

Senior Presentation Night

2007

'A' Blue Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	At Bats	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>	
Andrew Adams	5	20	6	0.300	
John Blaskett	7	29	12	0.414	
David Clarkson	8	32	18	0.563	
Jason Cousins	11	39	8	0.205	
Blake Cunningham	11	11	4	0.364	
Kane Davidson	3	11	2	0.182	
Andrew Dewar	9	15	3	0.200	
Tony Dinnie	15	55	9	0.164	
Russell Ferguson	17	63	16	0.254	
Kable Hogben	5	1	0	0.000	
Armen Kouchakdjian	8	47	12	0.255	
Karl McKay	10	40	9	0.225	
Anthony Reinke	13	54	22	0.407	
Andrew Russell	13	56	21	0.375	
Rick Wheeler	14	57	16	0.281	
Daniel Williams	14	56	19	0.339	
Matt Coppens	2	7	1	0.143	
Justin D'Rozario	1	4	1	0.250	
Matt Gourlay	1	0	0	0.000	
Geoff Holland	1	2	0	0.000	

Award recipient must have a minimum of 45 at bats or played 1 game more than half the season (9)

'A' White Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	At Bats	<u>Hits</u>	Average
ANDREW ADAMS	8	33	8	0.242
NATHAN ARON	10	29	5	0.172
JOHN BLASKETT	1	5	2	0.400
STEVE BABIDGE	1	0	0	0.000
DEAN CARLSON	2	6	0	0.000
TONY CEVEC	16	60	14	0.233
MATT COPPENS	12	38	9	0.237
BLAKE CUNNINGHAM	5	5	1	0.200
KANE DAVIDSON	13	39	7	0.179
JUSTIN D'ROZARIO	12	40	13	0.325
BEN FORD	5	17	1	0.059
SEAN GABB	12	30	5	0.167
JARROD HALL	15	43	11	0.256
KABLE HOGBEN	2	4	1	0.250
KARL MACKAY	5	14	5	0.357
TIM O'NEILL	14	42	4	0.000
DALE RAVESI	15	7	0	0.000
MICHAEL RIZZI	13	33	7	0.212
NICK ROSSELL	4	5	0	0.000
DYLAN TREVORAH	12	36	5	0.139
DAN WILLIAMS	1	0	0	0.000

Award Recipients must have a minimum of 45 at bats or played 1 game more than half the season (9)

### 'A'res BLUE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Round	R1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	R 6	R 7	R 8	R 9	R 10	R 11	R 12	R 13	R 14	R 15	R 16	R 17	
<u>verses</u>	Dand	Mon	Fran	Berw	Ding	Chelt	Bon	Dand	Mon	Fran	Berw	Ding	Chelt	Bon	Dand	Mon	Fran	
<u>Player</u>	Н	Α	Н	Α	Н	Н	Α	Α	Н	Α	Н	Α	Α	Н	Н	Α	H	Total
Brett Dickson				3	1			1	3				1					9
Adrian Fielden												1				1		2
Matt Gourlay					2						3							5
Stephen Gourlay														3		2	2	7
Geoff Holland							2		2					1				5
Stuart Holland	2	3		1	3	2												11
Brett Kavanagh		2				3				1					1			7
Steven Kavanagh	3						1	3			2				3			12
Elliott Macquire										2							1	3
David Olsen																		0
Michael Olsen																		0
Glenn Sanders	1	1	3	2			3	2			1			2				15
Mark Scammell			1						1	3		2	2		2	3		14
Daniel Ward-Bourton			2			1						3	3				3	12
							AW.	ARD	REC	CIPIE	NTS							
M.V.P			Gleni	n Sand	ders 1	15 vote	s											
BATTING AVERA	AGE		Mark	Scam	mell	0.500	ave											
FEILDING AWAR	RD		Brett	Brett Kavanagh 1.000														
GRAND SLAMS			Nil															
SHUT OUTS Nil																		

'A' res White Batting Averages

Players Players	Games	At Bats	Hits	Average
<u>l layers</u>	<u> </u>	At Dats	11113	Average
Nicholas Beau-May	10	41	16	0.390
Peter Burdett	1	5	2	0.400
Trevor Clemens	1	1	0	0.000
Ron Carothers	4	9	2	0.222
Matt Felsenthal	1	1	0	0.000
Will Felsenthal	1	2	0	0.000
Tom Fitzgerald	9	36	5	0.139
Sean Gabb	2	8	4	0.500
Jarrod Hall	1	2	0	0.000
Laurie Hall	1	4	2	0.500
Brad Heenan	8	18	7	0.389
Brad Lark	13	38	11	0.289
Rick Milsom	1	3	2	0.667
Tim O'Neill	2	6	2	0.333
Will Osborne	13	39	17	0.436
Dale Ravesi	2	8	1	0.125
Andrew Rizzi	4	14	8	0.571
Michael Rizzi	5	10	4	0.400
Peter Rizzi	2	6	1	0.167
Darren Smith	5	19	5	0.263
Matt Stewart	1	4	1	0.250
Nick Rossell	13	51	18	0.353
Marko Tossavainen	15	51	20	0.392
Mika Tossavainen	14	48	23	0.479
Dylan Trevorah	4	15	8	0.533
Joe Trucchio	2	8	4	0.500
Colin Upfill	2	8	4	0.500
James Upfill	7	13	2	0.154

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### **'B' Grade Batting Averages**

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<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	At Bats	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>	
Peter Burdett	14	58	18	0.310	
Matthew Carlile	5	18	3	0.167	
Michael Cook	8	31	12	0.387	
Trent Davidson	15	43	3	0.070	
Tom Fitzgerald	7	21	2	0.095	
Chris Hook	13	46	16	0.348	
David Johnson	14	60	24	0.400	
Paul Kilburn	11	32	8	0.250	
Bryce Marshall	15	70	32	0.457	
Rick Milsom	10	35	8	0.229	
David Olsen	6	14	3	0.214	
Lauren Olsen	4	11	2	0.182	
Michael Olsen	5	10	1	0.100	
Patrick O'Neill	6	24	8	0.333	
Tim O'Neill	2	11	6	0.545	
David Stenhouse	1	2	0	0.000	
Sam Street	2	3	0	0.000	
James Upfil	1	1	0	0.000	
Nathan Aron	1	6	3	0.500	
James Brake	1	1	1	1.000	
Matt Felsenthal	1	1	0	0.000	
Will Felsenthal	2	1	1	1.000	
Adrien Fielden	3	8	4	0.500	
Sean Gabb	1	3	1	0.333	
Elliot McQuire	1	2	0	0.000	
Will Osborne	1	2	0	0.000	

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#### **'D'-Grade MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Round	R 1	R 2	R 3	R /	R 5	R 6	R 7	R 8	Rα	R 10	R 11	R 12	R 13	R 1/	R 15	R 16	R 17	R 18	
verses									Car/D										
Player	A	Н	Н	A	Н	л. i.g, с А	.эg, <b>г</b> Н	А	Н	A	Н	Н	Н	Н	A	A	A		Total
James Brake	/\				''	/ \		/ \	1	/ \		1			/ \	1			3
Peter Burnett		2		1	2	3	3				w	•							11
John Carlile				-							Α			3	3				6
Matthew Carlile											S								0
Ben Cooen											Н				2	3			5
Peter Cooen											0						1		1
Elliot Connell											U	2					2		4
Michael Cook					3	1					Т								4
Steve Cramp				2		2													4
Noel Davidson					1														1
Steve Earle							2	2			W		1						5
Matthew Felsenthal											Α								0
Bruce Fitzgerald		3	3	3			1	3		3	S		2				3		21
David Hewitson									2		Н								2
Brad Lark								1			0								1
Brendan O'Leary	2		1								U		3						6
Max Palmer											Т								0
Joe Reilly			2						3	2		3		2	1	2			15
Andrew Rizzi	1																		1
Steve Smith		1								1				1					3
Colin Upfill	3																		3
							AWA	٩RD	REC	IPIE	NTS								
M.V.P Bruce Fitzger				erald	21 vc	otes													
BATTING AVERAGE Jo				Reilly	0.458	ave													
COACHE'S AWARD James Brake																			
GRAND SLAMS			Joe R	Reilly I	Rd 12	14/07	/07 ve	rses E	Boneo	Red									
SHUT OUTS			Nil																

**WOMEN'S Batting Averages** 

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	At Bats	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Glenys Bartlett	1	3	0	0.000
Kylie Bartlett	11	26	8	0.308
Fiona Baxter	8	20	4	0.200
Natilie Carter	1	3	1	0.333
Joanne Dawes	11	20	1	0.050
Terri Landt	11	26	11	0.423
Beth Macleod	5	9	1	0.111
Jenny Macleod	11	29	10	0.345
Kate McCartney	3	7	4	0.571
Kim Nell	5	10	2	0.200
Dana Seedeen	9	22	6	0.273
Jess Rochow	10	24	5	0.208
Jacinta Wells	6	16	7	0.438
Jessie	1	1	0	0.000

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## <u>Presidents Report – 2007</u>

#### **Seniors & Juniors**

This year was a testing year for the club. Believe me it's hard to keep an A Grade club like ours up there year after year, "but this year two A Grades". At the start of the year we were in two minds whether to proceed with the two A Grade sides or not, as an A Grade club we did the right thing by our standards and our junior guns, we went forth, with I add outstanding results. I had the chance to talk one on one with the kids (young men) throughout the season who were playing the second A Grade side, all were in favour of the second side as now they were playing with a challenge in their game each week, by playing against some, let's say crafty players who know the game. With Trevor Hoggy (see Trev I can spell it mate) at the helm, and TC as his assistant, a great outcome not only for Winter but Summer as well, for now these guys will be set up for the Summer season ready to go.

I would like to thank personally Dave Clarkson who does a great job at the club, as we all know cold and restrictive situations, the invitation goes out to Dave again for next year to take up the challenge once again, and I hope with the two A Grade sides, with Trev taking on the other. I also need to thank the two B Grade sides who put their hands up to move to A reserves, with both having huge success.

To our committee, we had some people once again who didn't do a real lot, but had lots to say. We as a club can only grow when people are fair dinkum and put up their hand because they would like to see the club grow as a whole, this can only happen when the committee work as a committee. On this I would thank those committee people who made the club run this year, as you all did many jobs around the club that did not go unnoticed, each of you deserve a sincere pat on the back, handshake for the boys and kiss for the girls', Janette Holland, Connie Upfill, Sue Felsenthal, Brett Dickson, Brett Kavanagh, Trevor Clemens, Mika Tossavainen, Steve Kavanagh, Glen Sanders.

To our uniforms guru, Marcella Lapa and helper Andrea Osborne a great job again this year, took it in hand and we the committee did not have to once worry about it.

To our juniors, and a huge thanks to our Junior Coordinator "Sue" another power house performance. At the start of the season the committee decided this year to make all sides level as possible, with Under 16's finishing 3rd and 4th, U16 White going on to the grand final, losing by one run, to Daniel and Cuppy a great job to both of you. Under 14's finishing 1st and 2nd, with the U14 White going to the grand final and winning 12-0, to Ronnie and Tony Cevec well done guys, a credit to Tony who did so well this year, not only in coaching but maturing into a ripper guy, it's a great thing when you can call on a guy like Tony, not to hear one complaint out of him or his team, he just took the roll on and went with it, a great performance to you Tony. Our young Under 12 boys finishing 2nd, 3rd and 4th went down by 1 run in a very close grand final. To Peter and Ricky thanks for you efforts with the kids, as a club we will promote our juniors to a level that exceeds others around, this is our job as a community club, let them play catch up to us and hopefully this sets a great standard for the game and in the future of our kids giving them every chance in a life of baseball.

Special thanks to those of you who have done work around the club, Pauline Stenhouse, John Olsen, Dave Johnson, Geoffrey Holland, James Upfill, Janine, Peter and Andrew Rizzi, Brad Lark, to all those who helped with the bottom diamond bench mainly Hoggy, TC and Johnno. To all those who took on the paid jobs our Barman Brad Heenan, Groundsman Michael Rizzi. Our senior coaches Dave Clarkson, Trevor Hogben, Brad Lark, Steve Kavanagh, Dave Johnson, Johnny Carlile and Steve Earle well done hope to see you all in coaching rolls next year.

Our club would be struggling without our scorers, umpires and club supporters great to have people like you around the club who put up their hand when help is needed.

Having been at the club a long time now, I would just like to say how many great feelings and vibes are around the club as a whole for the Winter and Summer, we can put this down to the two committees who work tirelessly around the club day in day out. Winter would like to give the Summer every backing and best wishes for the up coming 1st Division season. Go Chelt.

In closing I would like to thank my family Pauline, Brandon and Matty, without the understanding support from all of you in sometimes very difficult times and also trying to run a demanding business, I would not be able to do the President's job which I do love doing, so there's the hint honey, is it ok if I do it next year? Love to you all.

Have a great Summer and be safe see you in the mix.

Yours in Baseball

Dave Stenhouse - President

## **Cheltenham Baseball Club**

#### LIFE MEMBERS

#### **PRAHRAN**

#### **CHELTENHAM**

1934	L.E. Cheong *	1962	E.Ē. Knorr *
1936	T. Greenwood *	1963	J.R. Trevorah *
1937	C. Boulton *	1964	Mrs. M. Knorr
1939	J. Lowe *	1966	T.G. (Frank) Babidge Snr *
1940	M. Simpson *	1968	J.E. Upfìll
1940	H. Raphael *	1971	A.H. Burdett
1946	J. Middleton *	1981	K.H. Roberts
1947	J.W. Ferguson *	1982	P.C. (Frank) Babidge Jnr *
1948	R. Chapman	1983	J.R. Ferguson
1949	J. Phillips *	1984	A.M. Tanner
1950	G. Tamblyn *	1984	S.J. Hogben *
1951	L. Collins *	1985	M.J.P. Trevorah
1951	C. Chapman *	1986	P.A. Ferguson
1951	R. Grime	1987	Mrs. B. (Joy) Roberts
1951 /	J. Coulson *	1990	S. Jamieson
1954	M. Adams	1992	P.A. Stanford
1954	L. Snare *	1992	S.T. Hogben
1955	J. Scott	1992	L.J.P. Hall
1957	W. Anderson	1993	Mrs. M.E. Phillips
1957	J. Wadsworth	1994	K.K. Williams
1961	B. Bedwell	1996	C.J. Anderson
1961	C. Hyland	2000	C.T. Upfill
1961	W.C. Wale	2001	S.J. Babidge
1961	J.E. Beitzell *	2002	B.A. Fitzgerald
1963	G. Lockhart	2006	A.J. Bailey
1966	P. Boulton	2006	Mrs V.E. Bailey
1967	H. Fowler *	2006	J.P. Carlile
1968	R. Skinner *	2006	T.W. Clemens
1970	G.B. Ainscough	2006	B.R. Lark
1971	P.R. Finney	2006	D.A. Stenhouse

**TOTAL: 60** 

1973 – PRAHRAN & CHELTENHAM MERGED TO BECOME CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB

# Club Coach's Report 2007

Wow, what a season.

This year, with the club entering two A Grades, two A Reserve, B, C and D Grade we all new it was going to be tough.

I thought it to be a great initiative by the club because it gave players a chance to play a higher levels of baseball all the way through.

It didn't take long to see that this decision was to be the right one. It was the first A Grade game for Cheltenham White, with all the young guns lining up to do battle against the veterans of Berwick. To see the young fella's not only compete but to go on and win was a very pleasing sight. This also forced B & C grade players from last year into higher grades, although it did leave us a bit light on in C & D grade. Even still, I am sure it was a very positive decision and I commend the club in taking this stance.

Put simply, if other clubs are not prepared to get off their arse to make the D.B.A. a better competition Cheltenham has!!!!!!

My thanks go to the following people, Trevor Hogben for his thankless task as Chairman of Selectors. Every Thursday night, team selection was hard enough but to then go home put it down on spreadsheet and e-mail it so everyone had it on their hot little computers the next day.

Meg Clarkson and her stand in Jodie Williams for their presence, scoring and stats each weekend.

Daniel Williams, Russell Ferguson and Mathew Gourlay for helping out when I was unfortunate to make trainings.

I must thank the coaches of all teams. It is very tough when you are trying to dig up players 10 minutes before game time! Thank you all for your time, effort and patience during the season.

To David Stenhouse, thank you for your support during the year. Without you, I do not know where the Cheltenham Winter Baseball Club would be. You deserve a lot of the credit for the success that the club has and will continue to have.

In summing up, I would like to thank everyone involved at Cheltenham Winter Baseball Club for helping make my job easier and with fingers crossed, hope we bring home plenty of flags this year.

Thank you all again

**David Clarkson** Head Coach 2007

## **Cheltenham Baseball Club**

#### **WINTER COMMITTEE 2007**

PRESIDENT David Stenhouse

VICE PRESIDENT Mika Tossavainen

**SECRETARY** Trevor Clemens

TREASURER Janette Holland

COMMITTEE

Junior Coordinator Sue Felsenthal

Sponsorship David Stenhouse

Equipment Manager Mika Tossavainen

Newsletter & Website Sue Felsenthal

Ordinary Members Brett Dickson

Pedro Enciondo Steve Gourlay Brett Kavanagh Steve Kavanagh Glenn Sanders

Karen Tossavainen Connie Upfil Dan Williams

GROUNDS MANAGER Tony Cevec

BAR MANAGER Brad Heenan

UNIFORMS Marchella Lapa

CLUB COACH David Clarkson

CANTEEN MANAGERS

Janette Holland
Connie Upfil

## **TEAM COACHES & SCORERS WINTER 2007**

COACH

SCORER

'A' GRADE blue

Dave Clarkson

Meg Clarkson Jodie Williams

'A' GRADE white

Trevor Hogben

Trevor Clemens (1st Base)

Janine Rizzi

'A' RESERVE blue

Steve Kavanagh

Janette Holland

'A' RESERVE white

Brad Lark

Janine Rizzi

'B' GRADE

David Johnson

Katrina O'Neill

Nick Fitzgerald

Sam O'Halloran

Janine Rizzi

Jeff Long

Ken Clark

'C' GRADE

**David Stenhouse** 

Pauline Stenhouse, Gaby Taranto, Sue Felsenthal, Dean Felsenthal, Rae Brooks & Neta Light

'D' GRADE

John Carlile

**WOMENS** 

Terri Landt

**UNDER 16'White** 

Dan Williams

UNDER 16'Blue

Colin Upfill

**UNDER 14'White** 

Ron Carothers

Assist – Steve Campitelli

**UNDER 14'Blue** 

Tony Cevec

Assist - Noel Davidson

**UNDER 12'White** 

David Stenhouse

Assist - Phil Taranto

**UNDER 12'Blue** 

Ricky Wheeler

Assist - Geoff Holland

Sue Cevec

Kathy Whiteside & Sue Palmer

Gabriela Taranto, Pauline Stenhouse,

Scott Cunningham & Robyn Tuki-Jones

**UNDER 12'Black** 

Peter Leslie

Claire Pierce

## Cheltenham Baseball Club

## PAST & PRESENT: WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<u>DATE</u>	PRESIDENT	<u>V/PRESIDENT</u>	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CLUB COACH
1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989	Kel Roberts Kel Roberts Paul Stanford Paul Stanford Paul Stanford Steve Bott Steve Bott Sam Jamieson Sam Jamieson Sam Jamieson Dirk Bevan Dirk Bevan	Mark Johnson Kel Roberts Dirk Bevan Dirk Bevan Gina Peterson Greg Wheeler Peter Burnett	J. Landry Steve Bott Trevor Hogben Daryl Roulston Ross Ginns Trevor Hogben Trevor Hogben Simon Edgeworth Sam Jamieson Jenny Babidge Jenny Babidge Jenny Babidge Barbara Holman	Chris Peacock Chris Peacock Sam Jamieson Sam Jamieson Dirk Bevan R. Knevitt Jenny Babidge Jenny Babidge Mark Johnson Mark Johnson Mark Johnson Russell Ingram	Steve Bott Steve Bott Steve Bott Steve Bott Steve Bott Trevor Hogben Dave Kettle Dave Kettle Trevor Hogben Trevor Hogben Garry Hicks David Clarkson
1990	Dirk Bevan	Olivia Reid	Barbara Holman	Russell Ingram	Dan 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		Terri 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 Oborne	Myles Barnden
2003	Colin Upfill	Colin Basham	Trevor Clemens	Russell Oborne	David Clarkson
2004	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Steven Kavangh	David Clarkson
2005	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Pauline Stenhouse	David Clarkson
2006	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Janette Holland	David Clarkson

2007 David Stenhouse Mika Tossavainen Trevor Clemens Janette Holland David Clarkson

## Cheltenham Baseball Club

#### WINTER PREMIERSHIPS

**Competition Start / Finish** 

1932/ 'A' GRADE 1958, 59, 60, 65, 67, 68, 71, 73, 87, 89, 2001, 02, 04, 05, 06

1983/1987 1996 / 'A' RESERVE 1987, 2000, 01, 02, 05, 07

1950/ <u>'B' GRADE</u> 1960, 61, 65, 71, 76, 78, 89, 93, 05, 06

1959/1979 1988 / 'C' GRADE 1975, 76, 90, 91, 92, 96, 97, 2001

1980/1984 <u>'C' NORTH</u> 80, 82

1980/1984 'C' SOUTH

1985/1987 <u>C' 1</u> 87

1985/1987 **'C' 2** 

1988/ <u>'D' GRADE</u> 1989, 99, 2000, 01, 03, 05

1992/2004 <u>E' GRADE</u> 1995, 99, 2000, 01, 02

1995/ WOMENS 1996, 98

1989/1998 UNDER 18'S 1990, 95, 97

1969/1969 1972/1988 **UNDER 17'S** 1969, 73, 76

1989/ <u>UNDER 16'S</u> 1995, 96, 98, 2000, 01, 03, 04, 05

1962/1988 UNDER 15'S 1966

1989/ UNDER 14'S Centre: 1992, 93, 94, 95, 99, 07

Association: 1992, 99, 2004, 07

1971/1988 UNDER 13'S 1982, 88

1989/ UNDER 12'S Centre: 1992, 93, 94, 95, 99

Association: 1992, 94, 2001, 05

1990/1995 1997/2004 T-BALL 1990, 91, 92, 96, 97, 2000, 04

## 'A' Blue Report 2007

Editors note

#### **RUNNERS - UP**

It was a different type of year for A Grade Blue this year.

With the loss of Darryn Cassidy to Monash University, it gave the chance to a number of young pitchers at Cheltenham to prove themselves. Stepping up first was the newly signed professional in Kable Hogben. Kable threw some great games for us and when he departed for the baseball academy, had racked up a 3-1 win/loss ratio.

This is where the season went a little pear shaped with us losing the next 4 games.

Up next stepped Blake Cunningham, who delighted both coach and fellow players. It enabled everyone to relax a bit more and it showed in our results putting together a run of eight wins in a row to get us back on track.

In the hitting department we didn't have too many players to hit over the .300 mark. This tells you that we were a solid team who did the little things that was needed to win games.

Overall, we gave opportunities to younger members of the Cheltenham Club a chance to play A Blue this year and the club as a whole would not be disappointed with the way they handled themselves.

I again would like to thank my scorers, Meg Clarkson and Jodie Williams for their efforts in turning up and scoring for A Grade Blue each weekend.

In finishing, I must thank all the players who represented A Grade Blue this year, and I am sure you had a laugh and also learnt a little, while playing this great game.

Now for the finals and another premiership.

'A' Blue Coach/Manager

David Clarkson.



## 'A' White Report 2007

This season our club took the bold step of running 2 'A' Grade teams. We have over the last few years been unable to give more game time to our younger players at the top level in the DBA.

I am sure you are all aware that we have won the last 3 'A' Grade flags. Due mainly to our coach, Dave Clarkson and the quality players that a coach like Dave attracts to the winter comp from both within and outside our club.

I believe that we had a very successful season. Not only did we win 5 games though out the season, but we gave all teams a good run. If we had had a 2<sup>nd</sup> pitcher in the middle part of the season we could quite easily have won more games. But I don't think that success can be measured only on our win – lose record. The way the guys played all season and played the games out to the end showed a lot of maturity for a young side.

I hope the younger players learnt a lot about playing baseball at not only a senior level but at a high standard and they can take that experience with them for the rest of their baseball careers.

Special mention to **Dale Ravesi**, who pitched well every week, while Dale was pitching there weren't too many games we weren't in. **Blake Cunningham** who pitched well early in the year and got promoted to Dave's 'A' Grade side. **Justin D'Rozario's** batting and solid defence. Even though most games he had played U/18 footy before hand. **Jarrod Hall's** play at short stop, **Kane Davidson's** glove work and control of the game from behind the dish, and to all 21 players who took to the diamond this season and really put in.

Thanks to **TC** for being my assistant coach, always easier to manage a side with a competent assistant, **Janine Rizzi** for scoring and **Janine & Robyn Hogben** for doing the stats. Just another one of the extra jobs that has to be done in 'A' Grade. And finally to all the parents and supporters who came to our games and really cheered and supported our young A Grade players.

**Trevor Hogben** 

Coach/Manager 'A' White 2007

# 'A' Reserves Blue Report 2007

#### **PREMIERS**

A number of changes have occurred for this team since last season, in what was supposed to be a season in which we played 'B' grade, as with all teams below us we were moved up a grade, for this it meant that we were playing 'A' reserves. A number of new recruits and a defection (Mika) from our usual line up saw us in

As always with this team there was lots of fun, lots of errors and of course lots of arguments between each other... Highlights including Dan's "I'm not F&#ING scoring" incident against Monash, the "On the field I'm the F%#ING coach" incident and as always the love we could feel week in week out between the two Holland Boys, not to mention the numerous on field warnings...

Our second game in the reserves saw us playing the premiers from the year before Frankston, and we pushed them every inch of the way, and went down 6 - 5 in a game which showed that we had what it took to play up in this division... With the team only losing 4 more games for the season and finishing in third place.

The best thing for some of us this season was that we got to play the team that beat us in our grand final last year, Larky's Chelt White side... As always there was a lot of feistiness in our encounters and to our boys credit we demolished them in both of our games with highlights being **Brett Kavanagh's** only home run in about 5 years off of Michael Rizzi, a 13 run victory, and a lot of good old fashioned sledging, with a big thanks to **Brad Heenan** who provided so much fodder for us to achieve this... Thanks boys was a lot of fun...

To our team I'd like to say thanks for what so far has been a great season, and hope that we can put a few more wins together and take out the flag...

A big big thanks to **Janette Holland** for being our scorer week in week out, as always a fantastic job which is really greatly appreciated...

#### Steve Kavanagh

Coach/Manager 'A' Reserves Blue 2007

# 'A' Reserves White Report 2007

Editors Note

#### **RUNNERS - UP**

I sit typing this seasons report secure in the knowledge that no matter which way the result goes in this week's grand final, a Cheltenham premiership is assured. This is an outstanding result and is vindication of the policy that the club took in entering two A and A reserve sides in this season's competition.

On a team level, our side has produced some fantastic baseball. Struggling mid season and in danger of missing the finals, consistent training and a harder approach from our younger players began to pay dividends. Previously, lapses in concentration had resulted in sides scoring heavily against us in one or two innings, we had to eliminate this flaw from our game if we were to be competitive, let alone play finals ball. To the teams credit our final 6 weeks were outstanding. Players such as Will Osborne and Nick Rossell led from the front, giving tougher hands in the batting box and Suring up their defense. The introduction of Tom Fitzgerald and Andrew Rizzi due to an injury to James Upfil further stretched the experience of the side. To these two players credit, they have taken the opportunity with both hands and produced some great form, both instrumental in our finals win over the previously undefeated Frankston. With the young players performing well, Mika, Marco, Beau and Brad Heenan, continued to contribute in a fine manner. The thing that you know with these four players is that you are going to get consistent efforts. Beau has been as solid and tough as always behind the dish, his late season hitting a highlight that seemed to set the tone for the rest of the side. Mika took the prized position of hitting four and playing first base and has not had a bad game. He has hit home runs, defended magnificently while giving the young infield the confidence to play in a relatively aggressive manner. Marco and Brad have held our pitching together. Our options in this area were somewhat limited and both of them have done an outstanding job. Marco unlucky not to have two shutouts in the final two games of the home and away fixture. Brad has always had the ability and smarts to tie down most sides and undoubtedly the highlight of his year to date was his effort in the final against Frankston. His performance early in the game set up the victory. The lowlight of the year was the serious knee injury to James Upfil. It came at time where I felt that he was beginning to play well at this level. It is an indication of James's character that he became the team scorer and was able to return last week for the first final against Frankston.

I would like to thank Dave Clarkson and Trevor Hogben for their help and support this season. At times getting nine players on the field was a struggle but in the end we got their and are playing off in a grand final. To Dave and his committee, thanks once again for running the club in an exciting and professional manner. The decision to place our young talent in higher grades has and will continue to pay dividends for both sections of the club. Our games would always follow Trevor and Trevor's A Grade side and undoubtedly the likes of Ravesi, Rizzi, Gabb, Hall, Trevorah, Cevic and Davidson have benefited from being challenged.

To Janine Rizzi, thanks for scoring for us, generally on short notice. Never one complaint. Also a special thanks to our canteen volunteers, those long hours on cold days cant 'be much fun, your efforts are very much appreciated.

Congratulations to all trophy and premiership winners. Another magnificent winter season is over. See you all next year.

Larky.

Coach/Manager 'A' Reserves White 2007

## **'B' Grade Report 2007**

Editors Note

#### **RUNNERS - UP**

We started off the season as a C-Grade team but it didn't last long. The next week we were put up to B Grade and all of a sudden we were playing 5 teams that were the club's A Grade team. It was hard but we managed to stay on top, finishing first on the B Grade ladder.

We had a great start to the season, winning most games and having lots of fun, BUT all of a sudden we lost our coach and main pitcher to Camp America. After round 6 we no longer had a pitcher or a coach, stupidly I took over as coach and **Bryce Marshall** stepped up to number one pitcher, but unfortunately he injured his shoulder.

**Trent Davidson** had been an excellent relief pitcher but then was forced to be a starter pitcher. As the season wore on Trent matured as a pitcher and gave us everything he had. Despite all requests, sadly the selection committee didn't back him or the B Grade team and give us another capable pitcher. We understand there was a shortness of pitchers but too much was put on an U18 player's shoulders to carry the pitching load!!!

Too summarise the season, I firmly believe we deserved to finish on top; we have batted well as a team throughout the season. Earlier on in the season we won some extra inning games, coming from the behind in the 9<sup>th</sup> to equalize, then go on and win.

Congratulations to **Pat** for pitching 9, 10, 11 innings games. This season we welcomed **Killer** after 14 years and it showed at first but he steadily improved. He was an asset and excellent motivator, thanks Killer. **Michael Cook** hit his first ever home run and then notched up 2 more in another game.

Later in the season we were lucky enough to get **Matthew Carlile** to come up to our grade. He has a great future in Baseball and was a pleasure to have in the side.

The old **Peter** came down from A Reserve in round 2 and filled the hole behind the plate for the season, we got that desperate he had to pitch once and I had to catch, what a Battery!!!

Thanks to the 26 players who passed through our team this season and a huge thanks to my wonderful partner **Katrina** for scoring.

Good-Luck to all in the finals.

David "Jonno" Johnson

'B' Grade Coach/Manager 2007

## 'C' Grade Report - 2007

With the endless task of finding pitchers missing in action this year, its a good reason for those juniors up and coming to spread their wings and simply become a pitcher over night, it's easy boys and girls, back in the olden days everyone could at least pitch 200 plus pitches but we were tough back then, this would help our club a great deal to. 'C' grade this year if we had played our best eleven starters would be a great side and in no doubt playing for the carrot at a grand final some where in feral country as we did to Pakistan, who are now on top of the ladder, instead we turned to fun and dads army were called upon because the troops went missing in action, so to Dean, Wedge and Phil thanks to you guys I realise again that you can also have indeed great fun and when you guys joined the chicks come down to watch as well. So in closing next year I would like to coach again and have a dads army in the D grade, so to Joey, hop to throw that leg of yours mate you have 12 months. Good luck to all other Grades playing off in the final. And a special thanks to Hoggy for your great job as chairman of selectors, a very hard job well done. And thanks for offering to do this next year I shall shake your hand and say yes thanks Mate. Until then it's been great.......

#### **Dave Stenhouse**

'C' Grade Coach / Manager

#### Scorers

Pauline Stenhouse Dean Felsenthal Gaby Taranto Rae Brooks Sue Felsenthal Neta Light

#### <u>Players</u>

Jake Babidge
Steve Campitelli
Michael Cook
Pedro Enciondo
Matthew Felsenthal
Peter Jacob
Rick Milsom
Andrew Rizzi
Matt Stewart

Steve Babidge
Matthew Carlile
Matt Coppins
Daniel Farmer
Will Felsenthal
Dave Jowett
Brendan O'Leary
Peter Rizzi
Sam Street

Kyle Brooks
Ron Carothers
Ian Curnow
Dean Felsenthal
Ben Ford
Daniel Lapa
Pat O'Neill
Dave Stenhouse
Phil Taranto

#### Trophy recipients:

No votes given

M.V.P

Steve Babidge

- Ben Ford

COACHES AWARD - Will Felsenthal

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - Matt Felsenthal

## 'D' Grade Report 2007

The season started full of hope and expectation. Little did we know that we would be ambushed by an extremely big competition in D Grade.

Every club must have been after the D Grade crown after years of Cheltenham domination.

#### We had a mix of:

- Experience Peter (I need a long holiday) Burnett & Bruce (yippee he's gone, I get to pitch )Fitzgerald
- Cricketers Steve (the calf ) Earl , Joey (1 hit a Grand Slam, I should retire ) Reilly and Barney (no worries I'll be there at 1:55 ) O'Leary
- Dads Peter ( kit manager ) Cooen, Steve ( I am starting to get this game ) Smith and Noel ( I am happy doing this at my pace ) Davidson
- Youngsters James (they really going to let me pitch) Brake, Elliott (come back kid) Connell and Max (the pieces are starting to fall into place) Palmer, Ben (I'm Back) Cooen.

All of the above add to the make off the Baseball Club and I am sure enjoyed what was a tough year.

There were other players who made cameos along the way and apparently supported our social functions very well indeed.

Thanks to Steve Earl and Col Upfill for their coaching stints during the year. Also Col for umpiring our home games - we did eventually have some home games after travelling the peninsular for about 6 weeks.

Thanks to Nick Fitzgerald for his scoring during the year - it's a big job for a young man - he gets to play seniors next year.

Thanks to the wives and parents for their support during the year.

Thanks to the Committee for all their hard work.

All the best

#### John Carlile

'D' grade Coach/Manager 2007

See you all this Summer

### **'WOMENS' REPORT 2007**

The season started off very differently to previous seasons. On the Thursday night before the first game I received a phone call informing me that the women's comp had been cancelled by the DBA due to lack of numbers. Ironically I had just signed up Joanne Dawes and Jenny Macleod from StKilda baseball club to play, coming to us due to lack of interest at StKilda. After consultation we decided as a team, that all we really wanted to do was play, so if that meant Men's D Grade then so be it. After a few phone calls though, Cheltenham Rustlers Women's side was entered into the VWBL competition to play Werribee's 2 sides, Melbourne Uni and Fitzroy, a bit of traveling, but at least we were playing.

With quite a few new players, I was hopeful for a great season. Game 1 saw us at Werribee playing the 'B' side. We totally outplayed them with some awesome pitching, hitting and aggressive base running. We triumphed 18-3.

Game 2 we saw the flipside of the last game. With so many new and old players still aching from game 1, we went in sore after the previous week and by the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings we had an infield that couldn't stand up, let alone run. We even had a male player stand in for us in the outfield and a coach offer to pinch run for us. A loss of 13-1 was the final outcome.

As the weeks progressed we had some wins, a few close games and some big losses. We even had first year rookie, Fiona Baxter, hit what could have easily been an in the park grand slam against Werribee 'B' on a cold night game in Bundoora. It ended up being an easy stand up double and was probably the best hit for the season. We also had some sensational pitching from Jacinta Wells and Kylie Bartlett and as a team we managed to have heaps of fun and enjoy our baseball. Unfortunately the same can't be said on our experiences with the umpires for the season. Each week we were faced with the prospect of either Peter Lonie or John Quinn. They were terrible.

Putting all that aside though I thoroughly enjoyed this season. A lot was learnt and a lot still has to be learnt, but it was great to play in this side. Thanks to all that helped out, supported and watched the girls play. We finished fourth and lost a close semi final by one run.

A big thank you to TC for all his help this season. A big thank you must go to Jo Dawes, if I was a player short, she would organise for someone to come down, we even got two regular players out of this in Fiona Baxter and Dana Seedeen. She also organised a scorer for us for the whole season, which as any team knows is a must. This is the first season I've had a scorer each week. It was great. A BIG THANK YOU TO SEAN O'HALLORAN FOR SCORING FOR THE WOMEN'S SIDE.......

Memorable moments for the girls this season.

**Terri Landt**: Trying to get carded so she wouldn't have to play the day after the \$1000 night

**Jacinta Wells**: Showing off some impressive matrix moves, to avoid a line drive taking her head off, whilst on the mound

Joanne Dawes: Ending up sitting in Mud twice, after pick offs at first base

Jenny Macleod: Making a near impossible foul fly out, whilst catching

**Dana Seedeen**: Taking a great fly at centrefield and proceeding to celebrate as the other runners kept running

**Fiona Baxter**: Proclaiming she can't catch cause she fogs up and doesn't have windscreen wipers on her glasses

Jess Rochow and Kylie Baxter: Have a fly-a-thon between left and centrefields

Kim White: For an awesome bruise!!

Kim Nell: For providing a scorer for the Melbourne Uni game....accidentally?

Terri Landt

Women's Coach / Manager

#### **Trophy recipients:**

BATTING AVE - Terri Landt .423 ave

COACHE'S AWARD - Fiona Baxter

TEAM PLAYER AWARD - Joanne Dawes

#### <u>Scorer</u>

Sean O'Halloran

## Club Person 2007

## FRANK BABIDGE JNR MEMORIAL TROPHY

#### Nominations are -:

**Trevor Clemens** - is Secretary and due to the fact that he has been doing this for so long, he has made the job look easy! It's not! Trevor attends all the DBA Meetings, co-coaches "A" White, attends to many repair jobs around the club and during this season, has had to put EVERY player/member of Winter onto MyClub database which is a requirement of the ABF. This job took weeks – and no-one would be the wiser! Who knows what else Trevor has done throughout the season – bet it's a lot more than is written here!

**Brett Dickson** - Dicko - he helped in canteen whenever needed, running canteen on Sundays for the women's games. He did behind the scenes work as well as cooking, set-up, etc at all the social functions. He took responsibility for the tickets and money for \$1000 draw night. He also stepped in as coach/manager of AR blue when Steve was not available. He jumped into the bar every Thursday night and cleaned up, as well as serving whenever needed, and helped with the BBQ. He even attended junior presentation night!! A worthy club person.

**Sue Felsenthal** - for her work as Junior coordinator from organizing teams and coaches at the start of the season and all the bits she does in between with all the work she puts in to make sure the Juniors have an enjoyable season, running around on a Saturday morning and schmoozing /PR with all the parents not to mention the numerous amount of photos she has of club activities right through to preparing the booklets and the work she puts into the Junior presentation night. (Her excel skills are exceptional).

**Janette Holland** – is our Treasurer and has taken the role to another level. She has worked tirelessly for the club, especially in the canteen and has quietly helped coordinate the catering of functions, which takes a lot of effort. Her Saturdays start at the club around 7.30am and finish around 6.00-6.30pm. It would be hard to estimate how many hours she spends per week on baseball. Janette has no reason to be at the club on a Saturday morning – her boys play seniors! Janette takes some time out during the day on a Saturday to go and score. Her contribution to the club this year has been huge!

Janine Rizzi – deserves "Mother of the Club" award if we had one. Mother of three boys, she brings them down to the club every training session, every Saturday morning at 6.30 so they can mark out the diamonds, and she comes back at 8.00am to start her day. She will help in the canteen as required. She scores for the U16 White team, and scores for "A" White (is A White correct?). She has even filled in for another team and scored 3 games in a day. She has never once complained about helping out.

**Dave Stenhouse** – Along with the responsibilities of President, Dave has coached U12 White to a Grand Final (lost by 1 run), taken two U12 training sessions a week, coached "C" Grade, and is at the club all day on Saturday. There are also all the other behind the scene things that Dave does, sets up the canteen 5.30am to make sure that everything is ready for Connie and Janette by 7.30am, purchases and delivers supplies for the canteen. He organises social functions and event days such as Berendale. Dave has instigated improvements around the club and often throughout the season found that he had made these improvements during the week!

**Connie Upfill** – has coordinated the canteen with Janette this season. Connie also doesn't have any reason to be at the club on a Saturday morning as James plays seniors. Connie's Saturdays start around 7.30am and if there is no-one to take over around 12.00 – she just stays there. Connie has helped Sue on

various things with the juniors. She has also agreed to MC the junior presentation. person through and through – she does far more than what is written here.	Connie is a true club

## 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	2004	Dave Clarkson
2005	Ricky Wheeler	2006	Daryn Cassidy & Ric	ky Wheeler	

#### 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	2004	Steve Gourlay	2005	Trophy name changed (see below)

## FRANK BABIDGE SNR MEMORIAL TROPHY

#### Club Coaches Most Improved

2005	Tom Ellis	2006	Blake Cunningham
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**Blake Cunningham** 

2007 Dale Ravesi

2007

#### BOB BOYLE'S CLUB COACHES AWARD

#### Most Improved

1989	Darren Smith	1990	Peter Burnett	1994	Matthew Gourlay
1995	Lorne Dennis	1996	Ben Wardburton	1997	lan Nolan
1998	Travis Blackley	1999	Matthew Keen	2000	Brett Kavanagh
2001	Glenn Sanders	2002	Richie Lander	2003	Chris Hook
2004		2005	Trophy now obsolete (see above)		

### FRANK BABIDGE JNR MEMORIAL

#### <u>TROPHY</u>

#### Club Person

1988	Olivia Reid	1989	Chris Reece	1990	Wendy Johnson
1991	Russell Ingram	1992	Trevor Hogben	1993	Brad Lark
1994	Brad Lark	1995	Simon Edgeworth	1996	Trevor Clemens

1997	Bev Blackley	1998	T.Clemens & B.Fitzgerald	1999	David Stenhouse
2000	S.Earle & S.Flanagan	2001	David Stenhouse	2002	Terri Landt
2003	D & P Stenhouse	2004	David Stenhouse	2005	John Olsen
2006	Colin,Connie & James Upfill				

#### 2007 Janette Holland

# Cheltenham Baseball Club

#### D.B.A. MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

<u>'A' GRADE</u>	1971 1981 1989 1991 1995	G. Siddel Lawrie Hall David Clarkson Steve Babidge Darren Smith	1980 1986 1990 1994 2005	Lawrie Hall Terry Reid Terry Reid Terry Reid Ricky Wheeler
<u>'A' RESERVE</u>	1983	Terry Reid	2006	Andrew Adams
<u>'B' GRADE</u>	1981 1999 2004	Steve Babidge Steve Babidge Ricky Wheeler	1997 2003	Darren Brooks Ricky Wheeler
<u>'C' GRADE</u>	1976 1987 1997 2003	Frank Babidge Jnr. Peter Innes Brad Lark Mika Tossavainen	1981 1996 2001	Frank Babidge Jnr. Ueno Takashi Ricky Wheeler
<u>'D' GRADE</u>	1989	Colin Upfill	1993	David Stenhouse
<u>'E' GRADE</u>	1995	Stephen Williams	1	
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, 2004, 2005, 2006

\*\*2007\*\*

## **SOCIAL REPORT 2007**

The committee tried to reach everyone this year when it came to trying to organize functions. We still had some of the regular events that we do each year which are a great success for the club financially. Some other events with a lack of support we were still able to make it fun and entertaining for all that attended.

The year started off with the Cowboy and Indian night which was a huge success with the 'Buck 'n' Bull' (and one broken finger from Mr Stenhouse,) but with the entertainment and a reasonable attendance the night turned into a success.

During early August an Entertainment night was put on with dinner where John Davidson and the Johnette's put on a fabulous show followed by a hilarious stint from Dave Grant. It was an exceptional night from those who attended.

The \$1000 draw drew a reasonable turnout with Dicko and Steve Kav doing a fantastic job running the draw (and Kooch teaching the newly 18 year olds a different kind of game) the evening was a great success with plenty of free food and drinks had by all.

Organising club functions is a very difficult task to take on. If anyone has any idea's or suggestions for next year please let the committee know and we will see what we can arrange for next season.

Winter Committee 2007



## **CANTEEN REPORT 2007**

The canteen has had a tremendous season and I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time to help. In particular Dave Stenhouse for having everything set up for trading by the time I arrived every Saturday, to Janette Holland for also volunteering her time every Saturday and also for making sure I was always set up with keys and a float and organizing the baker, and to the many others who just jumped in and helped out when it got busy. Also thanks to the boys who helped out while I was away (the Colonel, Dicko and Co) and to both Geoff Holland and James Upfill who happily helped their mothers when asked.

In all, the fact that the Hockey Club had no cooked/hot food in their canteen ensured we were kept busy for the season and hopefully through this, the club has been able to turn a profit from the canteen. Hope you all enjoyed your donuts, custard tarts, hot chips, hot dogs etc. and not to mention the hot coffee on a cold Saturday morning.

I hereby would like to advise that I am hanging up my canteen apron and ask all junior parents to consider helping out next year in this crucial fund raising aspect of our club.

Yours

#### **Connie Upfill**

Volunteer Canteen Manager 2007

## JUNIOR CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

### 2007

On behalf of the Committee I would like to congratulate everyone involved with Cheltenham Baseball Club this season. Once again it has been a pleasure to be involved in a well run and successful club.

The feedback that Connie and I received last year prompted us to ask the Committee to support a change in the structure of the juniors – that was to try and even the teams and not have all the "State" players in one team which had become a trend. It also meant that the Under 16's would be placed in one team and not selected week by week. I'm pleased to say that the Committee fully supported this change as did the majority of parents and it was very exciting to see players all our players have the opportunity to play in the semi-finals. We had three teams make it to the Grand Final, Under 12 White, Under 14 White and Under 16 White. Ron Carothers and his Under 14 team took the flag with a huge win of 12-0 while the Under 12's and Under 14's were runners up in very exciting games. Congratulations to all players.

I have a huge list of thank you's...firstly, I would like to thank Dave Stenhouse for all the work he has put into the club again and for being a great guy and great President. Dave is very passionate about the club and works tirelessly throughout both Winter and Summer to try and make it a better club. As well as taking on the role of President, Dave does many other things around the club ... he coached the Under 12 White Team, took training sessions for the Under 12's, coached the DBA U16 side, coached "C" Grade, did the weekly shopping to stock the canteen, painted and carpeted the Committee Room, painted the flagpoles (hope you noticed!) put a new plaque on the building, new blinds have appeared on the windows in the clubrooms, new serving top in the canteen, brainstormed and coordinated all our functions, and lots more jobs. If you get a chance – maybe say thanks to Dave for making this club such a great place!

Of course it's not only Dave that makes the club work, special thanks to Connie Upfill and Janette Holland who have been great support to me and the junior side of the club. How lucky were we to have Connie and Janette who looked after the canteen every Saturday - they don't have players in the junior club but gave up their Saturday mornings every week to make sure the canteen was stocked and open – for you! Thank you very much ladies. A big thank you to our senior players, Trevor Clemens (TC), Mika Tossavainen, Brett Dickson, Brett Kavanagh, Steve Kavanagh, Glen Sanders (The Colonel) and John Olsen – thanks for your support in the juniors. I'd also like to thank a few parents for their help/support during the season, Gabi Taranto, Pauline Stenhouse, Steve Campitelli, Scott Cunningham, Peter Leslie – these parents are fantastic!

Marcella Lapa and Andrea Osborne once again took on the role of coordinating the uniform sales for the season. You have both done a fantastic job and are a great team – thank you!

Thanks to Michael Rizzi and his brothers Peter and Andrew for marking out the diamonds each week. A big thank you to their Mum, Janine, as she was the person who drove them to the grounds every Saturday at 6.30am to mark them out. Michael also helped out with umpiring most weeks – thanks for your expertise.

Also a special mention to our senior players for giving up their time to help give some specialist pitching and catching coaching to a few of our junior players. It's great that these guys help out with the juniors.

#### Now for our coaches!

**Ricky Wheeler** – This was Ricky's first year of coaching and managed to get his young, fairly inexperienced team into the Semi-finals. Congratulations Ricky on a great season.

**Geoff Holland** – Geoff stepped up to the role of Assistant Coach to during the season to help Ricky out. Geoff's baseball prowess was evident and the players enjoyed having him around. We hope that Geoff will be back next year in the role of Coach.

**Dave Stenhouse** – Dave's enthusiasm and great coaching got his team to the Grand Final. Dave will be back next year with more determination to take out the flag! Dave particularly enjoyed the training sessions – sometimes referred by players as "torture sessions"!!

**Peter Leslie** – In Peter's report he has signed off with "retired coach". I don't think so! I listened to some of his players talk about him and they want him again next year. Sorry Peter, the kids won't let you retire – congratulations on getting to the Preliminary Finals.

**Tony Cevec** – Tony is a fantastic role model and managed to get the respect from all the players and parents in his team. He also received accolades from the guru of coaching – Ron Carothers. Well done Tony on making it to the Preliminary Finals – we look forward to watching your coaching career develop.

**Ron Carothers** – Ron is fabulous – he's the most delightful coach to deal with and is well respected by everyone in the club. Thank you for coaching again this year and look forward to having you back next year. Congratulations on a well deserved premiership!

**Colin Upfill** - Colin loves coaching. He would be lost (and so would we!!) if he couldn't get out there on a Saturday morning! Unfortunately due to the lack of commitment from some of the players, he was often short but still managed to coach the Blues to the Semi's – see you again next year Colin!

**Dan Williams** – Dan's coaching took his team to the Grand Final – a fantastic effort! Dan's baseball knowledge and coaching style was exceptional. He probably doesn't realize what a great mentor and role model he became to his team. Congratulations on a successful season.

<u>Congratulations</u> to all the players who represented the DBA – we had a number of players who were selected in the All-Stars Team and Justin Aron was awarded the MVP from the DBA.

Under 12: Brandon Stenhouse

Georgia Smith

Lachlan Whiteside

DBA MVP Justin Aron Selected in the VPBL All-Stars Team

Jack Enciondo Selected in the VPBL All-Stars Team
Stefan Taranto Selected in the VPBL All-Stars Team
Koji Campitelli Selected in the VPBL All-Stars Team

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Kind regards

#### Sue Felsenthal

Junior Coordinator 2007

# Cheltenham Baseball Club

#### DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Cheltenham Junior Players who were selected to represent the DBA in their VPBL Sate Championships during Winter 2007

Congratulations to all the players who represented the DBA – we had a number of players who were selected in the All-Stars Team and Justin Aron was awarded the MVP from the DBA.

Under 12: Brandon Stenhouse

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## U'16' White Report 2007

**Brittney Cevec -** Making the move up from under 14's this year Brittney was my third baseman for practically the entire season. In the field she was fantastic, and no matter what the situation Brittney always gave her all. In the coming seasons she should work on being more confident in the batting box. Overall Brittney has a great season.

**Nick Fitzgerald -** Nick played many positions throughout the season. He is a very versatile player who always give 100%. He was our lead off batter for the majority of season and often got us off to a good start.

**Tom Fitzgerald -** Tom was one of the leaders of our team this year. He was our short stop for the main part of the season. In this position he took control over the field.

**Adam Katz -** Adam was our starting pitcher for the majority of the season. Having a tall, slight stature and being able to pitch the ball extremely hard Adam has a very bright future in Baseball. Throughout the season he has developed a curve ball and change up that with some more work will be devastating.

**Daniel Lapa** - Daniel is a versatile player who played in many key positions throughout the year. Daniel was able to contribute to the teams success through fantastic team batting and solid defence.

**Scott Maxwell -** Scott was a very important member of out team this year. It is unusual that someone asks to play outfield for the entire season, which is what Scott did. I now can see why as he made that position his own, doing a great job throughout the year. He was the most passionate player on our team, which I hope rubbed off on some of our other payers. In the coming seasons Scott needs to focus on containing his emotions and focusing on only the things which he is in control of. Great season Scott and I hope to see you enjoying yourself at this club for many years.

James Murray - James is a player that no matter what the situation, he tries his hardest to get the job done. Throughout the season he has learnt that hits aren't always the most important thing when batting, doing the team thing, getting runners into scoring positions and driving the runs home is. And that is what James did constantly throughout the year. James has been around the club for many years and I would love to see him playing at this club for many years to come. Great season.

**Andrew Rizzi** - Andrew had a great season with the bat and played many different positions throughout the season. Along with his brother, Andrew was always supporting the team verbally and showing plenty of enthusiasm.

**Peter Rizzi -** Peter, like his brother had an outstanding season, especially in the batting box. When asked to do a job Peter always tried to do his bit. Peter played in various positions throughout the year.

**Rob Soifer -** This was Rob's first ever season of playing Baseball and he took to it like a pro. He was confident in the field as well as in the batters box and was able to learn the rules of the game extremely fast. In the next few seasons Rob needs to learn the game a

little more (which will happen when he plays more games). I hope he enjoyed his first season, because if he continues to improve like he has this year he will be a player to watch in the future.

The above rundown shows the tremendous talents of all the team members, but the best thing about the Cheltenham White under 16's team this year is that everyone pulled their weight and contributed to the teams success.

It's not every season that you get to a grand final, and it's even rarer to play in a grand final that takes three extra innings to decide a winner. The majority of people throughout the junior section of the club either saw the three extra innings of our grand final, or heard about it. It was a fantastic game, although that's not what I want to talk about in this report. I would much rather talk about the learning journey that each and every one of my team took this year in order to reach that final game.

Many months ago, eight individuals showed up for the first game of our season. In the following weeks we were able to add to our team list to have a total of 10 individuals playing in our team. The start of the season was fantastic, we were winning the majority of out games and having fun at the same time, although we were still playing as 10 individuals.

As the season progressed we had a slump and no matter what we tried we just couldn't win a game and even worse still no one was having fun!

After a very difficult couple of weeks we broke out of our slump and started to enjoy playing the game again, and with that the wins just started happening again. This time with all 10 players working as a team.

The last third of the season progressed along smoothly, with the team playing some great Baseball and ready for finals.

When finals time came around the team really started to play their best Baseball. In both the quarter final and the semi final there were times where the outcome didn't look too good for our team, but that's when every stepped up to another level.

We showed our fighting spirit and determination in the grand final unfortunately going down to Dingley.

It is my dream to see everyone that played in this team to continue to play and enjoy Baseball for many years to come. It was a pleasure coaching you and I hope you enjoyed the season as much as I did.

#### **Daniel Williams**

#### **Under 16 White Team Members**

Brittney Cevec Thomas Fitzgerald Nicholas Fitzgerald Adam Katz Daniel Lapa Scott Maxwell James Murray Andrew Rizzi

Peter Rizzi Robert Soifer

**Coach:** Daniel Williams **Scorer:** Janine Rizzi

## <u>U'16' Blue Report 2007</u>

In the movie The Natural, Roy Hobbs father says "You've got a gift Roy, but it's not enough...." To be successful at any sport you need to commit to it wholeheartedly, and unfortunately the wonderful array of talent on display in the Chelt U16 Blue team was not enough to overcome the lack of commitment to the season. What is strength? Commitment to Club team & team mate 'you got a gift guys, but it ain't enough.'

With that said, the talent of the team was such that we came within one hit of winning the first semi final and perhaps going on to greater success. In a thrilling finish Chelt Blue dug deep against the White team to nearly snatch victory. The team also defeated minor premiers Dingley twice during the season.

Our young and enthusiastic pitching was led by Tyler Dale, and Matthew Carlile, despite the very impressive win column these young men need to concentrate on what my father would call the first pitch strike principal. The BB/K ratio needs aggressive therapy to allow consistent performance.

Why we were so close to being the best:

Raw talent, **Anton Pahoff** and **Zac Pepper** are two natural athletes who have both had excellent seasons, both strong and aggressive and intuitive sportsmen. Although their loyalties may be divided I am sure they will find success in their chosen path.

Youth and exuberance, two young men who would fulfill the expectations of any manager, **Tyler Dale** and **Angus Macquire**. Tyler pitched in 6 games with a 4/2 result and batted .400 playing a division above his age group was an outstanding contributor to the team. Angus, battered by injury (or is he just soft? As is Grandfather says) was superb behind the plate, and in one game made two of the best plays I have seen at this level. If Angus commits to baseball he will become one of the elite Cheltenham players.

Dependability, **Kysouke Nosaka** and **Harry Gray** were very solid all season, and major reasons for the teams' consistency. While their hitting needs some attention these two young men can be relied upon to give 100% once they cross the white line.

Pick 'em up throw 'em out, **Sam Street** and **Mark Blackman** provided the defensive strength of the side, Mark was although hampered by availability was solid at any challenge given to him and I look forward to his career in sport. Sam had an outstanding season at short stop, and despite a sluggish start finished with a commendable BA of .409.

Superstars, **Matty Carlile**, **Michael Olsen** and **Caleb Long**. In a competition where big hitting was unusual these guys created chaos all season for opposition pitching. Doubles, triples & for Michael 3 Home Runs. It didn't stop there Matty with a .550 BA also led the side in OBA and racked up 4 wins pitching. Caleb tied the winning batting average also having a win & a save on the mound. While Michael was as outstanding in defense as were his numbers in offence, first (tied) batting average, slugging avg. 1.278 & OBA .0733, an outstanding season.

Thanks to Damien Kennedy, Chris Welsh and Jak Jowett who as can be seen by the stats were very handy inclusions.

The season would be impossible without our umpire Rod Blackman and our scorer (soon to use colours) Jeff Long, thank you both.

To our wonderful group of parents & supporters, my thanks; it takes special people to encourage their children to go out in the weather of a Winter weekend and you have done so with grace and good humour.

Thanks, baby for one more year.

Fight the sun,

#### Col Upfill

Coach:

#### **Under 16 Blue Team Members**

Matthew Carlile Mark Blackman Caleb Long Angus Macquire

Anton Pahoff

Colin Upfill

Tyler Dale Kyosuke Nosaka Zac Pepper

Harry Gray Michael Olsen

Sam Street

Scorer: Jeff Long

**Umpire:** Rod Blackman

## U'14' White Report

Another season, another championship. Cheltenham White Under 14 team achieved all their goals by defeating Berwick in The Dandenong Baseball Association Grand Final by the score of 12-0.

It probably was not the expected nail-biting game we anticipated but the guys really played well and established momentum throughout the game for a comfortable win.

Yoshi Campitelli starred on the mound giving up 2 hits and led with the bat to give us the start we needed. Veteran players Jak, Ben and Adam also contributed heavily with their bats in the finals to help secure victory. After finishing runners up last season this was a great win for some of the kids who are playing for the first time and to others adding another championship.

A big thank you for all the parents who supported me during the season especially Steve, Peter and Ken. Thank you all for staying back when I took training just a little bit over!!

Great season and all the best to the guys who are playing Summer baseball and trying out for the Victorian State Teams. Ben, Jak, Yoshi, Adam, Brett, Shane and Andrew should definitely try out and please let me know if I can help out with your future development.

It was a great year and always a great win and thank you again for allowing me to be your coach. I hope you have learnt at least one new aspect of your game to use further this Summer.

#### **Ron Carothers**

Head Baseball Coach (Under 14's)

**Ben Leslie** – Undoubtedly the most valuable player this season. Leading by example with solid hitting and pitching. Led every offensive category including runs (30); hits (15); tied for the lead in RBI'S (13); BB (18); total bases (23); on base percentage (.943); slugging percentage (1.353) as well as 5 wins from pitching with 20 strikeouts on his way to winning his second consecutive MVP Award. Great season Ben!

**Yoshi Campitelli** – What an honour and a pleasure to have a player with a high level of baseball intelligence in your team. A truly reliable and dependable player who can start and finish off a game and ignite a game with his bat and superb base running skills. One of the next Victorian State Champion.

**Brett Curnow** - A complete ball player that can play all the key positions extremely well. Tied for the lead in RBI's and Home Runs. Missed him during the Grand Final as he was participating in Cal Ripken Little League World Series where he made the All Defensive All Star team with some of world's best international junior players in the world....and he's our Brett!

**Jak Jowett** - A steady performer all year by hitting a solid .440 and second in RBI's. A versatile player that can play any of the key position very well. Will become one of Victoria's top pitchers.

**Andrew Clark** – A great year for Andrew in his first season! Second in batting with a .500 average and tied for second in stolen bases. Great season Andrew. All the best for the Summer and in athletics.

**Shane Vertigan** – Has shown a lot of ability, in particularly his desire and dedication to believe he can get the job done and most of the time he did! Fourth in hits, fourth in RBI's, fourth in stolen bases and makes good contact with the bat and has a strong and accurate arm. Always reliable in putting the ball in play. Keep up the good work Shane.

**Adam Burdett** – One of the best junior catchers around. Can call a good game and receive very well with a strong throwing arm. Always been a clutch hitter with line drive power. Hit a solid .474 this season. Will be Victoria starting catcher that will hit with power.

**Ryan Dale** – Another Championship for Ryan this time in the Under 14! Just keep them coming. Hit a respectable .333 this season.

**Daniel Beattie** – Very impressive earlier in the season and also swung the bat very well and pitched two innings with five strikeouts. Fill in admirably at catcher position when Adam was injured towards the end of the season.

**Nick Richards** – Performed well all year with enthusiasm and had a lot of fun with the guys. Made some big catches in the outfield and swung the bat aggressively. Will need to improve on his strike zone in order to have more success at hitting. Great dedication.

**Callum Carothers** – Run the bases extremely well and looks very comfortable in the outfield. Made some big catches in the outfield and pitched an inning with 3 strike outs. Can hit with power when he makes contact; need to improve on the mechanics of hitting – looking down the barrel when hitting, not pulling your front shoulder away during your swing; this will be achieved once you play more get plenty of hitting practice. Another Championship, well done!

**Marlon Ryder** – Played with a lot of heart, determination and was a pleasure to work with. It was a pleasure to have in the team. Marlon would always try hard and he listens well. All the best Marlon, I am very proud of you and your efforts this season.

#### **Under 14 White Team Members**

Adam Burdett Daniel Beattie Yoshi Campitelli Callum Carothers
Andrew Clark Brett Curnow Ryan Dale Jak Jowett
Ben Leslie Nicholas Richards Marlon Ryder Shane Vertigan

Coach: Ron Carothers

Helper: Steve Campitelli

**Umpire:** Peter Burdett

Scorer: Ken Clark

## U'14' Blue Report 2007

This season was a great season for the kids and especially me. I had a great time with them - they were all great kids and they put in their best on game day. It was amazing how much all of them improved from the start to the end of the season. The season was very rewarding seeing where I helped them out and watching them come through and work well during the games over the season. I would like to thank all the parents for their support during the season, special thanks to Steve Cooper for being a base coach whenever I needed him, thanks to Noel Davidson for helping me out this season assistant coaching and being my umpire on home games and thanks to Sue Cevec for scoring for the whole season. **Great Season Boys!!!** 

#### **Tony Cevec**

#### Coach

**Dean Cooper:** Is an awesome baseballer that started for me all season in pitching and in batting he smacked anything that was close. Dean has a unbelievable arm and on his day he could strike out any under 14 player. He pitched in Under 16 DBA. **Keep on working hard anything could come your way!!** 

**Tom Davidson:** Tom is a top catcher he can stop just about anything when he is catching. He has a bit of power when he bats but he can definitely improve at batting. Tom will be one of the top catchers at Cheltenham in a few years.

**Dylan Lee:** This kid is a hard worker, has heaps of potential in baseball from his speed throwing and fielding and he improved so much during the season especially with batting. Dylan is a utility player he can play anywhere, put down a bunt or smack the ball and beat the out to first.

**Sam DeRose:** Sam had an unbelievable season not only with the bat but also fielding. Sam could hit the ball anywhere on the field and played awesome at short stop which I believe is his best position.

**Braden Heskith:** Brades puts 110% every week with hard work and going after the ball, not waiting. A top player and a top kid that I enjoyed coaching this season.

**Chris Welch:** Avery smart player but sometimes tried to get too smart for his own good but during the season he started to improve and was doing the right things by the end of the season.

**Stuart Biggar:** During the season Stuart was a bit down on fitness but as the season wore on he started hitting the ball and playing well at first base. Stuart has a lot of power with bat he just has to make contact.

**Ben Greer:** Had an alright season. Ben is a strong boy and can smack the ball around but he tries to swing the bat too hard. He played well for me at first base and was a good kid to coach.

**Chase Cevec:** Chase had an alright season he showed a lot of improvement during the year and threw excellently for me in relief pitching after Dean. Chase played well and was good to start as a lead off hitter.

**Jack Ogilive:** Every week he tried hard got a piece of the ball in the batting box and fielded well all season. He did everything I asked of him and improved during the season.

**Michael Mitchell:** Is a good kid who after 2 or 3 weeks felt comfortable and was playing pretty good baseball. He showed up to training almost every week which showed me that he was committed and wanted to play.

**Connor Doody:** Is a player that just did Under 12's and came up and handled himself quite well during the season. I'm sure he learnt the differences between Under 12's and Under 14 baseball. There is still lots of improvement in Connor he is also a committed player.

#### **Under 14 Blue Team Members**

Adam Burdett Chase Cevec Connor Doody Michael Mitchell Daniel Beattie Dean Cooper Benjamin Greer Jack Ogilvie

Yoshi Campitelli Thomas Davidson Braden Hesketh Christopher Welch Stuart Biggar Samuel De Rose Dylan Lee

Coach:

**Tony Cevec** 

Umpire/Helper:

Noel Davidson

Scorer:

Sue Cevec



### U'12' White Report 2007

#### **RUNNERS-UP**

With the three teams this year being divided into three even groups it was a good opportunity for the young guns to step up. I would first like to thank all the great parents we had in our side, that makes life very easy as a coach and makes Saturdays enjoyable, so to Phil Taranto who was Assistant Coach, thanks for doing a great job. To Peter Jacobs, Bill Fiddler and Scott Cunningham for helping to warm up the kids ready to go. To our lovely scorers Pauline, Gabi, Robyn and of course the not so lovely Scott, thanks to you all for a great fun season. Now to the little tackers-:

**Ryan Taranto** - Our great little lead off who was tough to get out with his small strike zone, Ryan would always be the first to help pack up the kits and the ground and be the loudest on the bench and field with the chattering, well done Ryan, look forward to seeing you next year.

**Koji Campitelli** - This guy really stepped up this year in his pitching and hitting but mainly with his pitching, he found his zone towards the end of the season and with some more coaching will be a bright outlook for CBC. It was a pleasure to coach a polite and coachable young kid.

**Jack Enciondo** - One of our big hitters this year was our Jack, a character to the end who took up first base and really started to understand the mechanics of baseball towards the end of the season, if we can just keep your head off your shoulder there will be many a hit coming your way, well done Jack on a good season

**Brandon Stenhouse** - Brandon was one who really stepped up this year in his pitching, if he only could stop blaming the mat, the ball, the weather, the back net and the batter standing in the way, nothing could stop this young man throwing his way through the games, many people saw Brandon pitch this year and could not believe his improvement, a fast improver and job well done and just remember a good tradesman never blames his tools!

James Cunningham - I was warned about this young James fellow, who had a mysterious character, but we had our little talk at the start of the season and the respect was mutual. Not once did James disappoint me in his attitude towards the game, he was fantastic this year and we got along just fine with some funny moments throughout the season, well done to you on making the DBA Squad as well as I think this had a great impact on this years performance.

**Matthew Stenhouse** - I think Matty started out getting hit more often than others, sometimes in the head, but this seemed to only make Matthew more aggressive with the bat and his eye, hand coordination was fantastic, he really did only swing at the strikes and left the balls. Well done to you Matt and may you duck and weave out of those pitchers way.

**Stefan Taranto** - Stef behind the dish this year was outstanding he took charge and knew what he was doing all the way and this with his batting was one of our young guns as well. Stef you have a really good attitude towards the game, keep it up and see you in the future.

**Brandon Fiddler** - Brandon was one of our main outfielders and sometimes second base, not once did Brandon whinge about his playing position or the cold, which I knew he was most mornings. At the end of the season, he too started to understand the movement of the ball and step and swing theory. Brandon it was a pleasure to coach you this year and I hope you return next year.

**Kai Jacob** - Kai was one of our main outfielders and second base at times, one of our young guns who is learning to come to terms with the movement of the ball in the batting box. Kai has a great swing on him and once he understands the hand and eye coordination and for some reason he smacks the ball in batting practice, but I think he may try a little to hard in the box because when I was throwing batting practice, he would smack the ball out of the park, maybe all batters like my pitching (ha ha). Well done to you Kai and see you in the future.

**Logan Tuki-Jones** - Logan stepped up from T Ball also, who was a fun little kid to coach, who also had listened before he had a very bad injury, which stopped him playing for the rest of the season. Best wishes to you Logan.

**Jackson Matthews** - Jackson Started out keen at the start of the season but unfortunately stopped playing and we no longer heard or saw of Jackson.

James Felsenthal - A quick thank you to you mate, for filling the gap in our grand final side.

#### **Under 12 White Team Members**

Koji Campitelli James Cunningham Kai Jacobs Brandon Fiddler Stefan Taranto Matthew Stenhouse Brandon Stenhouse

Jack Enciondo Logan Tuki-Jones Jackson Matthews

Coach: Dave Stenhouse

Assistant Coach: Phil Taranto

Helpers: Bill Fiddler

Peter Jacobs

Scorers: Gabriela Taranto

Pauline Stenhouse Scott Cunningham Robyn Tuki-Jones

## U'12' Blue Report 2007

I took on a fairly inexperienced side this year and was very proud of their performance throughout the season. These kids all had great attitudes and hope they keep on playing ball throughout the years! I look forward to following their progress. I would also like to congratulate Justin Aron on his award of MVP U12 DBA – he has a great future. Congratulations to Lachlan and Georgia on being selected to represent the DBA in the VPBL Tournament.

I would like to thank Geoff Holland for taking on the role of Assistant Coach early in the season, Kathy Whiteside and Sue Palmer for scoring.

All the best for the Summer season.

#### **Ricky Wheeler**

Coach

**Lachlan**: Had a good season hitting a home run during the season, and his leadership for the team was a big help, also had good season behind the plate catching for us, and then later on moving to second base to help strengthen our infield.

**Justin**: Justin had a great season. Was fantastic when it came to help with the younger kids and has great skills and will have no problems becoming a great senior player when he is older.

**Matt B**: Matt was a bit of a surprise as he turned out to be a valuable player for us towards the end of the season becoming our back up pitcher for Justin. Also became our lead off batter and got on base plenty of times for us to start the game off.

**Matt Mc**: Great season ended up catching a few games for us and did a great job, could easily continue on with catching, was always willing to listen and try new things.

**Georgia**: Being the only girl on the team it was great to see when Georgia was showing up all the boys, the boys hated it when one night at training Georgia out did all the boys in a race which they where not happy about.

**Thomas**: Thomas had a good season with a few stand out games with the bat especially on his birthday which was probably his best game for the season. Also had the chance to catch in a couple of games and did a great job.

**Riley**: Riley started the season off a bit slow. But as the season got older Riley became a really good player with getting a few very good hits, Riley was our star 3rd baseman and made some fantastic plays making it hard for the opposition getting to 3rd.

**Jackson**: Another player that had a great season always trying hard at trainings and willing to learn new things. Towards the end of the season he broke his arm and was unable to play which left a big hole in the team which hurt us in the finals.

**Zak**: Zak was a great kid to coach was always putting himself out for others, was always helping those who needed it. Was a star 1st baseman for the season and also could hit a ball as hard as some of the senior players can.

**Pat**: Pat had an interesting season which I think he was hit by the pitcher about 6-7 times which I have never seen before in one season, tough young fella always would just jog it off and take his base. Also had a good year with the bat and in the field.

#### **Under 12 Blue Team Members**

Lachlan Whiteside Georgia Smith Zak Palmer Justin Aron Thomas Hicks Patrick Hicks

Matthew Beattie Riley Ghent Matthew McKenna Jackson Ghent

Coach: Ricky Wheeler

Assistant Coach: Geoffrey Holland

Scorers: Kathryn Whiteside

Sue Palmer

## U'12' Black Report 2007

The dark side was only formed after the 2nd week .We were a game behind everybody else from the start. That didn't stop the boys. They fought and fought every game and slowly we ended up in second place before the finals. We were the only team to beat the eventual premiers, Dandenong.

I was very proud of my boys, they encouraged each other, never said a bad word to each other if something went wrong. Eventually in the finals we were overcome by some good pitching and couldn't go any further. We tried a few pitchers during the year. They all got better and better with the help of some excellent senior coaches. We used three catchers (only Tim had caught before) and they also improved over the season.

Peter Leslie

Coach

**Joel Whitehead**: Joel pitched and played short stop during the year had a good season with the bat. With quick hands he was fantastic at short stop, with a bag of outs in that spot. Joel was unable to come to training during the season but we would love to see him at training over Summer. He could be a champion for Chelt.

**Rhys Pierce**: What a pleasure to have this kid in my side, always encouraging everybody, kept us smiling, hit a grand slam to win us a game against Dandenong. With his height and good hands he was an excellent 1<sup>st</sup> baser.

**Tim DeRose**: Tim was away for three games during the season and we missed him. Always first to put up his hand to catch and always did a good job.

**Declan Chittenden**: Declan is a first season baseballer and was one of my best improvers always put in 110% at training and game days.

**Michael Natoli**: Michael took one of the best Under 12 outfield catches you would ever see. But he didn't stop there, managing a double play at the same time well done. First season at baseball.

**Michael Leslie**: My main pitcher for the season. He was always, consistent, pitching to 69 batters giving up only 22 runs, Without him we would not have won as many games. Will be one of Chelt's great pitchers as he moves up the age groups.

**Jak Cummings**: Jak's first season was a very encouraging one. He also will be one of our up and coming pitchers, throws the ball very hard for a 9 year old. Jak got better and better with his pitching, keep practicing and you will be unhittable.

**James Felsenthal**: Nicknamed Smiley by me, because no matter what was going on or how hard it was, he was always positive with a big smile on his face. Also one of my biggest improvers.

**Mark Digby**: Mark also in his first season. Took to catching like a duck to water. Willing to come down to do extra training. Shows all the highs of a very good catcher of the future.

**Thomas Snowden**: Thomas also caught and did a terrific job. But I needed him at 3rd base at the important end of the season and he didn't let me down. What he didn't have in speed, he well and truly made up with his throwing arm.

I would also like to thank two very important parents and they are David Whitehead and Paul Cummings. The boys will tell you I can't pitch; these guys warmed the boys up each week, as well as giving me needed advice during games. David also was the coach on the day we beat Dandenong. Claire Pierce was also a fantastic scorer, putting up with my numerous changes, thanks Claire.

Peter Leslie Retired Coach

#### **U12 Black Team Members**

Declan Chittenden Mark Digby Michael Natoli Joel Whitehead Jak Cummings James Felsenthal Thomas Snowden Timothy De Rose Michael Leslie Rhys Pierce

Coach: Peter Leslie

Scorer: Claire Pierce

# Junior Award Recipients 2007

#### **Under 12 White**

Joint MVP Brandon Stenhouse Joint MVP Koji Campitelli Batting Stefan Taranto

#### **Under 12 Blue**

MVP Justin Aron
Batting Zak Palmer
Coach's Award Matthew Beattie

#### Under 12 Black

MVP Michael Leslie
Batting Avg .437 Joel Whitehead
Coach's Award Rhys Pierce

#### **Under 14 White**

MVP Yoshi Campitelli
Batting Avg .882 Ben Leslie
Coach's Award Marlon Ryder
Most Improved Nicholas Richards
Most Improved Andrew Clark

#### **Under 14 Blue**

MVP Dean Cooper Batting Avg .692 Sam De Rose Coach's Award Dylan Lee

#### **Under 16 White**

MVP Adam Katz
Batting Avg Andrew Rizzi
Batting Avg Peter Rizzi
Coach's Award Scott Maxwell

#### **Under 16 Blue**

MVP Matthew Carlile
Batting Ave .556 Caleb Long
Batting Avg .556 Michael Olsen
Coach's Award Tyler Dale

#### **Grand Slam**

Rhys Pierce Cheltenham U12 Black v Dandenong 26 May 2007

#### **Shut Out**

Michael Leslie Cheltenham U12 Black v Dandenong 26 May 2007

#### **Shut Out**

Yoshi Campitelli Cheltenham U14 White v Berwick Grand Final 18 August 2007