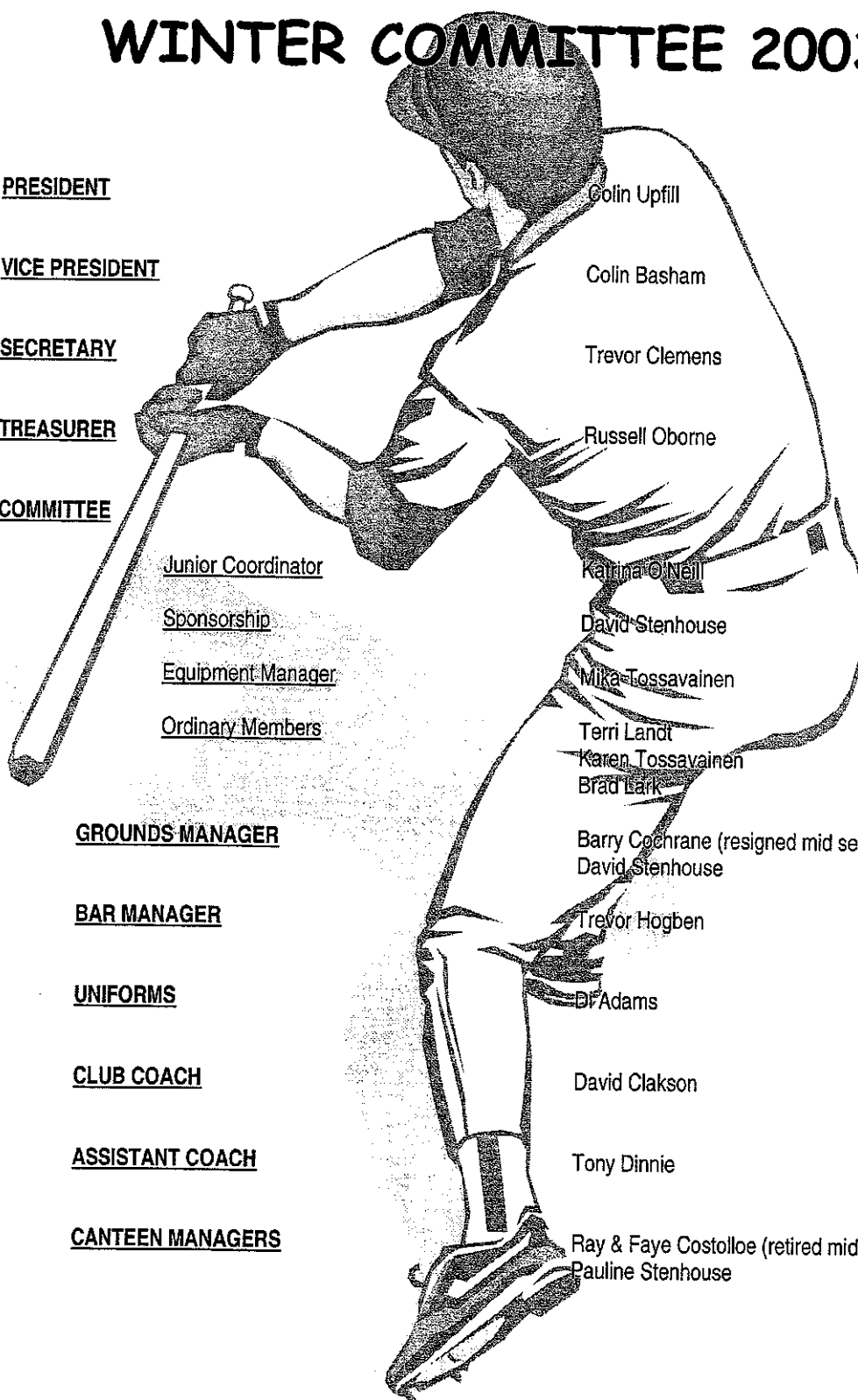
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Tony Dinnie

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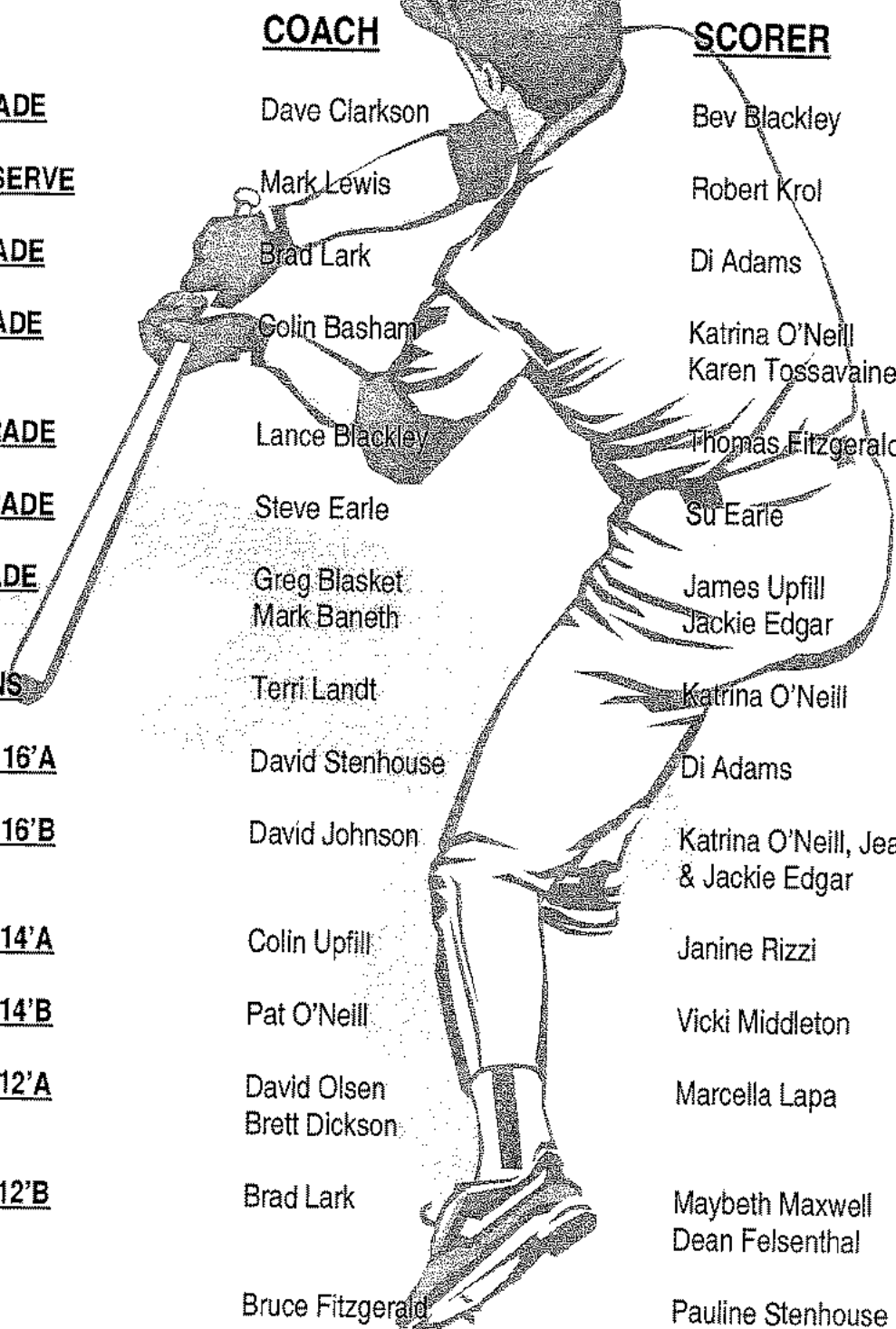
Ray & Faye Costoloe (retired mid season)

Pauline Stenhouse



TEAM COACHES & SCORERS

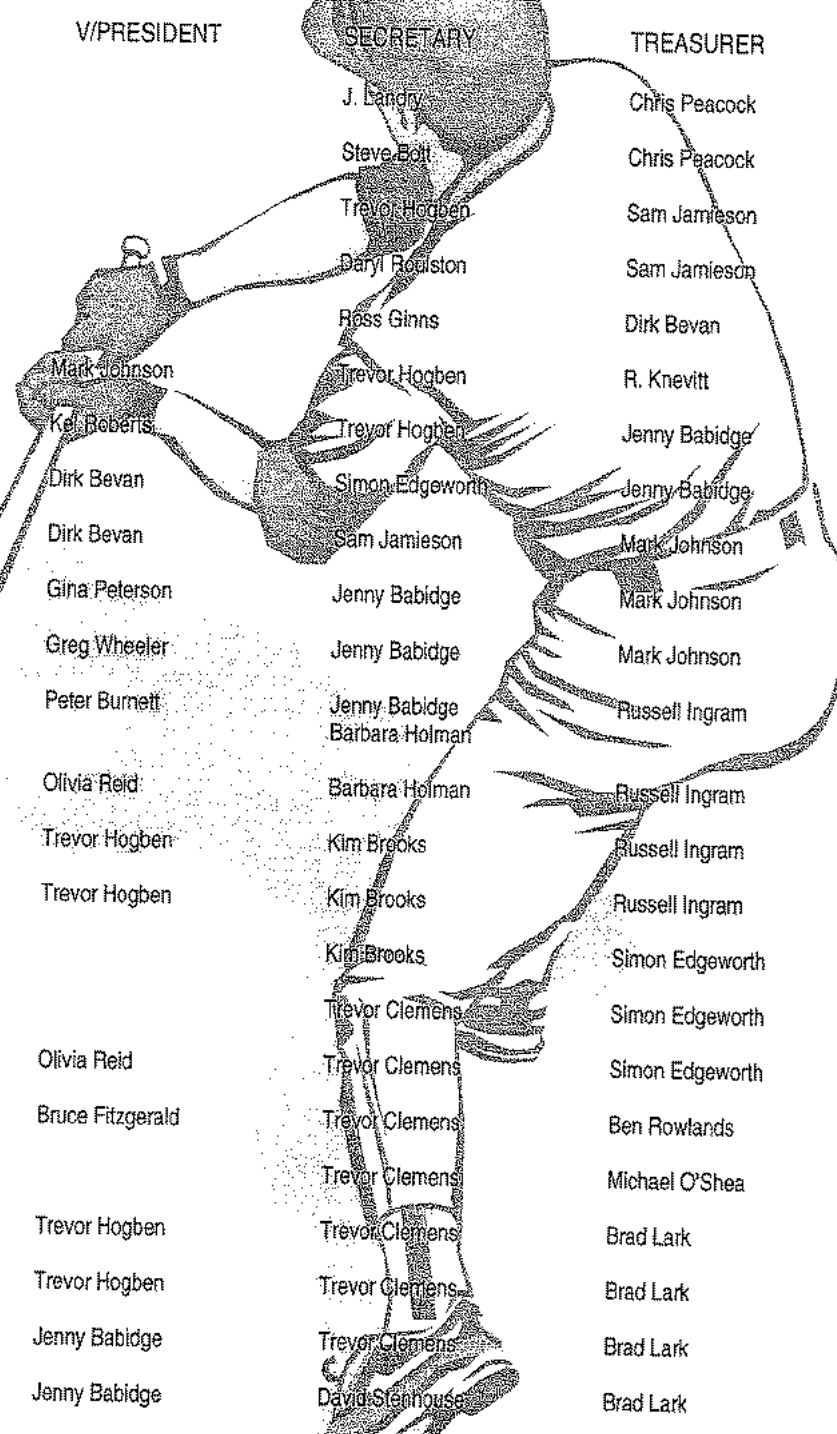
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	<u>COACH</u>	<u>SCORER</u>
<u>'A' GRADE</u>	Dave Clarkson	Bev Blackley
<u>'A' RESERVE</u>	Mark Lewis	Robert Krol
<u>'B' GRADE</u>	Brad Lark	Di Adams
<u>'C' GRADE</u>	Colin Basham	Katrina O'Neill Karen Tossavainen
<u>'D1' GRADE</u>	Lance Blackley	Thomas Fitzgerald
<u>'D2' GRADE</u>	Steve Earle	Su Earle
<u>'E' GRADE</u>	Greg Blasket Mark Baneth	James Upfill Jackie Edgar
<u>WOMENS</u>	Terri Landt	Katrina O'Neill
<u>UNDER 16'A</u>	David Stenhouse	Di Adams
<u>UNDER 16'B</u>	David Johnson	Katrina O'Neill, Jeanette Holland & Jackie Edgar
<u>UNDER 14'A</u>	Colin Upfill	Janine Rizzi
<u>UNDER 14'B</u>	Pat O'Neill	Vicki Middleton
<u>UNDER 12'A</u>	David Olsen Brett Dickson	Marcella Lapa
<u>UNDER 12'B</u>	Brad Lark	Maybeth Maxwell Dean Felsenthal
<u>T-BALL</u>	Bruce Fitzgerald	Pauline Stenhouse

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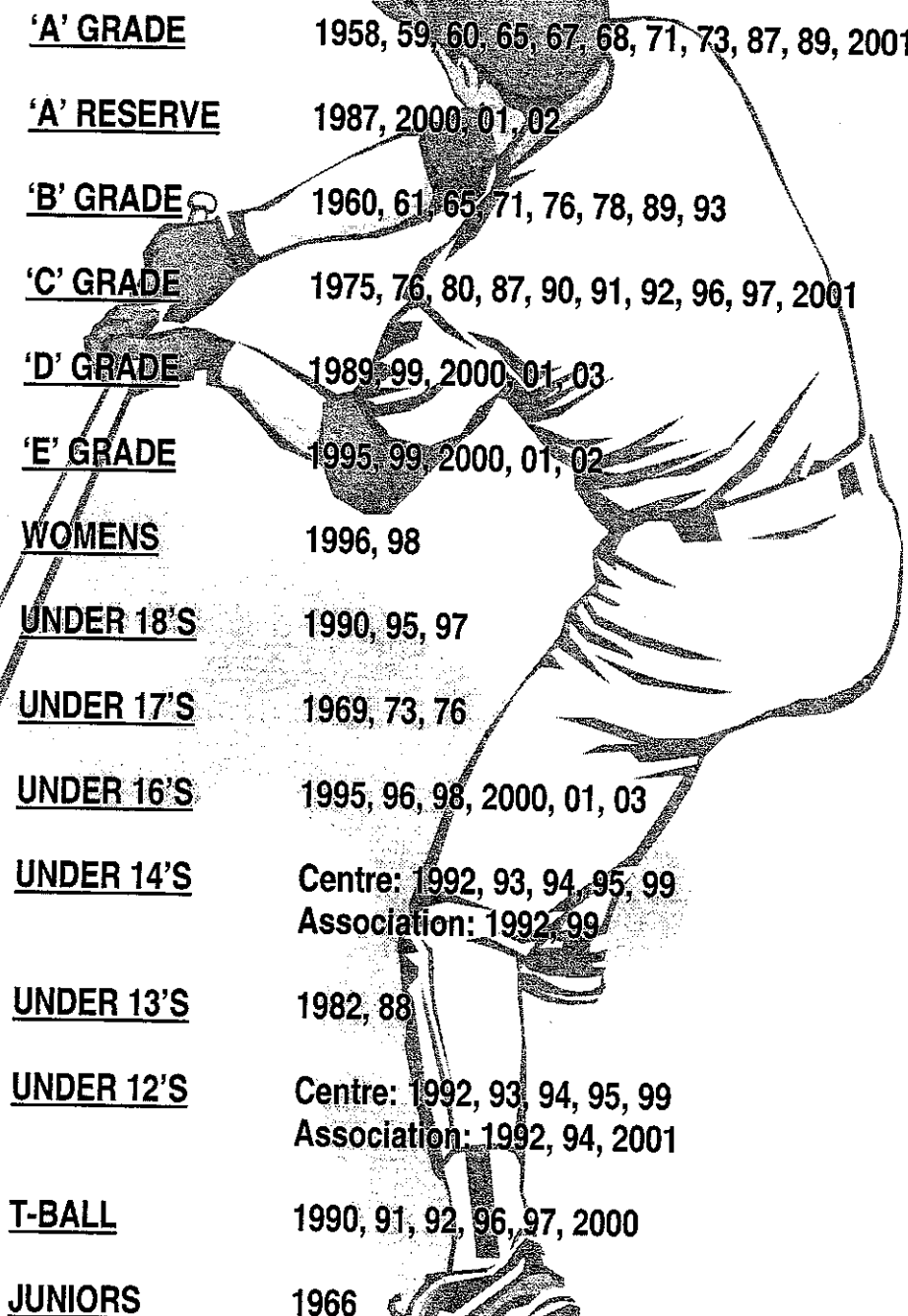
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DATE	PRESIDENT	V/PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	COACH
1978	Kel Roberts		J. Landry	Chris Peacock	Steve Bott
1979	Kel Roberts		Steve Bott	Chris Peacock	Steve Bott
1980	Paul Stanford		Trevor Hogben	Sam Jamieson	Steve Bott
1981	Paul Stanford		Daryl Boulton	Sam Jamieson	Steve Bott
1982	Paul Stanford		Ross Ginns	Dirk Bevan	Steve Bott
1983	Steve Bott	Mark Johnson	Trevor Hogben	R. Knevitt	Trevor Hogben
1984	Steve Bott	Kel Roberts	Trevor Hogben	Jenny Babidge	Dave Kettle
1985	Sam Jamieson	Dirk Bevan	Simon Edgeworth	Jenny Babidge	Dave Kettle
1986	Sam Jamieson	Dirk Bevan	Sam Jamieson	Mark Johnson	Trevor Hogben
1987	Sam Jamieson	Gina Peterson	Jenny Babidge	Mark Johnson	Trevor Hogben
1988	Dirk Bevan	Greg Wheeler	Jenny Babidge	Mark Johnson	Garry Hicks
1989	Dirk Bevan	Peter Burnett	Jenny Babidge Barbara Holman	Russell Ingram	David Clarkson
1990	Dirk Bevan	Olivia Reid	Barbara Holman	Russell Ingram	Don McConnon
1991	Paul Stanford	Trevor Hogben	Kim Brooks	Russell Ingram	David Clarkson
1992	Russell Ingram	Trevor Hogben	Kim Brooks	Russell Ingram	
1993	Russell Ingram		Kim Brooks	Simon Edgeworth	Terry Reid
1994	Brad Lark		Trevor Clemens	Simon Edgeworth	Terry Reid
1995	Brad Lark	Olivia Reid	Trevor Clemens	Simon Edgeworth	Greg Brown
1996	Brad Lark	Bruce Fitzgerald	Trevor Clemens	Ben Rowlands	Greg Brown
1997	Bruce Fitzgerald		Trevor Clemens	Michael O'Shea	Tony Dinnie
1998	David Stenhouse	Trevor Hogben	Trevor Clemens	Brad Lark	Tony Dinnie
1999	David Stenhouse	Trevor Hogben	Trevor Clemens	Brad Lark	Tony Dinnie
2000	David Stenhouse	Jenny Babidge	Trevor Clemens	Brad Lark	Tony Dinnie
2001	David Stenhouse	Jenny Babidge	David Stenhouse	Brad Lark	John Wadsworth
2002	David Stenhouse	Simon Hill	Trevor Clemens	Russell Osborne	Myles Barnden
2003	Colin Uphill	Colin Basham	Trevor Clemens	Russell Osborne	David Clarkson

Cheltenham Baseball Club

WINTER PREMIERSHIPS



<u>'A' GRADE</u>	1958, 59, 60, 65, 67, 68, 71, 73, 87, 89, 2001, 02
<u>'A' RESERVE</u>	1987, 2000, 01, 02
<u>'B' GRADE</u>	1960, 61, 65, 71, 76, 78, 89, 93
<u>'C' GRADE</u>	1975, 76, 80, 87, 90, 91, 92, 96, 97, 2001
<u>'D' GRADE</u>	1989, 99, 2000, 01, 03
<u>'E' GRADE</u>	1995, 99, 2000, 01, 02
<u>WOMENS</u>	1996, 98
<u>UNDER 18'S</u>	1990, 95, 97
<u>UNDER 17'S</u>	1969, 73, 76
<u>UNDER 16'S</u>	1995, 96, 98, 2000, 01, 03
<u>UNDER 14'S</u>	Centre: 1992, 93, 94, 95, 99 Association: 1992, 99
<u>UNDER 13'S</u>	1982, 88
<u>UNDER 12'S</u>	Centre: 1992, 93, 94, 95, 99 Association: 1992, 94, 2001
<u>T-BALL</u>	1990, 91, 92, 96, 97, 2000
<u>JUNIORS</u>	1966

'A' Grade Report

The terminology, "Great pitching will always beat Great hitting", how true this is.

Having lost 2 great pitchers from the previous year was a big loss for A Grade. We had Joe Trucchio for the first couple of games and he certainly helped us off to good start. Michael Kroll was given a chance and unfortunately struggled to grab the initiative although he did head back to the A Reserve and gained valuable "mound" time getting some innings into that young arm of his.

Enter a club stalwart in Steve Babidge. Steve solidified our pitching and showed us how big his heart really is. I think with out Steve stepping into help A Grade; it could have been a real struggle for us to make the top four.

Later on in the year saw Shaun Miller take on most of the pitching duties but unfortunately was out duelled in one of the best pitching games of baseball I have seen in a long time.

Our hitting line up had the potential to get us a lot of runs, but unfortunately against the top couple of teams, our hitting suffered knowing we had to put up a big score to have any chance of a win.

Defensively we were very solid, ably led by Ashley Cass, Anthony Rienke (Until he left for College), Armen Kooch and the stalwarts in Darren Smith and Tony Dinnie.

Pat O'Neill did the majority of the catching but tired towards the end of the year and with a little more experience will be a valuable player in the future in a tough position to play.

Mathew Gourlay, Ben Wenke and Chris Wiltshire brilliantly patrolled the outfield with youngsters, Chris Hook and Glen Sanders, stepping into to help when work or suspension managed to get in the way.

Overall, I guess we played to where we finished on the ladder. Without, may I say a gun pitcher; we were going to struggle all year.

A big thing that sticks out from the season, was our inability to do the little things when it counted. My thoughts are if this did happen, especially in the semi final, who knows what might have happened.

Congratulations goes to all teams who made the finals this year as I forgot to do this in my Coach's report and especially to D1 Grade for winning the premiership in there division.

In closing I would like to thank every player who played in A Grade this year and, maybe, look forward to next Winter season where we all can rekindle the desire to be a major force in the DBA.

Thank you again for the season.

Regards,

David Clarkson - Coach

Players Names:

Darren Smith
Ben Wenke
Armen Kouchakdjian
Patrick O'Neill
Glenn Sanders
Shawn Miller
Luke Kasperczyk

Anthony Reinke
Tony Dinnie
Steve Babidge
Chris Hook
Daniel Gribben
Patrick DiServi
Marko Tossavainen

David Clarkson
Ashley Cass
Matthew Gourlay
Chris Wiltshire
Michael Krol
Joe Trucchio

Scorer:

Bev Blackley

Trophy recipients:

M.V.P.	- ANTHONY REINKE (14 votes)
BATTING AVERAGE	- ANTHONY REINKE .600
COACHES AWARD	- STEVE BABIDGE

CONGRADULATIONS

ANTHONY REINKE	- <u>D.B.A.</u> Batting Average (.600)
STEVE BABIDGE	- <u>D.B.A.</u> Most Wins (6)
ARMEN KOUCHAKDJIAN	- Ross McKendry Award (Best Player for the <u>D.B.A.</u> in the V.P.B.L. carnival)

'A' GRADE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Round	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18
verses	Bye	Berw	Dand	Mon	Fran	Ding	Bon	Fran	Berw	Dand	Mon	Bye	Ding	Bon	Fran	Berw	Dand	Mon
Player	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	Total
Darren Smith	Bye							3	2		3	Bye		1			Wash	9
Daniel Gribben	Bye											Bye					Out	0
Anthony Reinke	Bye	3	2		1	2	3			3		Bye						14
Michael Krol	Bye											Bye					Wash	0
David Clarkson	Bye					3	1	2	1			Bye	2				Out	9
Chris Wiltshire	Bye											Bye		3				3
Chris Hook	Bye									1		Bye					Wash	2
Armen Kouchakdjian	Bye			2			2	1				Bye		2	3		Out	10
Steve Babidge	Bye		3			1			3		2	Bye						9
Shawn Miller	Bye											Bye			1	3	Wash	4
Patrick DiServi	Bye											Bye					Out	0
Patrick O'Neill	Bye											Bye						0
Ben Wenke	Bye			3	2							Bye			2	2	Wash	9
Marko Tossavainen	Bye											Bye					Out	0
Glenn Sanders	Bye											Bye						0
Matthew Gourlay	Bye											Bye	1				Wash	1
Luke Kasperczyk	Bye											Bye					Out	0
Tony Dinnie	Bye										1	Bye	3		1	2		7
Joe Trucchio	Bye	2			3							Bye					Wash	5
Ashley Cass	Bye	1	1	1						2		Bye		3			Out	8

'A' Grade Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>At Bats</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Marko Tossavainen	1	1	1	1.000
Daniel Gribbin	3	4	3	0.750
Michael Krol	3	3	2	0.667
Anthony Reinke	8	35	21	0.600
David Clarkson	15	48	23	0.479
Chris Wiltshire	6	23	10	0.435
Chris Hook	8	21	9	0.429
Ben Wenke	15	53	20	0.377
Tony Dinnie	15	59	22	0.373
Armen Kouchakdjian	12	50	18	0.360
Ashley Cass	14	65	23	0.354
Darren Smith	11	42	14	0.333
Steve Babidge	10	23	7	0.304
Matthew Gourlay	11	42	12	0.286
Shawn Miller	3	14	4	0.286
Patrick DiServi	3	5	1	0.200
Patrick O'Neill	12	40	6	0.150
Glenn Sanders	5	16	2	0.125
Luke Kasperczyk	1	1	0	0.000
Joe Trucchio	2	0	0	0.000

'A RESERVES' REPORT

Being such a young team we were expecting to have a hard season. As it turned out season 2003 started well with a few wins early and a couple of losses during the middle of the season. The majority of the team trained hard during the week, which added valuable strength in our pursuits to reach the finals. As the season drew to a close an unfortunate loss and an untimely washout left us in third position. We worked hard in the first final against Berwick obtaining a comfortable win 10 - 7 the preliminary final was against Monash and again we got off to a good start only to watch as Monash pegged us back and eventually overcoming us 11 - 10 in the top of the ninth.

Although I was disappointed we did not reach the Grand Final I am both pleased and proud of the team especially some individual players who have not only matured in their own game but also really stood up when needed.

Well done boys on a great season.

Mark Lewis - Coach

Players Names:

Potrick Diservi
Michael Krol
Kyle McLeon
Shown Miller
Doniel Gribbin
Morko Tossovoinen
Luke Kosperczyk
Russell Ferguson
Mitchell Jackson
Chris Wiltshire

Chris Hook
Mork Lewis
Bryce Morsholl
Glen Sanders
Andrew Gribbin
Steve Gourloy
Kane Davidson
Dove Stenhouse
Michael Inodenko
Potrick O'Neill

Scorer:

Robert Krol

Trophy recipients:

M.V.P.	-	PAT DESERVI (14 votes)
	-	GLENN SANDERS (14 votes)
BATTING AVERAGE	-	GLENN SANDERS .515
COACHES AWARD	-	KYLE MCLEAN

'A' RESERVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Round	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18
verses	Bye	Berw	Dand	Mon	Frank	Ding	Bon	Frank	Berw	Dand	Mon	Bye	Ding	Bon	Frank	Berw	Dand	Mon
Player	Bye A	A H	H A	A H	H A	A H	H A	A H	H A	A H	H Bye	Bye H	H A	A H	H A	A H	H A	Total
Glenn Sanders	Bye 3			3								Bye	3		2		3	Wash 14
Michael Kroll	Bye				1				3			Bye	1	3		2		Out 10
Mark Lewis	Bye		2	1				1				Bye		1		3		8
Daniel Gribbin	Bye 2					3						Bye			3			Wash 8
Andrew Gribbin	Bye				2							Bye					1	Out 3
Marko Tossavainen	Bye						3					Bye						3
Stephen Gourlay	Bye						2				2	Bye						4
Luke Kasperczyk	Bye								3		3	Bye					Wash 4	
Kane Davidson	Bye											Bye					Out 6	
Patrick Diservi	Bye 1			2			1	2			2	Bye		2		1		0
Russell Ferguson	Bye											Bye					2	Wash 14
Dave Stenhouse	Bye											Bye					Out 0	
Mitchell Jackson	Bye											Bye						0
Michael Irodenko	Bye											Bye					Wash 0	
Chris Hook	Bye 1		1		1	2			1			Bye					Out 1	
Patrick O'Neill	Bye								2			Bye						9
Bryce Marshall	Bye											Bye			1		Wash 1	
Shawn Miller	Bye											Bye					Out 0	
Kyle McLean	Bye											Bye	2					2
Chris Wiltshire	Bye								1			Bye					Wash 4	
			3									Bye					Out 3	

'A' Reserve Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>At Bats</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Glen Sanders	12	33	17	0.515
Mark Lewis	15	40	19	0.475
Michael Krol	13	19	9	0.474
Chris Hook	12	26	12	0.462
Patrick DiServi	14	37	17	0.459
Luke Kasperczyk	10	20	9	0.450
Daniel Gribbin	10	29	13	0.448
Andrew Gribbin	9	17	6	0.353
Kane Davidson	12	24	8	0.333
Bryce Marshall	13	24	8	0.333
Russell Ferguson	14	30	9	0.300
Kyle McLean	14	27	8	0.296
Shawn Miller	1	4	3	0.750
Ron Carothers	1	4	3	0.750
Chris Wiltshire	2	4	3	0.750
Patrick O'Neill	1	3	2	0.667
John Ferguson	1	3	2	0.667
Michael Irodenko	7	9	2	0.222
Marko Tossavainen	4	11	7	0.636
Stephen Gourlay	4	14	3	0.214

'B' GRADE REPORT

This season saw the club yet again pitted against most other clubs 'A' Grade as we endeavored to capture a 'B' Grade Premiership. Our side as usual was a mixture of seasoned competitors and talented juniors a combination that had worked well for us the previous two seasons.

The start was promising winning five of our first six games then for one reason or another numbers fell away and it was a continual struggle to get nine players on the field, hence the results reflected this problem. The reassuring thing however was that we knew if we could qualify some of the drifters in our side we were a shot at the flag. Momentum built and along with Anthony Smith and Stephen Gourlay committed to the side. Winning four of our last five games saw us secure second spot and the double chance. We traveled down to Boneo and led going into the seventh innings, unfortunately some untimely mistakes and dubious decisions let them surge to a big lead late in the game. What shaped as an unlikely victory turned sour when Beau was reported late in the match, the result an early finish to his season and our team short a catcher and a proven hitter. Enter Tom Ellis.

A preliminary final against Tyabb saw us secure a memorable victory and a grand final date against undoubtedly the best team in the competition, Boneo.

A real winter's day greeted us at Dandenong and our start was solid. The players were showing a resolve and steadiness that made me feel a Premiership was within reach. An outstanding hitting and pitching performance by the best player in the 'B' Grade competition, Ricky Wheeler, inspired the team. He hit two home runs and was the brave fighter that he has become this season on the mound. Unfortunately we were unable to hold the opposition late in the game, Boneo going on to a deserved victory. Our team should be proud of their efforts.

In a season that at times threatened to be derailed the players supported one another and an eventual grand final appearance is a credit to their commitment to this club. Andrew Adams and Bradley Heenan continued to grow in stature throughout the season and can be proud of their achievements. The rest of us are players that have played a lot of baseball together and with that came an approach worthy of the Cheltenham Baseball Club.

Despite being hounded throughout the season by Ricky and Christian on how many hits they have etc. Dianne Adams was again a great asset to our team, reliable and committed. I would like to thank all of our players for the support this season. It was a memorable season that could have only been bettered by a Premiership. Hopefully in the tradition of the great Cheltenham sides we can stay together next year and bring home a flag.

Brad Lark - Coach

Players Names:

Anthony Smith
Christian Lewis
Bradley Heenan
Ricky Wheeler
Daniel Wardbourtan

Beau May
Brad Lark
Andrew Adams
Aaran Urqhart
Stephen Gaurlay

Scorer:

Dianne Adams

Trophy recipients:

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|-----------------|---|--|
| M.V.P | - | RICKY WHEELER (34 votes) |
| BATTING AVERAGE | - | RICKY WHEELER .487 |
| COACHES AWARD | - | RICKY WHEELER (12 home runs) |
| GRAND SLAM | - | STEPHEN GOURLAY (14 th June Vs Ormond/Glenhuntly) |

CONGRADULATIONS

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| RICKY WHEELER | - | <u>D.B.A.</u> Most Valuable Player (26 votes) |
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'B' Grade Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>At Bats</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Anthony Smith	7	34	10	0.294
Beau May	11	54	22	0.407
Christian Lewis	14	72	25	0.347
Brad Lark	14	67	18	0.269
Bradley Heenan	15	62	11	0.177
Andrew Adams	14	66	15	0.227
Ricky Wheeler	15	76	37	0.487
Aaron Urqhart	7	22	0	0.000
Daniel Wardbourto	15	69	15	0.217
Stephen Gourlay	8	34	10	0.294

'C' Grade Report

Well yet again we fronted up for a season of winter baseball aiming this year to finally win the flag that has eluded us (formally B grade) over the past six or seven years. This was going to be a chance to finally finish the year with celebration not commiseration. Most of the old familiar faces that were back for yet another attempt to claim that elusive Holy Grail. Famous names like Osborne, Burdett, Basham, Dickson, Olsen & Innes just to name a few. This year to help to help us finally reach our quest we traded hard with no expense spared and recruited some of the biggest names in baseball guys like Tossavainen, the Kavanagh brothers (Boosies 1 & 2), O'Neill, Johnson, Jackson and even an over seas import in Saxton.

The season started with a win over last year's premiers by 10 runs. This obviously had a feel of deja-vu for Ernie because he jumped ship and went and played with the D Grade (Seniors Team) as he thought that he would have a better change to wear that premiership medal with this lot (and was correct). This turned out to be just a mere hiccup in our journey. Our recruiting this year ensured that we had a full strength pitching rotation (all with varying degrees of age and arm soreness) the team was ably lead by Mika who had an outstanding year on the hill. He started the season as our number 1 starter and enjoyed a stint in relief to finish the year as our closer. In support we had the wild thing Brett Dickson, the ever-reliable David (Yogi) Olsen and even Peter Burdett, Brett Kavanagh and young Tim O'Neill had a throw.

With this covered and our defense was relatively settled (this year we actually had 3 or 4 people that could play outfield) with Johnno and Pete holding down the middle infield and our pitches rotating through 3rd we just had to score more runs than the opposition. Through out the year this was done pretty much with ease. Our batting was fairly strong with almost all players averaging over .300 with a team average of .400. Some of the most Just about every body had a day out with the bat at some stage during the year with Maka, Obie, Yogi and Pete leading the way.

With all this worked out it appeared that the only real challenges were going to come from Bonbeach (Hopi), Dingley and Somerville. This meant the games against the other sides involved run target challenges (we scored over 300 for the year), a K king (golden bat award) and to see who would by the last out slabs at the end of the year.

We finished the season on top 3 games clear of Bonbeach. We played them in the first final and after trailing early and some good hitting and errors from them we scored a 16 - 6 win. This booked us into the grand final and we all believed that we were finally going to get the one we had been waiting for.

The grand final was played early hours of Sunday morning on a rainy and wind sweep Dandenong diamond. We started with a very nervous Steve Kavanagh on the mound and the condition nerves and a few errors didn't provide us with the start that we were after. We were down 7 - 1 after 3 innings. Mika replaced Steve on the hill and our bats started to come into play. Steve was able to over come his nervous start and had an outstanding day with the bat. Others that came alive with in the box were Yogi, Bash, Mika and Dicko. We got back to 1 run down after 7 and had Bonbeach in real trouble. What transpired after this had to be seen to be believed? We self-destructed. We made some errors in the form of dropped catches, wild throws together with some hits strung together by Bonbeach. The end result saw them score 5 runs and leave us trailing by 6 going into the 9th. Once again we rallied to try and come up with the 7 runs that we needed to win the game. We were able to mount a challenge and score 4 runs and 2 runners on base when Bonbeach recorded our final out.

As in the past it was yet again so close but yet so far. I would like to thank all the players that played in the team through out the year for the efforts that they put in. My job is made alot easier when you have a group of guys that get on so well and make themselves available every week. I would also like to thank Katrina for once again performing the team manager's role as well as scoring. Also thanks to Karen for holding down the scoring duties when Katrina was unavailable and for hosting us for the night after the Somerville game.

Another season has come and gone and it just means that will have to front up again next season for an assault on that bloody elusive flag.

Thanks

Colin Basham - Coach

Players Names:

Colin Basham
Russell Osborne
David Olsen
Steve Kavanagh

Peter Burdett
Mika Tossavainen
Tim O'Neill
Mitch Jackson

Brett Dickson
David Johnson
Brett Kavanagh
Michael Saxton

Thank you, to the following players for helping us out through the year -

Mark Lewis
Terri Landt

Peter Innes
Kerry Franklin

Richard Lander
Al Spicer

Scorers:

Katrina O'Neill & Karen Tossavainen

Trophy recipients:

M. V. P	-	MIKA TOSSAVAINEN (23 votes)
BATTING AVERAGE	-	RUSSELL OSBORNE .568
COACHES AWARD	-	DAVID OLSEN
GRAND SLAM	-	BRETT DICKSON (5 th July Cheltenham Vs Oakleigh)

CONGRADULATIONS

MIKA TOSSAVAINEN - D.B.A. Most Valuable Player (25 votes)

'C' Grade Batting Averages

<u>Player</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Plate Apperances</u>	<u>At Bats</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Peter Burdett	14	83	62	29	0.468
Brett Dickson	17	91	86	33	0.384
Colin Basham	15	75	70	33	0.471
Mika Tossavainen	17	86	78	42	0.538
Russell Osborne	14	51	44	25	0.568
David Johnson	14	80	70	30	0.429
David Olsen	17	83	67	36	0.537
Tim O'Neill	16	68	67	15	0.224
Brett Kavanagh	15	75	56	18	0.321
Steve Kavanagh	16	92	69	28	0.406
Michael Saxton	3	8	6	1	0.167
Mitch Jackson	5	18	15	4	0.267

'D1' GRADE REPORT

D.B.A. PREMIERS 2003

Well it's been another successful year for the D Grade finishing in top spot on the ladder.

We started the year with mixed results having beaten up the cricketers in 7 innings and then following up in less than top form being beaten by Monash in what could only be described as playing some crap baseball.

We soon realised that this year's draw was probably the most even competition that D Grade has seen for years. Signals were employed from that point on and we started to play real baseball.

We had a game in the country at Pakenham and as time grew nearer to the 2.00pm start, Fitzy and Pete were nowhere to be seen. 7 players is hard to play with so the oppositions sportingly gave us 2 players as subs. Still no Fitzy & Pete. Ernie had his first start for the season and finished in the 2nd with 10 runs down and we were all shell-shocked. Still no Fitzy & Pete. Daniel put the bunt on himself and kept his eye on the ball, or rather the ball kept itself on Daniel's eye. Down to 6 players and still no Fitzy & Pete. Pakenham kindly gave us a 3rd player to continue with a game and most of the borrowed players all played better than anyone of us. Still no Fitzy & Pete.

Seems Fitzy & Pete decided to take a tour of all the ballparks in Pakenham but missed ours so they gave up and went home. Their shout next week.

We were still having mixed results playing .500 baseball nearing mid season and kicking around third spot on the ladder. Still in there with a chance.

We had an outing to Boneo which saw the coach start the game and closing the book on himself in the 3rd giving up 9 runs and 20 hits, funny thing was the score was even. Relief pitcher Ernie goes about 2 innings and gives up 10 runs but the score is still even. Pete comes in and gave up about 5 runs in 2 innings and we get done 24-21 in a slug fest.

This was followed up in game against Berwick, who had there A Res with a bye, and we ended up playing a good hitting team. Another slug fest with our pitchers getting beaten up again.

We scored 43 runs in 2 weeks and couldn't win a game. Well our hitting form was good.

The coach went on leave for the next 5 game and returns to find us in top spot on the ladder. Now that sound like the coach is a dud. Upon further investigation I discover that several of the teams above us had gone to the pack while we continued to play consistent baseball. That's my story anyway.

Back to Pakenham for the final round and most of the team is warming up, still no Fitzy & Pete, where are those bastards. Finally they arrive and the 3 pitchers shared duties getting some revenge in 7 innings with 10 runs up.

Off to the final series and a face off with Boneo who at this stage we haven't beaten all season. Good pitching and some great hitting saw us advance to the granny in 7 innings and a good rest for the arms.

Grand final weeks here at last and to our surprise it's Dingley that we meet. Beat them twice through the season and no reason why we cant do it again.

We ran out victors winning 13 - 11 in a very tight game with Dingley fighting back at us in each innings. Over all it was a great team victory with everybody in the side contributing in a well deserved victory.

Special tanks goes to our scorers Christine (Home) and Thomas Fitzgerald (Away) and both did a great job running kids everywhere in the morning and just making the game start time each week. The effort was much appreciated.

Lance Blackley - Coach

Players Names:

Lance Blackley
Bruce Fitzgerald
Jahn Carlile
Peter Burnett
Trevor Clemens
Siman McLean
Daniel McLean

Calin Upfil
Kyle McLean
Marty Lyans
Ron Carathers
Shawn Miller
Dale Revesi
Mitch Jackson

Rick Milsan
Kane Davldsan
Lawrie Hall
Kevin Williams
Peter Innes
Dane Kasperczyk
Tam Oxley

Scorers:

Thamas Fitzgerald & a few af the Ladies

Trophy recipients:

M.V.P	-	PETER BURNETT (23 votes)
BATTING AVERAGE	-	LANCE BLACKLEY .568
COACHES AWARD	-	RICK MILSON

'D1' Grade Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>At Bats</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Lance Blackley	16	37	21	0.568
Rick Milson	15	56	30	0.536
Colin Upfill	3	16	8	0.500
Bruce Fitzgerald	17	66	33	0.500
John Carlile	11	25	12	0.480
Lawrie Hall	17	71	32	0.451
Marty Lyons	16	61	26	0.426
Peter Burnett	15	66	27	0.409
Kevin Williams	6	22	9	0.409
Trevor Clemens	13	50	19	0.380
Peter Innes	18	51	19	0.373
Simon McLean	17	55	20	0.364
Daniel McLean	10	32	7	0.219
Dane Kasperczyk	4	15	4	0.267
Kane Davidson	1	4	2	0.500
Kyle McLean	1	2	1	0.500
Ron Carothers	1	5	2	0.400
Shawn Miller	2	11	4	0.364
Dale Revesi	1	4	1	0.250
Mitch Jackson	1	5	0	0.000
Tom Oxley	1	2	0	0.000

'D2' GRADE REPORT

Well where do I start? Disappointment? Under achievers? Or maybe just not good enough? No, CHOKERS!!!, I think best sums it up. After losing 6 out of our first 8 games, we managed to still get ourselves in a position to make the finals in our last season as the cricketers ("mark 2"), only to choke in the last weeks (losing 2 games by 1run). The season ended with us missing a spot in the finals by 2%. The only consolation we can take out of the season is we must surely hold a record for letting a game slip. How the hell do you lose when up 18-3 ???, anyway enough tearing up as the last pitch has been thrown for the year and it's now time to enjoy Saturdays.

Even though the season finished on a disappointing note, there were some highlights for the year. How could one forget Crampy's 3 home runs "V" Boneo ? (Easily I suppose if you keep out of earshot). Tom Ellis's coming of age with the bat ? Last year Tom struggled at the plate but this year the boys where in awe of the power he had found. Me hitting a grand slam ? Oops that was Hewie (AGAIN). Porno & Murph turning up to a game with a woman each under his wing ? Bugger got that one wrong again, it was Mick O'Shea who is now showing signs of an imprint. Actually upon reflection, I can't really think of many highlights. Maybe that's why a few are pulling the pin. Finally I'd like to thank Su for scoring again this year. All the boys really appreciate it but I've heard some rumblings that baby-sitting fees are still outstanding. Speaking of baby sitting, Su and I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the Billy lid throughout the year

Steve Earle - Coach

Players Names:

David Hewitson
Nicholls
Derryn Beattie
Joseph Reilly
Peter Burrell

Stephen Cramp
Stephen Earle
Mick O'Shea
Martin Mulcahy
Dave Stenhouse

Chris Murphy Andrew
Peter Connolly
Brendan O'Leary
Tom Ellis

Scorer:

Su Earle

Trophy recipients:

M.V.P.	-	CHRIS MURPHY (16 votes)
BATTING AVERAGE	-	STEVE CRAMP .568
COACHES AWARD	-	PETER BURRELL
GRAND SLAM	-	DAVID HEWITSON (31 ST May Vs Pakenham)

'E' GRADE REPORT

The main goal for E grade was to give some of the clubs juniors (e.g. Dave Edgar, Dale Revesi, Sean Gabb, Tom Oxley and Mitch Jackson) an introduction into senior baseball and the opportunities to play alongside (e.g. Col Upfill and other occasional "fill ins") and against experienced players. It also gives the opportunity for some others to have an introduction to the game (e.g. Myself in years gone by, or Sean Warner this year).

The E grade team put in a great effort all year by being in the top four until the final round. Obviously if things went our way, we would have been another Rustlers team representing the club in finals. To be honest, that was a great effort, as we probably needed one more experienced infielder/batter to round off the side throughout the year.

To me there were two highlights this year. One ending with a great result, the other where we were unlucky. Our best win was against Frankston, when they had the best pitcher we had faced all year and they were striving to get into the four. After stating the game two players short, Cuppy played a great game and there was some great hitting - for example Stewie Simpson hit his first home run for the club and we held them out 10-2. A few weeks earlier we lead all day against a tough Chelsea side, only to have our team beamed, cleated and be on the wrong end of some technical umpiring decisions losing gallantly in the ninth in front of a strong home crowd. Although we lost the game, I was really very proud of the way we played and took it up to a team that on paper had much more experience.

I am sure that if the guys we had this year stick together next year we would give the premiership a shake, however it would be better still to see most progressing to higher grades with some new juniors and maybe an extra "senior" making up the team next year.

Mark Baneth helped with Managing the team and I also thank Dave Stenhouse for getting the season started. Col Upfill for helping out and being the backbone of the pitching (and with managing when I was unavailable). Thanks too to Terri And Kerry for helping with numbers requiring two games each weekend. Congratulations to Sean Warner for a successful intro to baseball and being up there in the averages and to the above mentioned juniors all of whom displayed enthusiasm and improvement. Stewie also for a great season behind the plate.

Finally, on behalf of the team, a big thanks to James Upfill and Jackie Edgar for scoring during the year and for their consistent support. It was greatly appreciated.

GREG BLASKETT- Coach

Players Names

Mark Baneth
David Stenhouse
Darren Beattie
Kerry Franklin
Mitch Jackson
Terri Landt
Dale Ravesi
Sean Warner

Simon Hill
Skippy Williams
Peter Burnett
Kyle Mclean
Luke Kasperwitz
S. Osbourne
Al Spicer

Stuart Simpson
Greg Blaskett
David Edgar
Sean Gabb
Ritchie Landers
Tom Oxley
Colin Upfill

Scorers:

James Upfill/ Jackie Edgar

Trophy recipients:

M.V.P./ BATTING	-	COLIN UPFILL 27 votes /.484
RUNNER-UP M.V.P./BATTING	-	MARK BANETH 16 votes / .449
COACHES AWARD	-	SEAN GABB

'E' Grade Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>At Bats</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Mark Baneth	15	69	31	0.449
Darren Beattie	1	4	3	0.750
Greg Blaskett	11	44	13	0.295
Peter Burnett	1	6	2	0.333
David Edgar	10	37	11	0.297
Kerry Franklin	6	17	3	0.176
Sean Gabb	12	45	12	0.267
Simon Hill	3	10	3	0.300
Mitch Jackson	6	23	6	0.261
Luke Kasperczyk	1	4	3	0.750
Richie Landers	2	4	2	0.500
Terri Landt	9	22	6	0.273
Kyle McLean	3	10	1	0.100
Tom Oxley	15	60	16	0.267
Dale Ravesi	11	41	12	0.293
Stuart Simpson	13	47	11	0.234
Al Spicer	1	4	0	0.000
Dave Stenhouse	4	10	3	0.300
Colin Upfill	14	62	30	0.484
Sean Warner	6	23	7	0.304
Steve Williams	2	4	1	0.250

'WOMENS' REPORT

2003 has been a fantastic year for the women's team. After losing seven players, it was always going to be an interesting season. The average age of the team was 30. This team had the ability and talent. We had lots of problems with positions due to players having injuries (sore arms). I felt I had five players to play 2nd base and only 1 outfielder. Lots of work to be done. We had some great competition, players that have played for their State and even played for Australia.

After the first five games, it was obvious that we were definitely one of the top teams in the competition. When we played, I believe that we never gave up and were always prepared to play hard, to swing the bat against the pitchers. The team trained every Wednesday night (Yes, we all trained as a team).

We finished 3rd on the ladder after the home & away season. This is an excellent result, when only 2 players, played last year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every player for being part of the women's side. A team shows character with every person involved. After finding out that all the Australian players were to be playing an international competition on Grand Final day, I saw the Grand Final Flag hanging in the Cheltenham Baseball Club. But as the saying goes "You should never work with animals or children". A situation occurred out of my hands and our finals campaign was over with one phone call.

Nevertheless this team can go higher next year. Please do not be disheartened by the result. I appreciate all the help I received this year and can only hope that next year is bigger and better. I think a massive recruitment for some players will help out. Thanks to Katrina O'Neill for helping out with scoring. Hopefully next year the girls can get a real coach, team manager and scorer for the season. Also a huge thank you to Pauline Stenhouse for doing the canteen, great job. Thank you to Trevor for organising drinks for the girls. Last but not least thanks to Dave Stenhouse for marking the grounds for the women's team on Sundays.

The women's team had a great season and socially got along famously. See you all next year.

Terri Landt - Coach

Players Name:

Tracy Dephlin
Su Earle
Linda Flinn
Kerry Franklin
Trish Hewitt

Terri Landt
Kathleen Lewis
Esther Lonie
Lauren Olsen
Louise Palvou

Nicole Robertson
Naomi Rodgers
Lauren Russell
Jennifer Symons
Marilyn Thomas

Scorer:

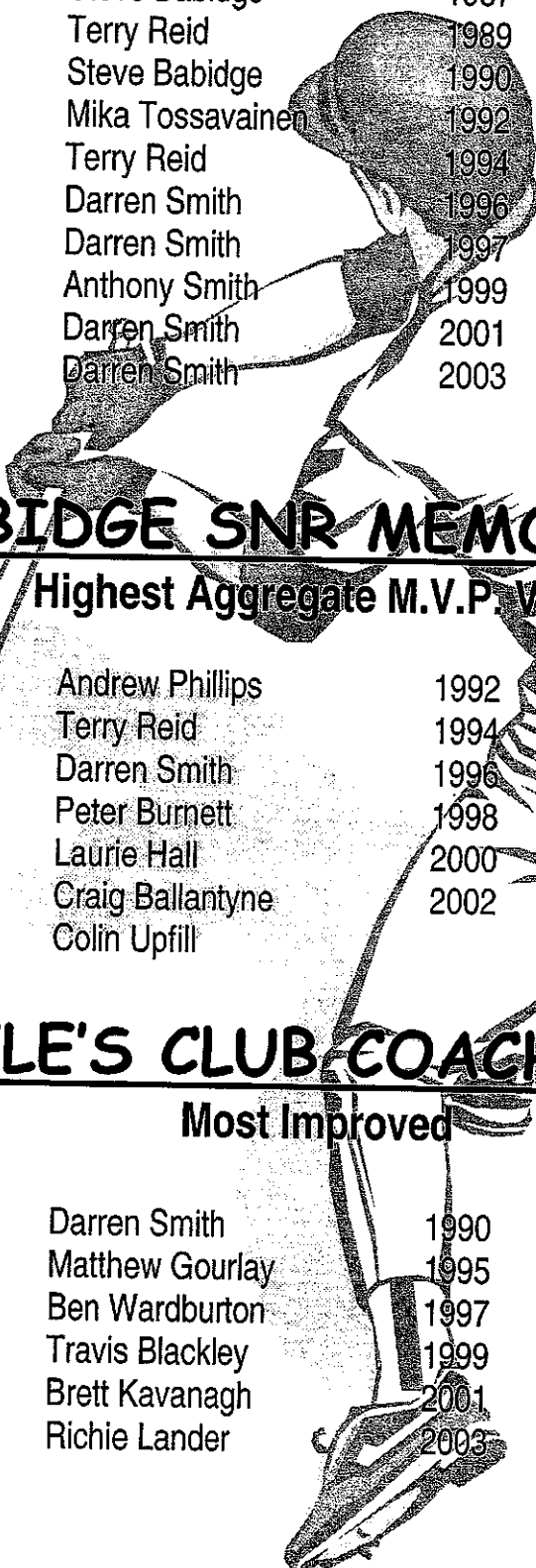
Katrina O'Neill

Trophy recipients:

M.V.P. & BATTING AVERAGE	-	LAUREN OLSEN .773 + 52 K2s
MOST DETERMINED	-	KERRY FRANKLIN
MOST IMPROVED	-	SU EARLE
TEAM PLAYER	-	KATHLEEN LEWIS

J.R. TREVORAH MEMORIAL TROPHY

'A' Grade M.V.P



1986	Steve Babidge	1987	Terry Reid
1988	Terry Reid	1989	Terry Reid
1989	Steve Babidge	1990	Terry Reid
1991	Mika Tossavainen	1992	Steve Babidge
1993	Terry Reid	1994	Chris Reece
1995	Darren Smith	1996	Greg Brown
1996	Darren Smith	1997	Mika Tossavainen
1998	Anthony Smith	1999	Luke Parsons
2000	Darren Smith	2001	Darren Smith
2002	Darren Smith	2003	Anthony Reinke

FRANK BABIDGE SNR MEMORIAL TROPHY

Highest Aggregate M.V.P. Votes

1992	Andrew Phillips	1992	David Stenhouse
1993	Terry Reid	1994	David Stenhouse
1995	Darren Smith	1996	Darren Brooks
1997	Peter Burnett	1998	Peter Burnett
1999	Laurie Hall	2000	Adam Blackley
2001	Craig Ballantyne	2002	Adam Blackley
2003	Colin Upfill		

BOB BOYLE'S CLUB COACHES AWARD

Most Improved

1989	Darren Smith	1990	Peter Burnett
1994	Matthew Gourlay	1995	Lorne Dennis
1996	Ben Wardburton	1997	Ian Nolan
1998	Travis Blackley	1999	Matthew Keen
2000	Brett Kavanagh	2001	Glenn Sanders
2002	Richie Lander	2003	Chris Hook

FRANK BABIDGE SNR MEMORIAL TROPHY

Highest Aggregate M.V.P Votes

WINNER

Colin Upfill - D grade 5 votes, E grade 27 votes = 32 votes

OTHER RECIPIENTS

Darren Smith - A grade 9 votes, B grade 3 votes = 12 votes

Chris Hook - A grade 2 votes, AR 9 votes = 11 votes

Peter Innes - C grade 1 vote, D grade 7 votes = 8 votes

Stephen Gourlay - AR 4 votes, B grade 3 votes = 7 votes

Luke Kasperczyk - AR 6 votes, E grade 1 vote = 7 votes

Shawn Miller - A grade 4 votes, AR 2 votes = 6 votes

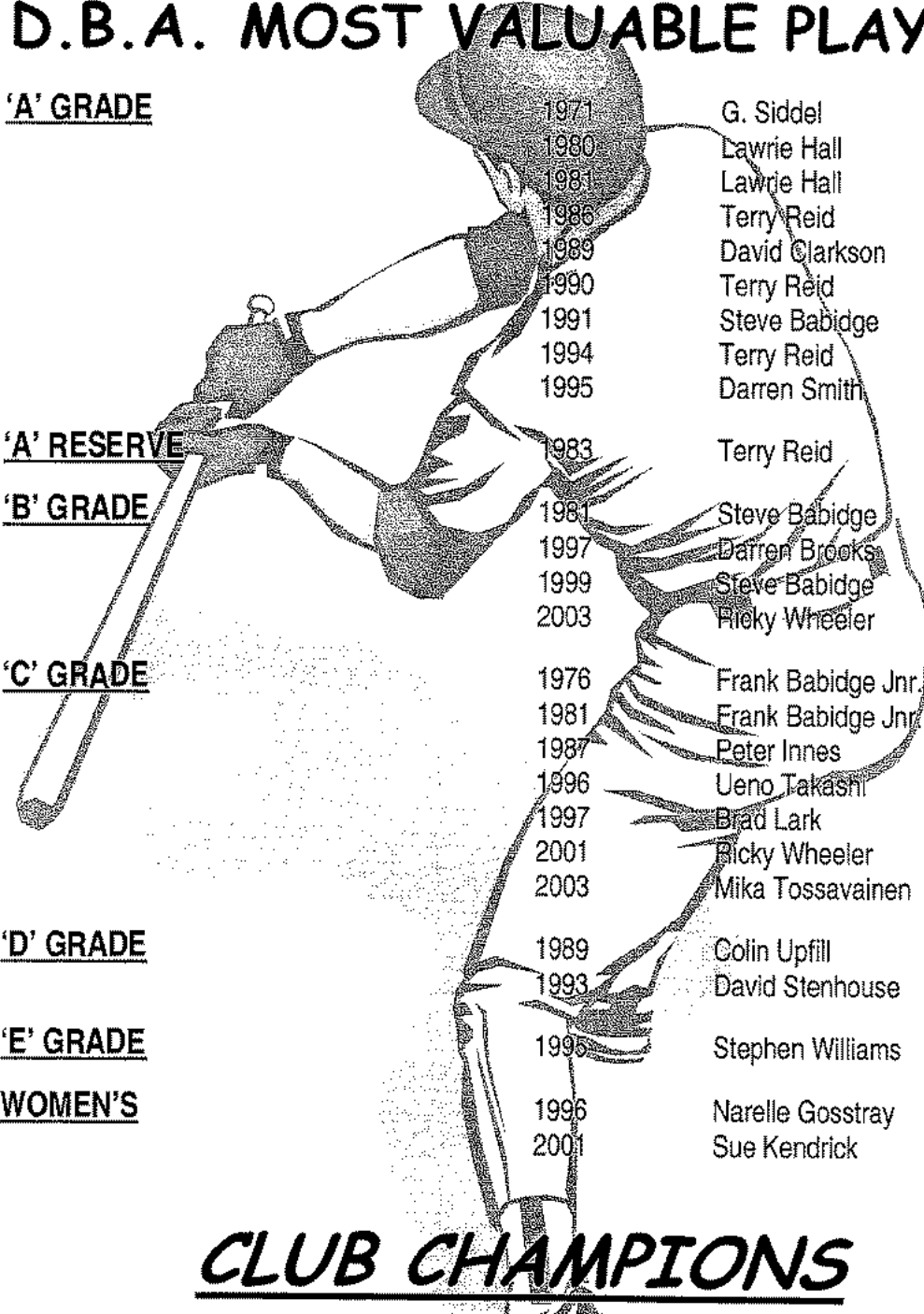
Chris Wiltshire - A grade 3 votes, AR 3 votes = 6 votes

Matthew Gourlay - A grade 1 vote, B grade 2 votes = 3 votes

Cheltenham Baseball Club

D.B.A. MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

'A' GRADE



1971	G. Siddel
1980	Lawrie Hall
1981	Lawrie Hall
1986	Terry Reid
1989	David Clarkson
1990	Terry Reid
1991	Steve Babidge
1994	Terry Reid
1995	Darren Smith

'A' RESERVE

1983	Terry Reid
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'B' GRADE

1981	Steve Babidge
1997	Darren Brooks
1999	Steve Babidge
2003	Ricky Wheeler

'C' GRADE

1976	Frank Babidge Jnr
1981	Frank Babidge Jnr
1987	Peter Innes
1996	Ueno Takashi
1997	Brad Lark
2001	Ricky Wheeler
2003	Mika Tossavainen

'D' GRADE

1989	Colin Upfill
1993	David Stenhouse

'E' GRADE

1995	Stephen Williams
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WOMEN'S

1996	Narelle Gosstray
2001	Sue Kendrick

CLUB CHAMPIONS

1977, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995,
1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATORS

REPORT

KATRINA O'NEILL

I would like to start my report by thanking all the coaches, players, scorers, umpires and parents for all their support throughout the season.

It has been an exciting season, especially for me giving birth to 'JADE JOHNSON' who from day one doesn't know anything else but winter ball.

Special thanks to our retired Ray & Faye for their hard work in the canteen at the start of the season and a BIG THANKS to Pauline for taking over and keeping the parents/players happy with good warm food throughout the rest of the season.

Thank you to Dave Stenhouse for taking over the grounds. Our junior's diamonds have never looked so good.

Cheltenham Baseball Club had 7 junior teams this year, 6 made it to the finals.

T-Ball	-	Runners-up
U12A	-	Finished 3 rd
U12B	-	Finished 7 th
U14A	-	Finished 4 th
U14B	-	Finished 2 nd
U16A	-	PREMIERS
U16b	-	Finished 2 nd

It was a terrific effort by every junior team. BIG THANKS once again to my fantastic coaches, your time and effort was very much appreciated.

A special thank you must go to Vicki and Alan Middleton who have helped me on a personal note by helping to transport Patrick to and from games and training nights.

Last but not least, a very special thanks must go to DavidRELAX Hmm Hmm Hmm

I would like to wish all my juniors, especially the players that are no longer juniors next winter, the best of luck in their future baseball.

GOOD LUCK IN SUMMER & we will see you next winter.

Junior Co-ordinator 2003

Katrina O'Neill

Cheltenham Baseball Club

DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Cheltenham Junior Players who were selected to represent the DBA in their VPBL State Championships during Winter 2003

UNDER 18

Chris Hook
Bryce Marshall
Patrick DiServi
Patrick O'Neill

Concatulations to the Under 18 DBA team who won the VPBL Championships. ALSO
Concratulations to Patrick O'Neill on making the All Star Side.

UNDER 16

Andrew Adams
Tom Ellis
Andrew Gribbin
Jason Chit
Justin D Rozario
Timothy O'Neill
Russell Ferguson
Karl Mackay
Dale Ravesi
Blake Cunningham

Congratulations to Tom Ellis for making the All Star team and for receiving the DBA's U'16 MVP Award.

UNDER 14

John Blaskett
Shane Middleton

Congratulations to John Blaskett for receiving the DBA's U'14 MVP Award

UNDER 12

Nick Fitzgerald

Concratulations also to

Nathan Aaron
Geoffrey Holland
Patrick Liston

For making the Rubberball team to tour Japan.

UNDER 16'A'

PREMIERS

I would firstly like to thank Katrina O'Neill as Junior Coordinator which has made the season once again successful and outstandingly strong for the Cheltenham Baseball Club.

Many thanks to the hidden people such as my lovely wife Pauline and our scorer Di Adams. Thanks heaps for a great season WELL DONE. Special thanks to Matthew Gourlay, who on Tuesday nights took time out of his schedule to help these kids with the fine art techniques of baseball, thanks to a great bloke MATTY.

To all our fantastic parents who supported their kids in an unbelievable manner. I thought their support for the kids and I was fantastic. To our umpires, Al Gribbin, Peter Burdett, Mika Tossavainen and Glenn Sanders. Thanks for all your help and dedication to the club.

I would also like to pay mention to Matty James who unfortunately injured himself in last years summer season. Matty helped out as assistant coach and I thought he learnt a lot about the game and one day will make a great coach himself.

On to our boys; ages range from 13 to 16 through to the end of the season. After coaching for many years and seeing a lot of talent go through and this season with two U16's sides it was one of the strongest seasons I have seen on the paddock with kids from both sides. I could list down and mention all our players but this season I thought was a fantastic team effort with good infield strength as a standout. My congratulations goes out to these kids and good luck in their future baseball.

Lastly I would like to say thank you to Johnno and his side for in the manner the grand final was played. Congratulations once again to all of the U16's

Yours in Baseball

COACH - Dave Stenhouse

ASSISTANT COACH - Matty James

PLAYERS

Andrew Adams	Dave Brydon
Kane Davidson	Adam Diamond
Tom Ellis	Andrew Gribbin
Tim Hoskins	Mitch Jackson
Dean Jones	Karl McKay
Kyle McLean	Aron O'Mara
Tom Oxley	Max Paetz
Dale Ravesi	

SCORER

Di Adams

UNDER 16'B'

RUNNERS - UP

Well, here we are again at the end of another winter baseball season. We started off the season with a win, and ended up only losing one game during the home & away season, making it to the grand final and unfortunately losing it. We went from strength to strength, improving each week. The players all became great mates and that was shown in the way they played on the diamond. The team put in 95% in all games and were a great bunch of players to coach. They played as a team, there was no individuals.

Thank you to all the parents for transporting the players to and from the games and training.

Thank you to Jackie Edgar and Jeanette Holland for helping Katrina with scoring when my little baseballer was born "JADE".

GOOD LUCK IN THE FUTURE

COACH - David Johnson

PLAYERS

Tim O'Neill	Sean Gabb
Jason Chit	Black Cunningham
Justin D'Rozario	Michael Saxton
Lauren Olsen	Trent Vanderheiden
David Edgar	Brad Heenan
Stuart Holland	Russell Ferguson
Sam Osbourne	Sean Ulbrick

SCORERS

Katrina O'Neill, Jackie Edgar & Jeanette Holland

UNDER 14'A'

FINALISTS

The U14 A team put together a solid season, improving each week and winning their last three games (including a demolition of the eventual premiers) to gain a spot in the finals. It was a fantastic effort for a side which will only have two players move on to U16's next season, it was also a great team effort with all the players contributing and a fine spirit developed among the guys.

Mike Rizzi did a great job as our starting pitcher through the season and also provided the power in the clean up role; Luke Parsons had an outstanding season behind the mask until the semi final when he very nearly pitched the winning game. Jimbob Upfill worked well all season as reliever and utility also taking a couple of good outfield catches in the semi. Pat Liston and Geoff Holland added some strength and versatility to the team with their occasional omissions due to their commitment to the Japanese tour side. Will Osbourne again played brilliantly at third base, with his attack on the ball and clean hands he made plays all season that no one else in the competition could make? Will Felsenthal and Tom Fitzgerald although still coming to terms with U14 defence, provided plenty of drive with the bat, Toms batting average of .381 was outstanding and Will batted just under .300 and had an on base average of .643. New comer James Brake was on base .600 and his attitude to his team mates and general demeanour should be the example that all should follow, well done James! Andrew Rizzi although still U12 proved the 'size of the fight in the dog' theory, Andrew batted .375 and led the teams on base averages with an incredible .813.

I would like to congratulate all the players for a wonderful year, and who knows what we could have achieved if Will Osbourne's hit in the Semi, with the score at 4-5 in the last innings had been just a yard wide of the fielder.

Thanks to Janine Rizzi our scorer and the good natured support of the parents.

COACH - Collin Upfill

PLAYERS

James Upfill	Michael Rizzi
Luke Parsons	Tom Fitzgerald
William Felsenthal	James Brake
William Osbourne	Geoffrey Holland
Patrick Liston	Andrew Rizzi
Peter Rizzi	

SCORER

Janine Rizzi

UNDER 14'B'

RUNNERS - UP

The season started with a bang. The boys jelled together really well, winning the first few easily. Something went wrong through the middle part of the season dropping a few games we really should have won. The boys pulled together and went through to the finals finishing second at the end of the season. The semi final came and went very quickly for the boys winning it very easily. A very good team effort in the batting box but unfortunately this didn't follow through to the grand final and we were beaten on the day only having 2 hits for the day. Even though the boys finished the year in a bad way I hope they all learnt a lot and had a heap of fun.

There are a few people I need to thank the first is Vicki with out her I couldn't have coached this season, she drove me to the games, training and even umpired when I didn't have one. Also to Al for the time he put in with the pitchers and also driving me to and from training. THANKS HEAPS GUYS!!!!

To the boys thank you for the season well done and good luck in your future baseball.

COACH - Pat O'Neill

PLAYERS

Nick Russell	Trent Wonnacott
Nathan Aron	Shane Middleton
John Blaskett	Trent Davidson
Luke Ravesi	Michael Olsen
Ben Cooen	Tim Price

SCORER

Vicki Middleton

UNDER 12'A'

FINALISTS

Brett and myself went into the season unsure what to expect as most of the kids we coached last year moved up into the under 14's. The first few games were pretty much experimental as we didn't know who could do what but as we progressed on and got to know the kids better we knew who to play where. We were unlucky to draw three games during the regular season but the kids kept fighting hard and made it into the finals but sadly lost to Bonbeach in the Prelim after a fantastic Semi. The kids showed so much talent through-out the season and they only got better as it went on. The way they are going they are all going to make great baseball players. We would finally like to thank all the parents for bringing the kids down to training and the games and for helping out when they could, it was much appreciated.

WELL DONE KIDS !!!!! :-)

COACHES - David Olsen & Brett Dickson

PLAYERS

Stuart Biggar	Tom Cotter
Adam Katz	Dale King
Daniel Lapa	Mathew Harvey
Dean Cooper	Dylan Lee
Jake Wonnacott	Adam Burnett

SCORER

Marchella Lapa

UNDER 12'B'

This season saw the Cheltenham Baseball Club field two U12 teams; I was fortunate enough to coach one of these sides being Cheltenham B. Our team was made up of a cross section of players, some of whom had never played before and others who had been developed through our T-Ball program. The emphasis of our season was placed on participation and enjoyment while learning the basics of how to play baseball. Initially we practiced many drills and techniques to ensure a sound grounding, mainly in throwing and catching. Running techniques and general baseball knowledge were also core parts of training during the week and prior to games. The results were pleasing with all players continuing to improve on a personal level whilst we were moulding into a happy team that enjoyed playing ball. All of our players were given opportunities to play the positions they wanted to, as we know everybody wants to be a pitcher, so everybody was given a chance. Some walked away with a new appreciation of how difficult pitching could be the pleasing thing however was the encouragement and support offered to everybody who had a go by their team mates. Our batting approach all year was to swing the bat and be aggressive; some players were initially reluctant to embrace this approach seeing the value of drawing a walk from the opposition. Eventually we were unable to recapture our early season form late in the year and just missed out on a finals berth. Our aim however so that they feel confident about themselves and respect their team-mates in a competitive environment. It was an absolute pleasure to coach this team, their improvement was solid, but the manner in which they conducted themselves whether being in a winning or losing position was what made me particularly proud. It would be remiss of me not to thank the parents for their unqualified support throughout the season. In particular my assistant coach David Maxwell, umpire David Barwick. Scorers Marybeth Maxwell and Dean Felsenthal and not forgetting my chauffer Allison Yeomans. I look forward to seeing you all back next season.

COACH - Brad Lark

PLAYERS

Oliver Oxley	Jayden Barwick
Tom Stone	Matthew Felsenthal
Oliver Yeomans	James Murray
Tyler Dale	Shelby Henning
Nick Fitzgerald	Michael Horsefield
Scott Maxwell	Harrison Reed

SCORERS

Marybeth Maxwell & Dean Felsenthal

T-BALL

RUNNERS-UP

Firstly I would like to thank all the players and parents for their support and effort for the year. Special thank-you to my scorer Pauline who did a wonderful job and when she wasn't scoring she was running the canteen at Cheltenham. Sue & Tony Cevac for their invaluable assistance and base coaching.

The side I believe improved during the season even though we lost the grand final. I think the season was successful. At Cheltenham we teach the kids how to play baseball properly and as such we don't teach the kids to roll the ball to first base as it doesn't help their throwing or catching skills.

I hope to catch you all in the upcoming season.

COACH - Bruce Fitzgerald

PLAYERS

Justin Aron
James Felsenthal
Christopher Greenwood
Dylan O'Meara
Hannah Stone
Henry Quennel

Chase Cevac
Emily Fitzgerald
Matthew Lindsay
Brandon Stenhouse
Benjamin Landt

SCORER

Pauline Stenhouse

Cheltenham Baseball Club

JUNIOR TROPHY WINNERS 2003

UNDER 16A

MVP -

Batting Ave -

Coaches Award -

Grand Slam -

Tom Ellis

Tom Oxley

Andrew Gribbin

Tom Ellis

UNDER 16B

MVP -

Batting Ave -

Most Improved -

Russell Ferguson

Stuart Holland

David Edgar

Sean Ulbrick

UNDER 14A

MVP -

Batting Ave -

Coaches Award -

Luke Parsons

Michael Rizzi

Will Osbourne

UNDER 14B

MVP -

Batting Ave -

Most Improved -

Shane Middleton

Nick Rossell

Michael Olsen

Ben Coen

UNDER 12A

MVP -

Batting Ave -

Most Improved -

Adam Katz

Dale King

Dylan Lee

UNDER 12B

MVP -

Batting Ave -

Tyler Dale

Matthew Felsenthal