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2008*

*The Season in Review*





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# Presidents Report – 2008

## Seniors & Juniors

Well the Baseball Season seems to just go faster and faster and this year being no exception. The club as a whole has once again been a great success with all our juniors being more than competitive with our under 16' and under 12's winning the Grand Finals. At time of print our A, A2 and A3 all competing in the play offs yet again.

At Cheltenham Baseball we should be a very proud club and this must not be over shadowed by parents that sometimes say the wrong thing at the wrong time, we have many, many good 'Volunteers' who put their hand up each year to do a great job that sometimes goes un-thanked, so in saying this I would first like to thank very deep from my heart Sue Felsenthal and Steve Campitelli our Junior Coordinators, they did a fantastic job well done. To Dave Clarkson a great Club leader this year our thanks to you Dave for the Job as our Club Coach, with the juniors coming through now the results are really starting to show, another 10 years at the helm who knows.

To all our great volunteers, coaches James Uphill, Colin Uphill, Kane Davidson, Ron Carothers, Geoffrey & John Holland, Russell Ferguson, Black Cunningham, Daniel Ward-Bourton, Sean Gabb, Jarrod Hall, Pete Cooen, Myself, Patrick O'Neill, Paul Kilburn, Steve Kavanagh, Tony Dinnie, Trevor Clemens and Dave Clarkson. As you can see that the club just doesn't happen, all these people put in a huge effort 4 to 6 hours a week sometimes more, with a great commitment with the coaching.

As a Club we should thank our main canteen workers, Eric, Connie and Jeanette and who could ever leave out our Tina Cooen who did all of the hard work by running around every week stocking and working the canteen. Sometimes people think that this is just a giving and we just expect all this to be a 'given' but to make this happen it does take great effort, time and work so thank you to all of you.

My personal thanks to Janette Holland as treasure another Hugh effort by Janette. Brett and Steve our bar workers were really fantastic behind the bar, and trust me when we don't here anything that means the job is being done right. Trevor Clemens as our solid Club Secretary, a hard job made look easy. Behind the scene work, John Ferguson was doing and keeping our grounds in great working order and our final series John had all of our grounds looking great thanks to John and others that helped.

Thank you to our equipment manager and V.P. Mika Tossavainen for our balls and equipment. A special thanks to all our scorers in the club.

In closing, I would like to thank my family, with most weeks filled with baseball I had great support from Pauline, Brandon and Matty (Well I think I did, the locks have not changed yet!).

Another great season well done and a pat on the back to all those involved.

Yours in Baseball

**Dave 'Stenny' Stenhouse**

President

# 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. Tamblyn *	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

### **1972 – PRAHRAN & CHELTENHAM MERGED TO BECOME CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB**

### **CHELTENHAM**

1962	E.E. Knorr *	1963	J.R. Trevorah *
1964	Mrs. M. Knorr	1966	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	S.J. Hogben *
1984	A.M. Tanner	1985	M.J.P. Trevorah
1986	P.A. Ferguson	1987	Mrs. B. (Joy) Roberts
1990	S. Jamieson	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.T. Upfill
2001	S.J. Babidge	2002	B.A. Fitzgerald
2006	A.J. Bailey	2006	Mrs V.E. Bailey
2006	J.P. Carlile	2006	T.W. Clemens
2006	B.R. Lark	2006	D.A. Stenhouse
2009	L.R. Blackley	2009	P.A. Burdett
2009	C.S. Reece		

**TOTAL: 63**

\* DECEASED



# Club Coach's Report 2008

In this, my 6<sup>th</sup> year, as coach of Cheltenham Winter baseball club, it amazes me the depth of talent that seems to ooze from this club every year.

We have always tried to promote from within and we seemed to reach our goals again this season. Players to have broken through this year include Nathan Aron & Dylan Trevorah. Blake Cunningham had another steady year finishing with a win/loss record of 5-1 and what can you say about Kane Davidson's year. He finished hitting over .380 and defensively did an incredible job behind the plate. From the experience player of Mathew Gourlay right down to the young ones like Matt Wilson and the just turned 14 year old Ben Leslie. This club we play for will have plenty of success for years to come.

It was fantastic to see all senior teams playing finals or threatening to play finals right up until the seasons end. Congratulations go to all teams for their success over the year, special mention must go to premiership winning teams A1 Blue and A3 White.

I must also take time to thank the following people.

David Stenhouse, I don't know who he loves more, Pauline or the Cheltenham Baseball Club. (Only joking Pauline)

Steve Kavanagh for his tireless work as Chairman of Selectors and getting teams sorted and players e-mailed by Friday morning. This is a thankless task.

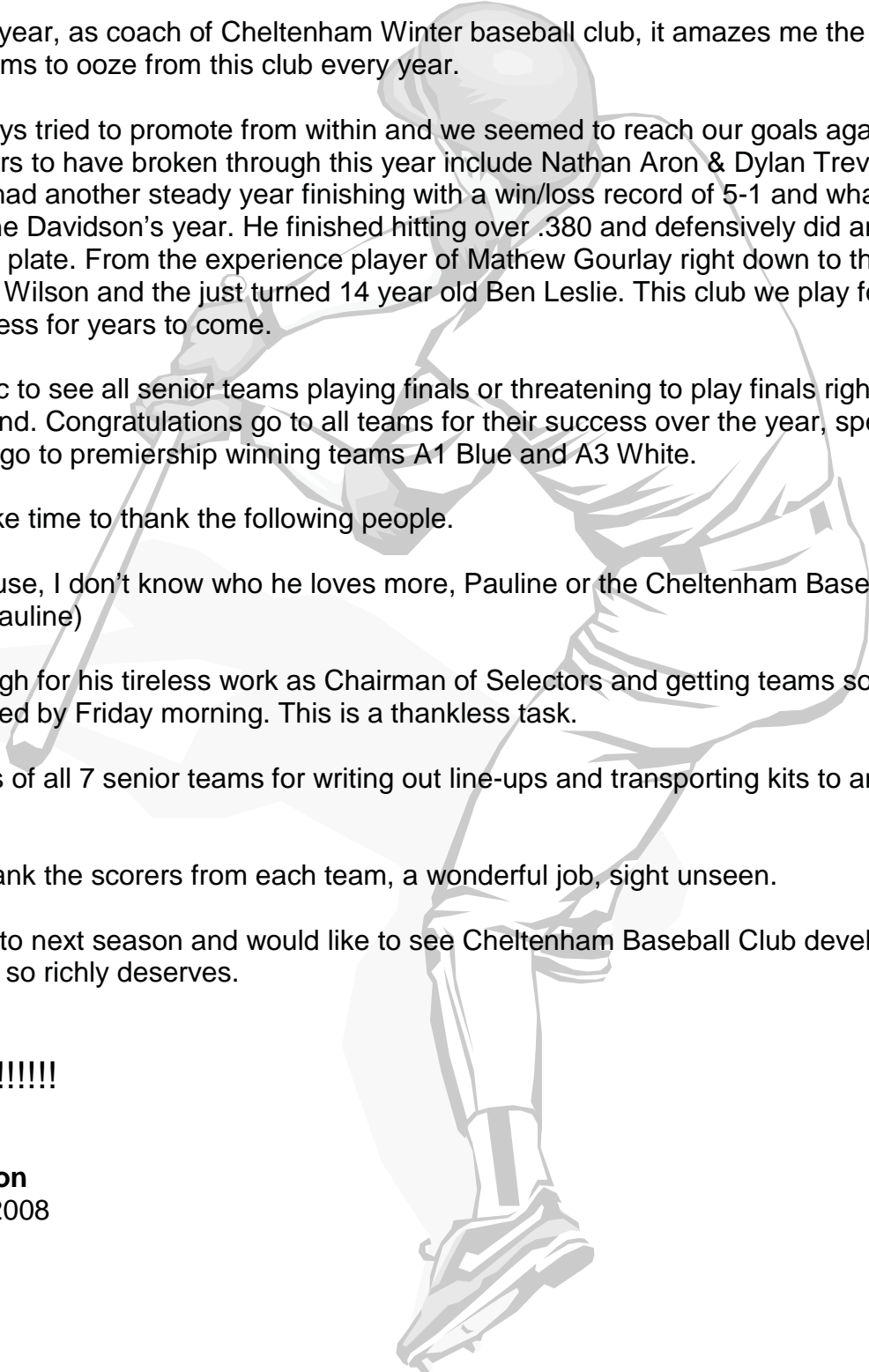
The managers of all 7 senior teams for writing out line-ups and transporting kits to and from games.

I must also thank the scorers from each team, a wonderful job, sight unseen.

I look forward to next season and would like to see Cheltenham Baseball Club develop into a powerhouse it so richly deserves.

**Play Hard!!!!!!**

**David Clarkson**  
Head Coach 2008



# Cheltenham Baseball Club

## WINTER COMMITTEE 2009

### PRESIDENT

David Stenhouse

### VICE PRESIDENT

Mika Tossavainen

### SECRETARY

Trevor Clemens

### TREASURER

Russell Ferguson

### COMMITTEE

#### Junior Coordinator

Sally Mason

#### Sponsorship

David Stenhouse

#### Equipment Manager

Mika Tossavainen

#### Newsletter & Website

#### Ordinary Members

Ian Brookes  
Brett Dickson  
Pedro Enciondo  
Trevor Hogben (resigned mid season)  
Stuart Jamison  
Brett Kavanagh  
Steve Kavanagh  
Glenn Sanders  
Karen Tossavainen

### CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS

Trevor Hogben (resigned mid season)  
Trevor Clemens (caretaker)

### CLUB COACH

David Clarkson

### BAR MANAGER

Steve Gourlay

### CANTEEN MANAGER

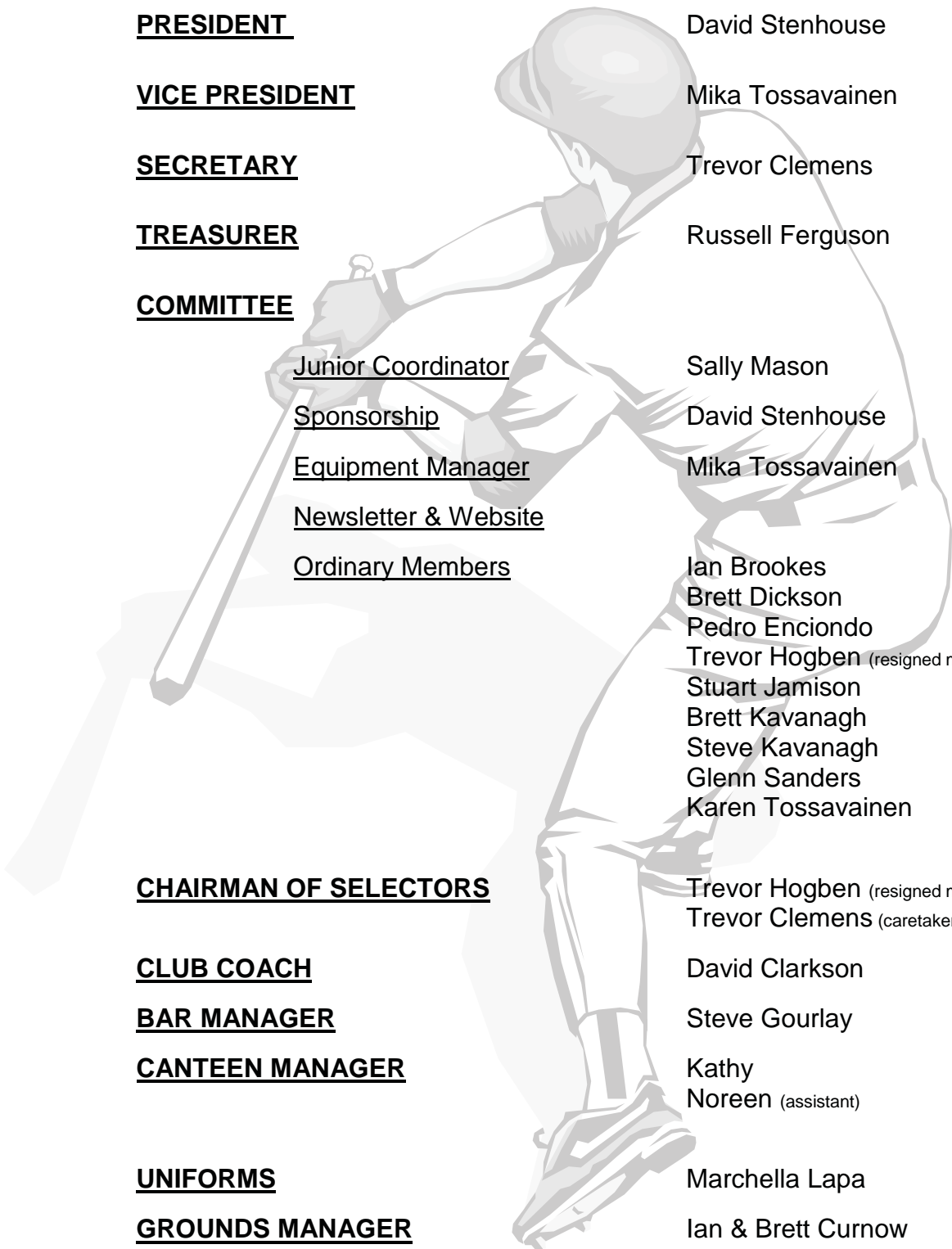
Kathy  
Noreen (assistant)

### UNIFORMS

Marchella Lapa

### GROUNDS MANAGER

Ian & Brett Curnow



# TEAM COACHES & SCORER'S

## WINTER 2008

### COACHES

### SCORER'S

#### 'A1' Blue

Dave Clarkson

Meg Clarkson

#### 'A1' White

Tony Dinnie  
Trevor Clemens (1<sup>st</sup> Base)

Janine Rizzi

#### 'A2' Blue

Paul "killer" Kilburn

Raie Brookes  
Phyllis Bannister

#### 'A2' White

Steve Kavanagh

Janette Holland

#### 'A3' Blue

David Stenhouse

Pauline Stenhouse  
Peter Leslie

#### 'A3' White

Pat O'Neill

Katrina Johnson

#### 'A4' Grade

Peter Coen  
Bruce Fitzgerald

Sue Palmer

#### U16 White

Ron Carothers  
Team manager - Noel Davidson

Peter Leslie

#### U16 Blue

Kane Davidson  
Assist – Jarrod Hall & Sean Gabb  
Team manager - Ken Clarke

Marchella Lapa

#### U14 White

Russell Ferguson  
Assist – Blake Cunningham  
Team managers – Jenny & Michael Wearne

Gabriela Taranto

#### U14 Blue

Colin Upfill  
Assist – Steve Smith  
Team manager – Sally Mason

Sue Palmer & Kathy Whiteside

#### U12 White

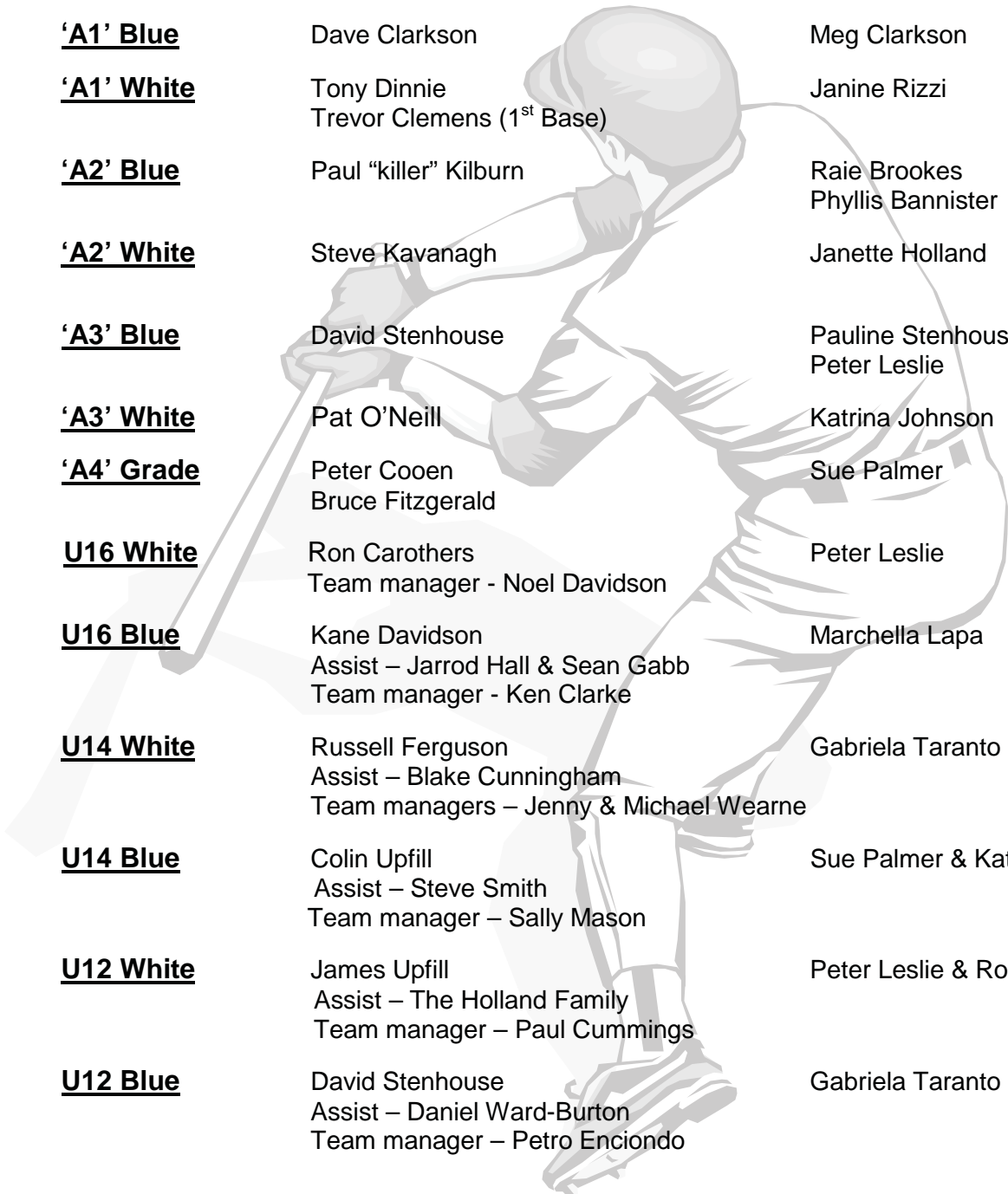
James Upfill  
Assist – The Holland Family  
Team manager – Paul Cummings

Peter Leslie & Roz McKenna

#### U12 Blue

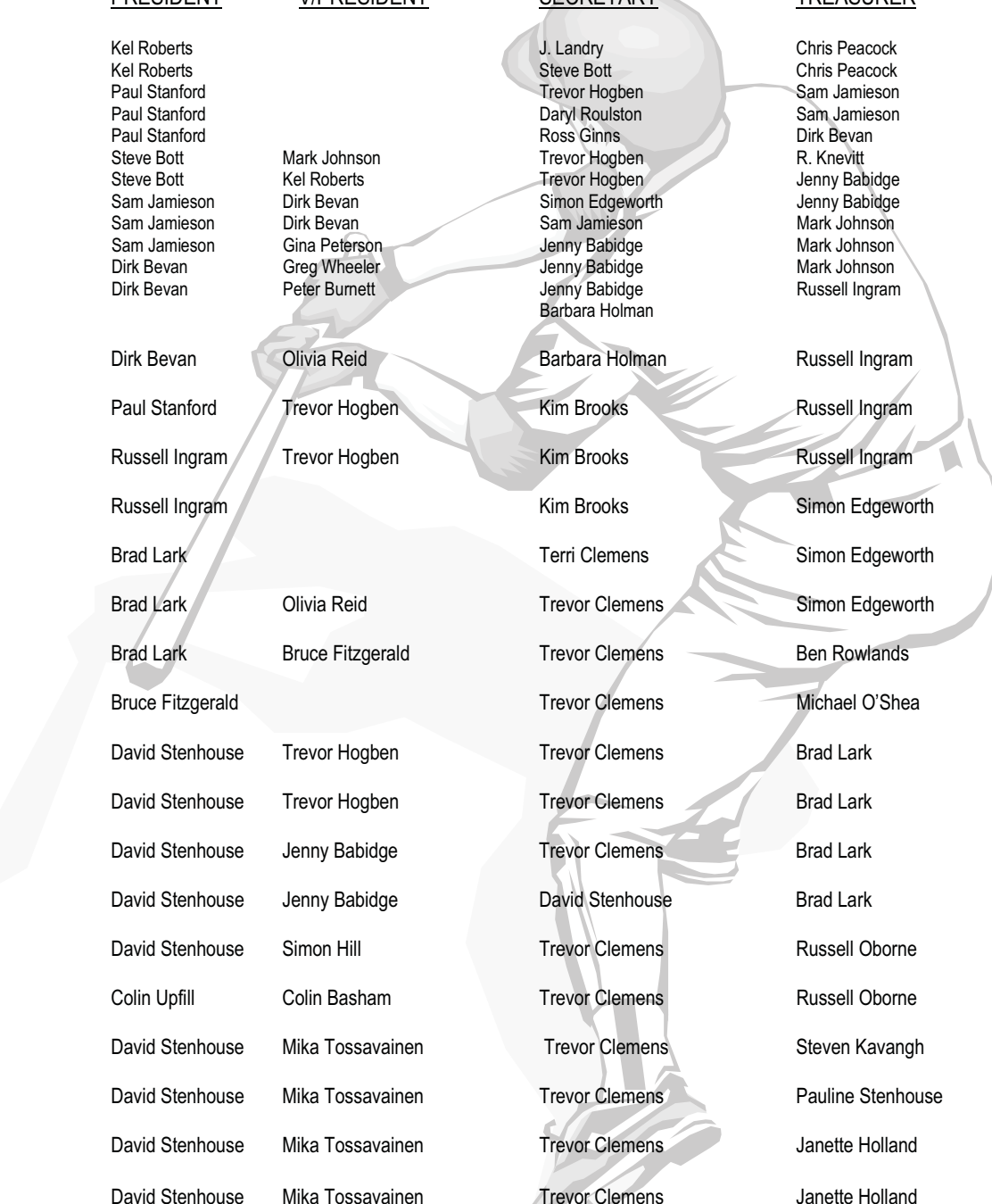
David Stenhouse  
Assist – Daniel Ward-Burton  
Team manager – Petro Enciondo

Gabriela Taranto



# Cheltenham Baseball Club

## PAST & PRESENT: WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>V/PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>CLUB COACH</u>
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 Roulston	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	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 Osborne	Myles Barnden
2003	Colin Upfill	Colin Basham	Trevor Clemens	Russell Osborne	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

**2008 David Stenhouse    Mika Tossavainen    Trevor Clemens    Janette Holland    David Clarkson**



# Cheltenham Baseball Club

## WINTER PREMIERSHIPS

### SENIOR'S

#### Comp Start / Finish

**2008/**

1932/2007

**'A1'**

'A' GRADE

**2008**

1958, 59, 60, 65, 67, 68, 71, 73, 87, 89, 2001, 02, 04, 05, 06

**2008**

1983/1987 1996/2007

**'A2'**

'A' RESERVE

1987, 2000, 01, 02, 05, 07

**2008**

1950/2007

**'A3'**

'B' GRADE

**2008**

1960, 61, 65, 71, 76, 78, 89, 93, 05, 06

**2008**

1959/1979 1988/2007

**'A4'**

'C' GRADE

1975, 76, 90, 91, 92, 96, 97, 2001

1980/1984

'C' NORTH

80, 82

1980/1984

'C' SOUTH

1985/1987

'C' 1

87

1985/1987

'C' 2

**2008**

1988/2007

**'B1'**

'D' GRADE

1989, 99, 2000, 01, 03, 05

**2008**

1992/2004

**'B2'**

'E' GRADE

1995, 99, 2000, 01, 02

1995/2006

WOMEN'S

1996, 98

### JUNIOR'S

1989/1998

UNDER 18'S

1990, 95, 97

1969/1969 1972/1988

UNDER 17'S

1969, 73, 76

**1989/**

**UNDER 16'S**

**1995, 96, 98, 2000, 01, 03, 04, 05, 08**

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, 08**

**Association: 1992, 94, 2001, 05**

1990/1995 1997/2004

T-BALL

1990, 91, 92, 96, 97, 2000, 04

# **'A1' Blue Report 2008**

## **'PREMIERS'**

With the new Season starting, gone were last year's infield of Tony Dinnie, Armen Kouchakdjian, Andrew Russell and Anthony Rienke. New were Russell Ferguson, Mathew Gourlay, Darren Cassidy and Nathan Jones (AKA Snacks).

Our team didn't look to bad, Kane Davidson behind the dish, veteran Ben Wenke returning, along with Karl McKay and Nathan Aron patrolling the outfield. We also had quality pitchers in Daryn Cassidy, Blake Cunningham and Kable Hogben. That was the basis of our team and it looked a good combination on paper. Bring on the first game.

We started with a good win against Dingley behind the pitching of Adam Blackley with our young 17 year old, Nathan Aron, picking up 5 hits in his first A Grade Game.

During the year we tried a few combinations, but Dylan Trevorah, entered the fray and impressed defensively and held down second base in the latter part of the season.

We finished the regular season with a 16-2 win loss record having lost to Frankston and Dingley in consecutive weeks. A feather in our cap was beating Frankston who hadn't loss in 2 seasons in the last game of the regular season. The team played great behind the pitching efforts of Blake Cunningham (5-1) and Daryn Cassidy (5-1).

Bring on the finals and we matched up against Frankston at Frankston, on a wild Spring day. Eventually we lost this game in the 12<sup>th</sup> inning 11-10, but we knew there, that we could match it with these guys.

Preliminary Final day, Cheltenham against Dandenong and we showed no mercy for Dandenong's 50<sup>th</sup> year celebrations beating them 10-3 to yet have another crack at Frankston in a grand final.

Eventually we got payback, beating Frankston 10-2 in the Grand Final behind the great pitching effort of Daryn Cassidy along with a team backing him with both defence and offence.

'A1' Blue weren't a team of champions, but a champion team, they wanted to practise hard and play cards (31) together. This was the recipe for a successful year.

To all players who played in 'A1' Blue, I thank you for allowing me to watch and enjoy a great baseball season.

I must also take this time to thank my scorer, Meg Clarkson, for her coloured pencils and stats throughout the year. She still amazes me.

A1' Blue Coach/Manager

**David Clarkson.**

		'A1' 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	R 18		
verses		Ding	Bon	Bye	Mon	Dand	Morn	Berw	Chelt	Fran	Ding	Bon	Morn	Mon	Dand	Bye	Berw	Chelt	Fran		
Player		A	H	Bye	H	A	A	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	Bye	H	H	H	Total	
Adam Blackley		3																		3	
Nathan Aron		2																		2	
Ben Wenke		1				W		2		2							1			6	
Daryn Cassidy			3		3	A		3	1			3	2				3	3		21	
Blake Cunningham			2			S			2	1			3		3		2			13	
Matt Gourlay			1		2	H			3		3	1							2	12	
Kane Davidson					1			1						1	2			2	1	8	
Kyle Brookes							3													3	
Nathan Jones						O	2				1								3	6	
Dylan Trevorah						U	1													1	
Russell Ferguson						T				3	2		1					1		7	
Andrew Russell												2		3						5	
Anthony Rienke														2	1					3	
AWARD RECIPIENTS																					
M.V.P				Daryn Cassidy 21 votes																	
BATTING AVERAGE				Mathew Gourlay .467 ave																	
COACHE'S AWARD				Kane Davidson																	
GRAND SLAMS				Nil																	
SHUT OUTS				Daryn Cassidy - Rd 4-10/5/08 vs Monash Uni 11-0, Rd 7- 31/5/08 vs Berwick 3-0,																	
				Rd 11- 5/7/08 vs Bonbeach 16-0																	

# **'A1' White Report 2008**

The A1 White team played a very good first half of the season. At the half way mark we had a record of 4 wins and 4 loses. With a bit of luck we could have been 6-2. We lost two very close games against Bonbeach and also Berwick which we were in positions to win but just couldn't get over the line.

From the half way point of the season we fell away a bit but were still in contention for a finals berth up until about three weeks to go. We struggled with consistency and had a lack of pitching depth with only one recognised pitcher to shoulder all of the work through the year catching up with us.

We had a few individual highlights along the way. One being Dale Ravesi's one hit 3-0 shutout of finalists Dingley and also a huge home run from Daniel Flynn. I hope the guys have learnt something from this season and have appreciated the great opportunity given to them by the club fielding two A Grade sides. It's a great credit to the club that we can field two competitive teams each week in A grade.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Trevor Clemens for assisting me this season. Trevor your help has been much needed and very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank Janine Rizzi for scoring for us this year. Your commitment and dedication has made my job of coaching a much easier one. Thank you.

I would also like to thank all of the guys who have played for me this year. I have had a very enjoyable season and hope you all have too.

**Tony Dinnie**

Coach/Manager 'A1' White 2008



# 'A1' White Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>At Bats</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Nick Rossell	15	54	16	0.296
Sean Gabb	16	59	15	0.254
Tony Dinnie	16	61	18	0.295
Jarrold Hall	13	47	13	0.277
Michael Rizzi	12	42	6	0.143
Matt Coppens	14	49	14	0.286
Elliott Maquire	12	35	7	0.200
Dale Ravesi	14	30	4	0.133
Geoff Holland	7	23	4	0.174
Bryce Marshall	5	19	8	0.421
Daniel Flynn	4	15	4	0.267
Dylan Trevorah	5	17	4	0.235
Daniel Kitch	3	10	2	0.200
Nathan Jones	2	9	2	0.222
Russell Fergusson	2	8	1	0.125
Kable Hogben	3	6	2	0.333
Kane Davidson	1	4	1	0.250
Nathan Aron	1	3	1	0.333
Blake Cunningham	4	3	1	0.333
Kyle Brooks	1	5	0	0.000
Tim O'Niell	1	4	1	0.250
Dean Cooper	1	3	0	0.000
Trevor Clemens	1	4	2	0.500
Daryn Cassidy	1	3	1	0.333

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



# **'A2' Blue Report 2008**

Most of you know that I am a man who loves his baseball, but it's been 17 years since I last coached. I would like to thank the A2 Blue players for their patience while I got my act together over the season.

The club's situation this year resulted in many line-up changes for our team and we couldn't get settled positions for most of the season. All the players showed great flexibility with these changes.

Our pitching staff included Kyle Brookes, who was our starting pitcher early in the season and then became a very good reliever for Russell Ferguson. Kyle showed great maturity and could always be relied on to throw his best. Special mention to Dean Cooper who came late in the season as a starting pitcher and made a great contribution, also to Trent Davidson and Ben Cooen for helping out on the mound.

Our batting was inconsistent throughout the season, but some highlights included Shaun Grabert, Kyle Brookes, Trent Davidson, Andrew Rizzi and Jon Bannister. Later in the season Daniel Flynn batted 500, but did not play enough games with us to qualify for the award. Trent Davidson showed great improvement in the batting box over the course of the season.

Andrew Rizzi was catcher for more than half the season and did a great job behind the plate.

We didn't make the finals this year, however with such a young team I feel that we have given some experience to younger players who we hope will be around the club for a long time to come.

Special thanks to:

Raie Brookes for being our scorer and compiling the stats, even on those games where Kyle was playing elsewhere.

Matty Gourlay for making the effort to come to nearly all of our games before starting in the A1's, helping to base-coach and generally boosting moral.

Russell Ferguson for coming down to be a designated pitcher before starting the A1's and also for coaching when I couldn't be there.

**Paul "killer" Kilburn**

Coach/Manager  
'A2' Blue 2008

# 'A2' Blue Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>At Bats</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
SHAUN GRABERT	9	31	12	0.387
KYLE BROOKES	11	29	11	0.379
TRENT DAVIDSON	16	46	17	0.370
ANDREW RIZZI	11	35	11	0.314
JON BANNISTER	14	39	12	0.308
PAUL KILBURN	11	26	6	0.231
BEN COOEN	13	26	5	0.192
ADAM KATZ	8	18	2	0.111
DANIEL FLYNN	7	20	10	0.500
TOM FITZGERALD	6	17	6	0.353
DEAN COOPER	5	16	5	0.313
JAMES UPFIL	5	14	3	0.214
MATTHEW WILSON	4	7	1	0.143
DAVE CLARKSON	3	7	3	0.429
MICHAEL COOK	3	9	3	0.333
ELLIOT MACGUIRE	3	9	3	0.333
TOM DAVIDSON	2	6	1	0.167
WILL FELSENTAL	2	5		0.000
BRAD HEENAN	2	4	1	0.250
PAT ONEILL	1	6	1	0.167
TIM O NEILL	1	5	2	0.400
BEN LESLIE	1	4	0	0.000
MATT COPPENS	1	4	1	0.250
PETER COOEN	1	2	0	0.000
NOEL DAVIDSON	1	4	1	0.250

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# 'A2' White Report 2008

I write this as another season comes to an end with the A2 White sides finals campaign ending this weekend. Finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> spot on the ladder would have left most teams pretty happy, however I have to say that by our own standards we have had a pretty average year, and the core guys of the team like me would probably have expected to do a little better. Lot's of highs and just as many lows, games that we shouldn't have lost we lost, games that we probably shouldn't have won we won.

Going into this season pitching was the biggest problem for us. However two of our younger players, Stu & Geoff Holland stepped up to be our main go to guys and did great jobs showing they could mix it with the older more experienced players of other clubs, winning more games than lost. Our defence showed a lot with very few errors being made (which the teams fine jar didn't appreciate). At times our hitting was fantastic showing great discipline especially through out the finals campaign, and at other times we were a little slack as was shown by a very disappointing loss to Mornington. All in all things were very interesting come the end of the season and had us needing to win at least 3 out of 4 games and rely on other teams losing to finish in the top 4, thankfully the other Chelt side helped us out by knocking off a couple of the contenders and getting us into the finals series.

Finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and with a handful of wins in a row under our belt and with probably the "biggest" hitting side in the competition, those of you who have seen one of our games would probably agree the side was confident that we could play a big part in the finals... This confidence was prevalent in the first game of the finals with a smashing 12 run victory over Dingley and we were hopeful that this confidence would carry over to the preliminary finals against Frankston, one of the best games I've ever played in unfolded with our boys showing a great fighting spirit never giving up throughout the entire game. All the guys who played in this game should hold there heads high, everyone did there bit putting down bunts, stealing bases, making some big plays and getting the important hits to keep the pressure on the tomatoes all day long... Unfortunately however the experience of Frankston shone through in the 9<sup>th</sup> to put us out of the finals and end our chance at back to back premierships...

I would like to thank all the guys who have played this season it's been a lot of fun, on and off the field, and hope to see you all again next season.

On behalf of all the players, a big thanks must go to Janette Holland for scoring all season for us and to everyone else, in particular the wives, girlfriends and parents that helped out (put up with us) throughout the season.

**Steve Kavanagh**

Coach/Manager  
'A2' White 2008

# 'A2' WHITE 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	R 18	
verses	Bon	Morn	Berw	Dand	Bye	Mon	Fran	Chelt	Ding	Bon	Morn	Mon	Dand	Bye	Berw	Fran	Chelt	Ding	
Player	A	H	H	H	Bye	A	A	H	H	H	A	H	A	Bye	A	H	H	A	Total
Cooper Dean								3											3
Dickson Brett											3		1				3	2	9
Fitzgerald Tom									1										1
Holland Geoff	3		1	1		3	2						3			2			15
Holland Stuart	1	3		2				2		1	1	1	2		3			3	19
Kavanagh Brett			3			2	1					3						1	10
Kavanagh Steve			2			1	3												6
Sanders Glenn		2													2		2		6
Scammell Mark	2			3					2						1				8
Tossavainen Mika								1		3						1			5
Williams Daniel									3	2		2				3	1		11
Burrell Peter											2								2
Flynn Daniel		1																	1

## AWARD RECIPIENTS

<b>M.V.P</b>	Stuart Holland - 19 Votes
<b>BATTING AVERAGE</b>	Geoff Holland - .429 ave
<b>COACHE'S AWARD</b>	Nil
<b>GRAND SLAMS</b>	Geoff Holland - Rd 6 24/5/08 - vs Monash Uni
<b>SHUT OUTS</b>	Stuart Holland - Rd 2 26/4/08 - vs Mornington

# 'A3' Blue Report 2008

Thank you to our scorers Pauline Stenhouse and Peter Leslie for their time and effort.

To those that filled in the umpire roll, this was very much appreciated.

Thank you to all our players, as we had a total of 24 through for the season, hopefully next year we will have more pitching come up and this will allow us oldies to save our already stuffed arms and sit back watch the young talent come through.

It was a harder year for us with players coming in and out all the time, but with our best 9 on the field we were more competitive in the tight situations.

Once again, thank you to all I hope to see you all next year.

Yours in baseball,

**David Stenhouse**  
Coach/Manager A3' Blue 2008

## Team Members

Chris Murphy	James Upfill	Joe Reilly	Dave Stenhouse
Steve Babidge	Jesse Romari	Brendan O'Leary	Jake Babidge
Steve Earle	Brad Lark	Ron Carothers	Chris Reece
Dean Cooper	Andrew Rizzi	Shaun Grabert	Michael Cook
Rick Milson	Peter Burrell	Ben Leslie	Chris Hook
Joe Trucchio	Nick Fitzgerald	Brendan O'Leary	Matthew Felsenthal
Adam Katz	Ian Curnow	Craig Durdin	Pedro Enciondo

**MVP** - Brad Lark

**Best Batter Award** - Steve Babidge & Ron Carothers



# 'A3' White Report 2008

## 'PREMIERS'

This year a crack commando unit was sent to prison by a military court for a crime they didn't commit. These men promptly escaped from a maximum security stockade to the Cheltenham Baseball Club. Today, still wanted by the government, they survive as soldiers of Baseball. If you have a problem, if no one else can help, and if you can find them, maybe you can hire... The A3-Team.

That's right we were just like the A-team. No body could stop us and nothing could get in our way.

Ok not really but we had a fairly good season. With most of last season side staying together we moved down to the reformatted A3 section. We over powered most of the teams with our strong batting line up. We went the season finishing on top with a record of 15-3. Right now I'm writing this report before finals but fingers crossed everything we go right for us.

The season had a few highlights and low lights:

- The 30 run wins over teams,
- Watching Bryce turn up still drunk from the night before,
- Tim and myself pitching shut outs, (in fact I actually pitched 2)
- Beating the other Cheltenham team, (Larky still waiting for those slabs)
- Peter getting to the 7<sup>th</sup> inning on a shut out only for Johnno to tell the batters what was coming and Peter not getting it,
- Cooky hitting a home run with his first swing with his new bat, (he went 7 from 7 that day)
- Yogi and his streak of backwards K2s (6)
- Michael trying to pitch
- Hooky trying to read the signs off the catcher and then admitting he was too dumb to know what they meant
- James being 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> out and the last out of the year in the same pitch, then getting to his car and having a flat battery (dude sorry but that's 2 slabs)
- Pat Diservi 1 game and a grand slam

A special thankyou to Mum (Katrina) for scoring for us this season. You nearly could have being to more games then anyone in this team but decided to go to Fiji. I guess the punishment might be to score again next year. But really thanks heaps for being there to score.

All jokes aside this team when all together was a force to be recon with. I can honestly say I have had a ball being the manager of this team. Hopefully we are drinking winning piss on presentation night.

Go the Rustlers!!!

**Pat O'Neill**  
Coach/Manager  
'A3' White 2008

		'A3' WHITE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER																		
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Player		A	A	A	H	Bye	H	H	H	H	H	H	A	A	H	H	A	H	A	Total
Pat O'Neill				1	2			1	3	3	3			3		3				19
Michael Cook			1		3		3										2		2	11
Tim O'Neill			2						2	1			3	2				1		11
Bryce Marshall				3				3									3		1	10
Chris Hook										2	1	1	2			2		2		10
Peter Burdett					1		1		1			3							3	9
David Olsen	1	3						2				2								8
David Johnson				2			2							1		1				6
Elliott Conell															3					3
Micheal Olsen												1		2						3
Rick Milsom																		3		3
Trent Vanderheiden	3																			3
James Upfil															1		1			2
Lauren Olsen										2										2
Steve Smith	2																			2
Stuart Jamieson																				0
AWARD RECIPIENTS																				
M.V.P				PAT O'NEILL 19 votes																
BATTING AVERAGE				PETER BURDETT .537 ave																
MOST CONSISTENT				MICHAEL COOK 11 votes .690 ave																
GRAND SLAMS				Nil																
SHUT OUTS			Pat O'Neill Rd 8-14/6/08 vs Cheltenham white 9-0 & Rd 13-19/7/08 vs Dandenong 10-0																	
			Tim O'Neill Rd 12-12/7/08 vs Moash Uni 11-0																	

# 'A4' Report 2008

The side finished middle of the road and for most of the season we were running at a 50/50 win/loss ratio.

Being a young side probably reflected our greatest weakness, being undersized we were sometimes overpowered and then not having the run producing capacity to put ourselves back into the game. This run production would have been improved if we were able to retain Andrew Rizzi and Stuart Jamison but both deserved to be playing in higher grades.

Some of our best games were against Frankston & Dingley who finished first and second after the Home & Away season, it was unfortunate that we played them 7 times during the season for 2 wins, but we were close in the 5 losses.

Undoubtedly the highlight for the season was our victory over Frankston in the fourth game we played against them, I was just sick of losing to them, especially since they weren't that good, so the youth policy was out the window for this game and we bought 48 year old Peter Burnett out of retirement/hibernation. Once he was in my car and halfway to Frankston I informed him that he was going was going to catch, oh #\* @! are you trying to kill me was his reply, but he did the job required. Our supporters made it quite clear that they wanted the win also.

The team as a whole grew with confidence, errors reduced, we caught baserunners stealing, made outs at the plate, boy we started to play real solid ball. Most pleasing was to see our main pitcher Jesse Romari starting to get some of the calls he deserved, getting in front of the batter and then getting the batter out chasing non strikes. It would be true to say that we let him down defensively in the earlier part of the season.

Our offence was led by the Felsenthal brothers, Matthew 0.500 defeating Will 0.474 by one less at bat, they were ably assisted by Jesse 0.451 and Elliot Connell 0.400.

Thank you to the umpires Dean Felsenthal & Colin Upfill and our scorers Sue Palmer & Janine Rizzi.

Thank you to all the parents for your support and making the season so enjoyable.

## **Bruce Fitzgerald & Peter Cooen**

Co Coaches/Managers  
'A4' 2008

## **Team Members**

Jake Babidge  
Michael Cook  
Thomas Davidson  
Bruce Fitzgerald  
Jack Jowett  
Max Palmer  
Jesse Romari

Peter Burnett  
Elliott Connell  
Matt Felsenthal  
Nick Fitzgerald  
James Murray  
Andrew Rizzi  
Steve Smith

James Brake  
Peter Cooen  
Will Felsenthal  
Stuart Jamison  
Jack Ogilvie  
Peter Rizzi

**MVP** - Jesse Romari

**Batting Average** - Matthew Felsenthal .500 ave

**Best Clubman** - James Brake

# Club Person 2008

## FRANK BABIDGE JNR MEMORIAL TROPHY

### Nominations are -:

#### **Trevor Clemens:**

➤ Secretary

Trevor has once again performed outstandingly as the club secretary, truly justifying his standing as a respected member of our baseball community. After many years in this voluntary role Trevor continues to deliver on the job description and has the best interest of the club at the forefront of any negotiation or discussions when representing the Cheltenham Winter Baseball Club.

#### **Brett (Dicko) Dickson:**

- Bar Manager
- Canteen Assistant
- General Gopher

Brett has done a great job in the bar this year and often having to stay very late at night. More than once he was left to clean-up after social functions when most people left without even making an effort. He was always available to help out in many other areas of the club including jumping into the canteen if necessary. He is a very mature young man who should be congratulated for his dedication to this voluntary role and his passion for the Cheltenham Winter Baseball Club

#### **Janette Holland:**

➤ Treasurer

Janette the money lady has once again out performed her previous year's award winning performance. Janette capably handles all the "money" matters of the club in her voluntary role as Treasurer. (If I ever go into business I will be employing Janette to do my books!) In addition Janette also takes in her stride scoring duties for her son's team and is not shy to put the apron on when we needed help in the canteen.

#### **Steve Kavanagh:**

- Chairman of Selectors
- A2 White Coach/Manager
- Assistant Barman extraordinaire
- Canteen Assistant

Steve has put his hand up for all the above jobs this year. He has assisted Brett running the Bar and been willing to jump in and help out in the canteen whenever needed, whether cooking or serving. He was also on hand for this years social functions, doing whatever was required.

#### **Dave Stenhouse:**

➤ President

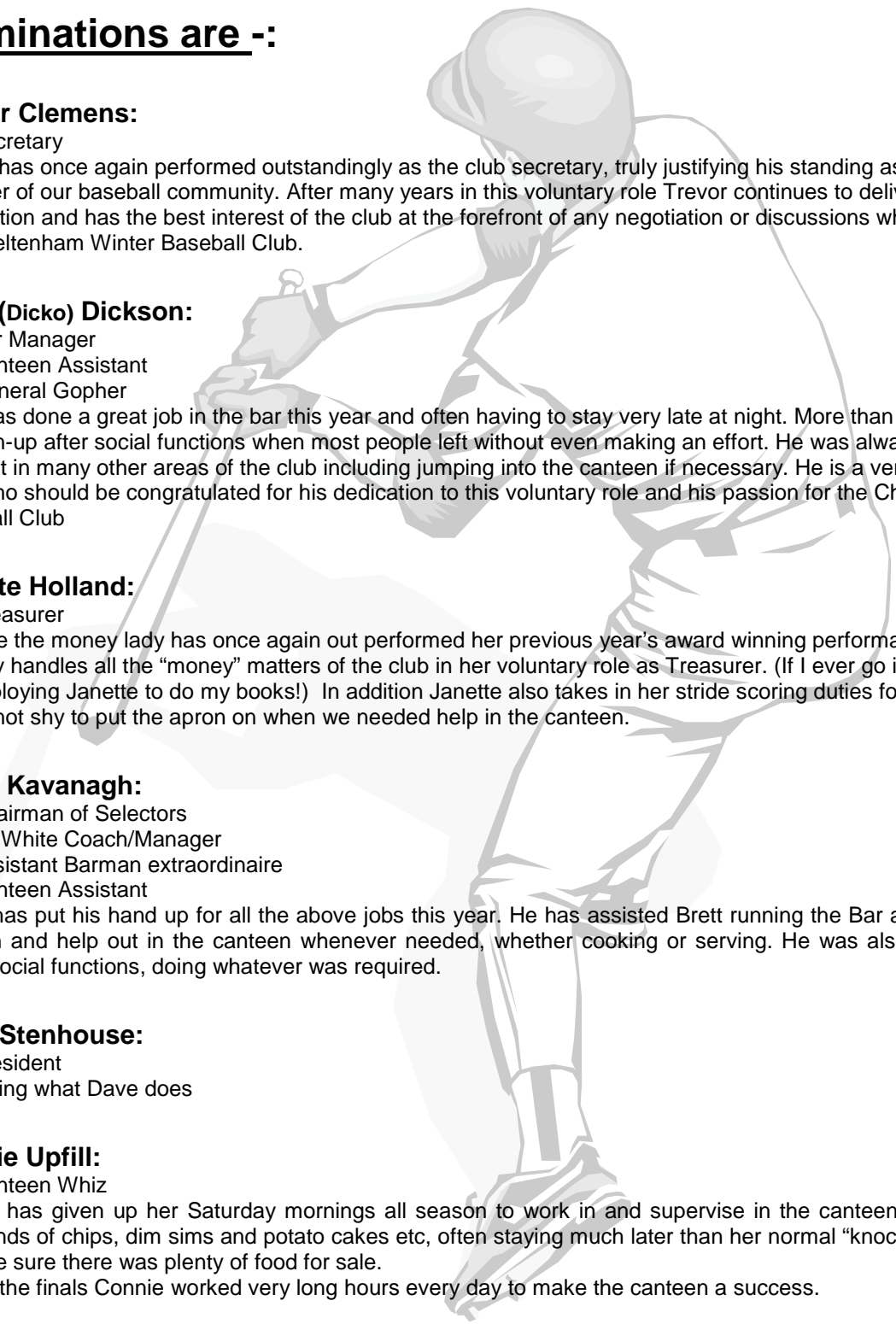
For doing what Dave does

#### **Connie Upfill:**

➤ Canteen Whiz

Connie has given up her Saturday mornings all season to work in and supervise in the canteen. She has cooked thousands of chips, dim sims and potato cakes etc, often staying much later than her normal "knock-off" time in order to make sure there was plenty of food for sale.

During the finals Connie worked very long hours every day to make the canteen a success.



# 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 & Ricky Wheeler		
2007	Blake Cunningham	<b>2008</b>	<b>Daryn Cassidy</b>		

## 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
2007	Dale Ravesi	<b>2008</b>	<b>Kyle Brookes</b>

## 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
2004		2005	Trophy now obsolete (see above)		

# FRANK BABIDGE JNR MEMORIAL TROPHY

## 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		
<b>2008</b>	<b>Brett Dickson</b>				



# Cheltenham Baseball Club

## D.B.A Representative Junior Players

Cheltenham Junior Players who were selected to represent the DBA in their VPBL Sate Championships during Winter 2009

A real sign of the quality of the club was the number of Cheltenham players that did very well at the DBA team tryouts. Congratulations to **Josh Goschnick**, **Michael Leslie**, **Sam Michael** and **Matt Stenhouse** making the Division 1 team. **Kai Jacob**, **Ryan Taranto**, as well as **Max Barrett**, **Jak Cummings** and **Declan Chittenden** from Cheltenham White and Cheltenham Blue made the DBA Division 2 team. All the boys performed well on the weekend and were a credit to themselves and the club. Well done to **Sam Michael** and **Josh Goschnick** who were selected in the 1st Division All-stars team at Pitcher and 1st Base respectively. Unfortunately the championship was decided on a round robin basis, and a one run loss to Ringwood ended the 1st Division team's chances, the second Division team also had a single loss that put them out of contention for the championship in their Division.

Congratulations to **Yoshi Campitelli** and **Brandon Stenhouse** for winning the DBA MVP Awards.

### Under 16

Tom Davidson  
Ben Leslie  
Adam Burdett  
Yoshi Campitelli

### Under 14

Stefan Taranto  
Brandon Stenhouse  
Justin Aron  
Tim De Rose  
Adam Love  
Zak Palmer  
Jack Warner  
Hikaru Yokota

### Under 12

Josh Goschnick  
Michael Leslie  
Sam Michael  
Matt Stenhouse  
Kai Jacob  
Ryan Taranto  
Max Barrett  
Declan Chittenden  
Jak Cummings

### Players who represented CBC in other Events in 2009

#### SAN FRANCISCO - Adam Love, Jack Warner, Brandon Stenhouse

Played in the Little League Friendship Series against teams from the Danville area in San Francisco.

#### LISMORE - Hikaru Yokoto

Played in the U14 Timberjacks Tournament.

#### JAPAN - Koji Campitelli, Koki Fukusaku, Jack Enciondo, Michael Natoli

Played in the 'Aussies' team in Washimiya.

#### CAL RIPKIN - Justin Aron

Invited to play in the Cal Ripken Series.

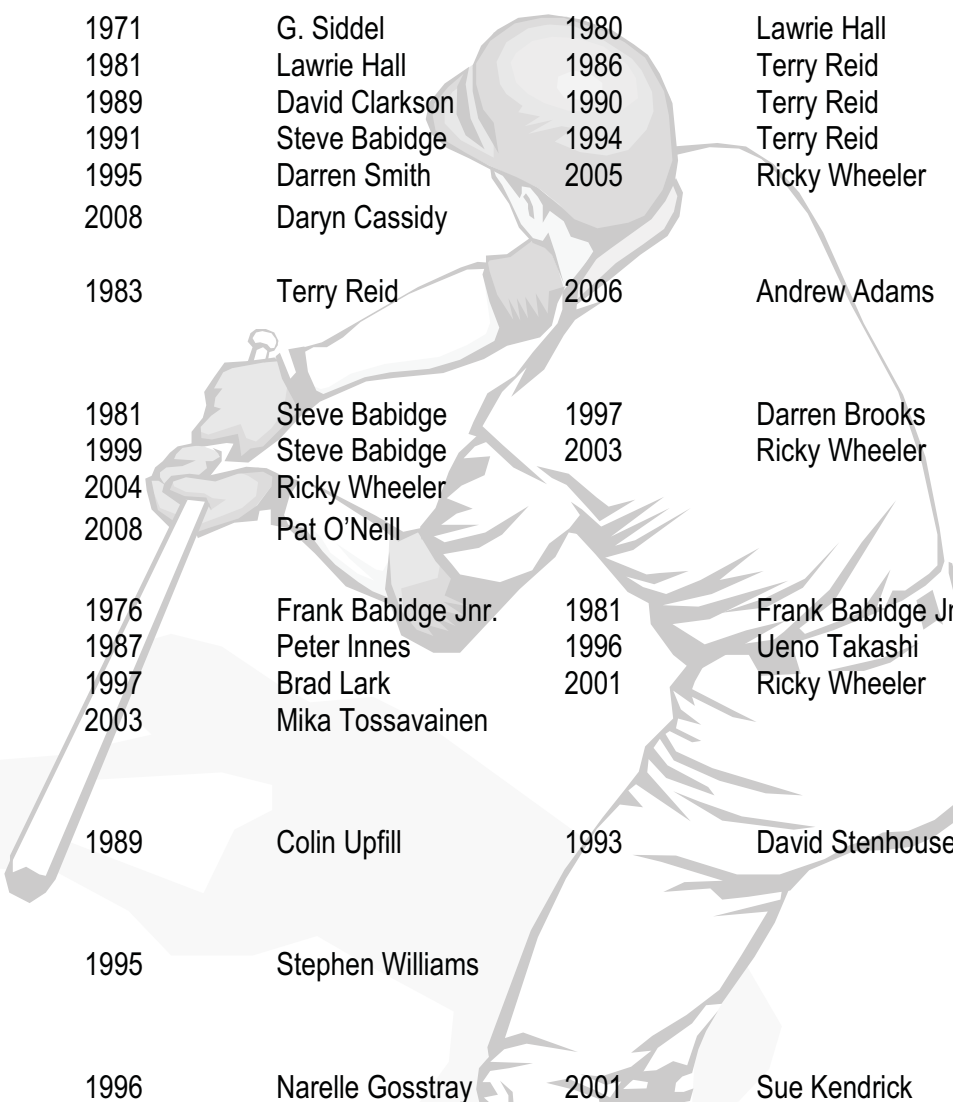
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Good luck to everyone playing their chosen sport this Summer (hopefully baseball with Cheltenham!) and we look forward to seeing you again next Winter.

**Winter Committee 2009**

# Cheltenham Baseball Club

## D.B.A. MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS



<b><u>'A' GRADE</u></b>	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	2005	Ricky Wheeler
<b><u>'A1'</u></b> (new grade 2008)	2008	Daryn Cassidy		
<b><u>'A' RESERVE</u></b>	1983	Terry Reid	2006	Andrew Adams
<b><u>'A2'</u></b> (new grade 2008)				
<b><u>'B' GRADE</u></b>	1981	Steve Babidge	1997	Darren Brooks
	1999	Steve Babidge	2003	Ricky Wheeler
	2004	Ricky Wheeler		
<b><u>'A3'</u></b> (new grade 2008)	2008	Pat O'Neill		
<b><u>'C' GRADE</u></b>	1976	Frank Babidge Jnr.	1981	Frank Babidge Jnr.
	1987	Peter Innes	1996	Ueno Takashi
	1997	Brad Lark	2001	Ricky Wheeler
	2003	Mika Tossavainen		
<b><u>'A4'</u></b> (new grade 2008)				
<b><u>'D' GRADE</u></b>	1989	Colin Upfill	1993	David Stenhouse
<b><u>'B1'</u></b> (new grade 2008)				
<b><u>'E' GRADE</u></b>	1995	Stephen Williams		
<b><u>'B2'</u></b> (new grade 2008)				
<b><u>WOMEN'S</u></b>	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

**\*\*2008\*\***

16 Consecutive years as Club Champions

# **SOCIAL REPORT 2008**

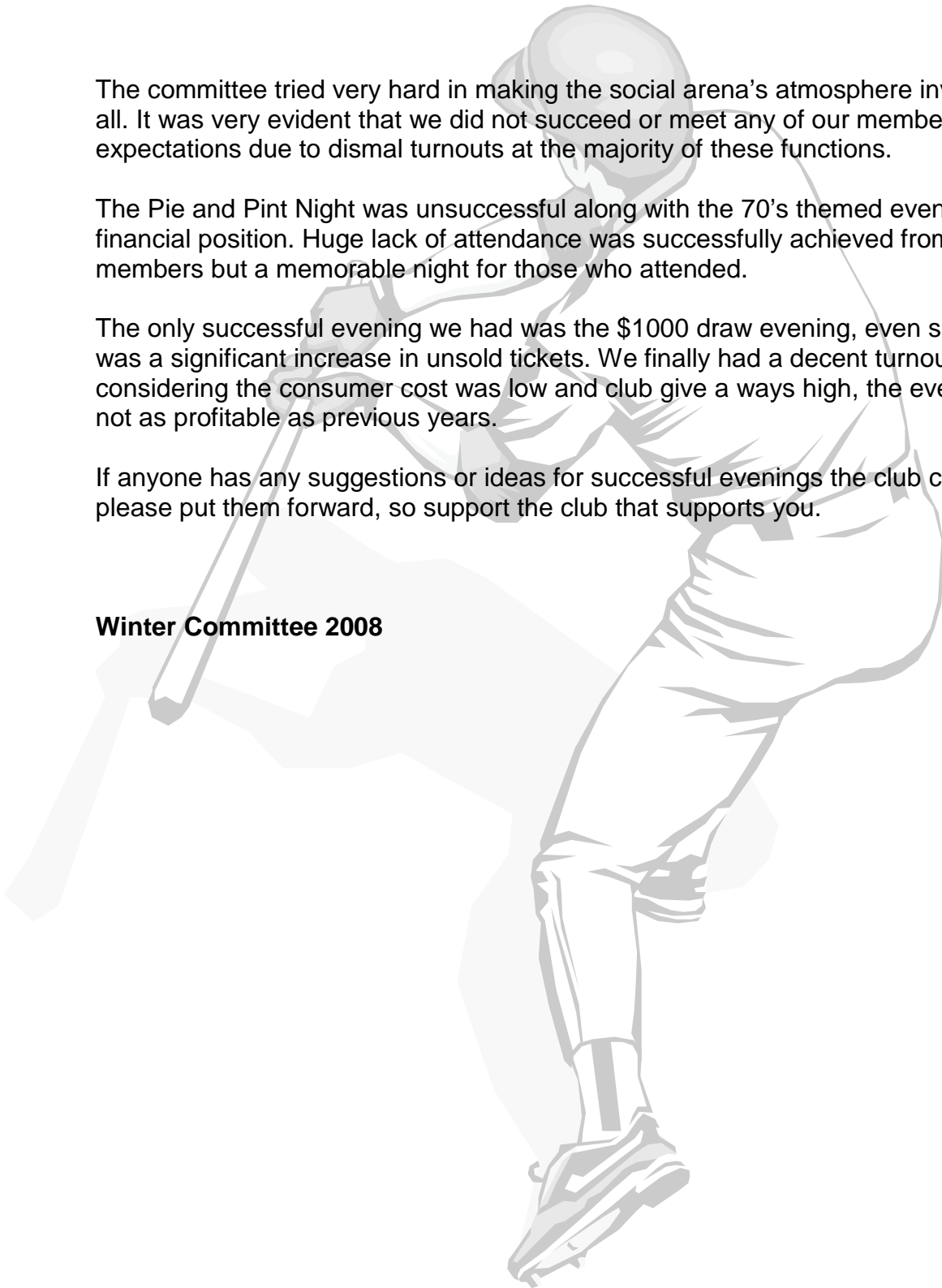
The committee tried very hard in making the social arena's atmosphere inviting for all. It was very evident that we did not succeed or meet any of our members' expectations due to dismal turnouts at the majority of these functions.

The Pie and Pint Night was unsuccessful along with the 70's themed evening from a financial position. Huge lack of attendance was successfully achieved from the members but a memorable night for those who attended.

The only successful evening we had was the \$1000 draw evening, even such there was a significant increase in unsold tickets. We finally had a decent turnout but considering the consumer cost was low and club give a ways high, the evening was not as profitable as previous years.

If anyone has any suggestions or ideas for successful evenings the club can hold please put them forward, so support the club that supports you.

**Winter Committee 2008**



# CANTEEN REPORT 2008

Well, another year of hot dogs and hot chips has come to an end and we have had another successful and profitable year, the canteen turning a profit of over \$5,000.

It can sometimes be hard to judge what will sell in the canteen and what will not, however when it comes to hot chips I will indulge in stealing a little quote from a very famous baseball movie....."If you cook them they will come." No sooner did they come out of the deep fryer and they were gone, especially when the junior's games had just finished. Hope you all enjoyed.

Tina, as usual did a wonderful job purchasing all the supplies and having everything fired up and ready to go for first thing on Saturday mornings and backed up with the big clean up on Sunday mornings. Thank you to Tina for all your help during the year.

This year we welcomed Eric to the canteen to help out with the morning rush as well as hold the fort for the afternoon games.

To Janette Holland and the fabulous committee members, parents and players who jumped in and helped out when required, thank you all for your help and assistance in making the canteen such a success this year. (Especially on the big finals days)

Any parents, players, wives, girlfriends ...anyone at all who would like to help out in the canteen in season 2009 please do not hesitate to approach any of the committee members to advise your expression of interest.

Many thanks

**Connie Upfill**

Volunteer Canteen Manager 2008



# **JUNIOR CO-ORDINATORS**

## **REPORT 2008**

Well we have come to the end of yet another winter DBA season and it again has been a very successful one for Cheltenham juniors on a number of fronts.

Firstly, thanks must go to the Winter Committee and their work, always gloriously led from the very front by the President Dave Stenhouse. A thanks also has to go to the people on the canteen - Tina Cooen, Janette Holland, Connie Upfill and Eric – who do such a continually great job in a pretty confined space. The uniform shop was again run very ably by Marcella Lapa who ensured our boys and girls take the field looking like Rustlers! Thanks Marcella.

We would also like to thank some of the people who have continuously helped around the club in a 'hard labor' and ground-prep capacity: Peter Leslie, John Carlile, Ian Curnow, John Ferguson, Peter Katz and Bruce Fitzgerald. Apologies if we have missed anyone, but these seem to be the guys who continuously show up to get their hands dirty. You fellas are stars.

OK, now on to the troops that are in The Show. Cheltenham fielded 6 teams in the winter competition; 2 in each age division and thanks must go to the people who took on Coaching, Team Manager and Scorers roles this winter.

The U12 Blue team were very well led by Dave Stenhouse and Daniel Ward-Bourton, with Pedro Enciondo as Team Manager and Gabby Taranto as Scorer. Jim Bob Upfill and Geoff Holland took the U12 White team. Thanks also to John Holland for helping them out at the start of the season, and to Paul Cummings, Team Manager and Peter Leslie and Roz McKenna. Paul had the inspired idea of the mid-season Pie Night which went beautifully.

U14 White were coached by Russell Ferguson, with Jenny and Michael Wearne as Team Managers, and Gabriela Taranto, Scorer. U12 Blue were coached by the evergreen Col Upfill with Sally Mason as Team Manager and Sue Palmer, Sally Mason and Kathy Whiteside, Scorers.

The U16 White team was led by Ronnie Carothers with Noel Davidson as Team Manager and Pete Leslie as scorer. U16 Blue had Kane Davidson at the helm assisted by Sean Gabb and Jarrod Hall; with Kenny Clark as Team Manager and Marcella Lapa as Scorer.

These people rolled up every frosty Saturday winter morning to take the teams and, as you know, when that's a 7.45 warm-up at Boneo, that's a tough gig. We need to publicly appreciate their efforts.

And of course we need to say a huge congratulations to our Premiers!!!!!!

**U12 Blue and U16 Blue!! Great job – 2 for 2 on Grand Final Day.**

If we have missed anyone here; apologies, it's not always easy to capture everyone, but you all help make Cheltenham Baseball Club the great club it is. Thank you.

**Sue Felsenthal & Steve Campitelli**  
Junior Coordinators 2008



# **Cheltenham Baseball Club**

## **DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**

### **Cheltenham Junior Players who were selected to represent the DBA in their VPBL State Championships during Winter 2008**

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

**Under 12:** Koji Campitelli, Jack Enciondo (Grand Slam), Koki Fukusaku, Michael Leslie, Matthew McKenna, Michael Natoli, Matt Stenhouse, Ryan Taranto

**All Stars** Jack Enciondo, Michael Leslie + DBA MVP!

**Under 14:** Justin Aron, Will Mason, Zak Palmer, Brandon Stenhouse.

**Under 16:** Jon Bannister, Adam Burdett, Yoshi Campitelli, Dean Cooper, Brett Curnow, Nick Fitzgerald, Ben Leslie, Matt Wilson.

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**Winter Committee 2008**

# U'16' White Report 2008

The Under 16 Cheltenham White Baseball Team finished the regular season in first place with 11 wins and 2 losses. The team played well and produced some great results in the first half of the season but injuries, inconsistent hitting and poor execution plagued the team in the latter part of the season including the finals which led to an early exit in the finals. I felt we lost a lot of chemistry, belief and confidence heading towards the end of the season.

The depth of talent from both teams is looking very promising for the future junior program and well into the seniors, State and National Representative.

It is always a pleasure to impart knowledge wherever is needed to improve the skills level to such a huge talent group of juniors at Cheltenham Baseball Club.

I would like to wish Kane Davidson a belated Happy Birthday and congratulate him on a fantastic season. He did what any good coach would do and that is to keep his team motivated and to stay in the mix all season long to win the Grand Final.

I would like to thank Peter Leslie, John Carlile, Chris Biggar and Noel Davidson for their relentless contributions throughout the season as well as the parents for getting their kids to training and all the games.

Ron Carothers  
Coach / Manager U16 White 2008

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

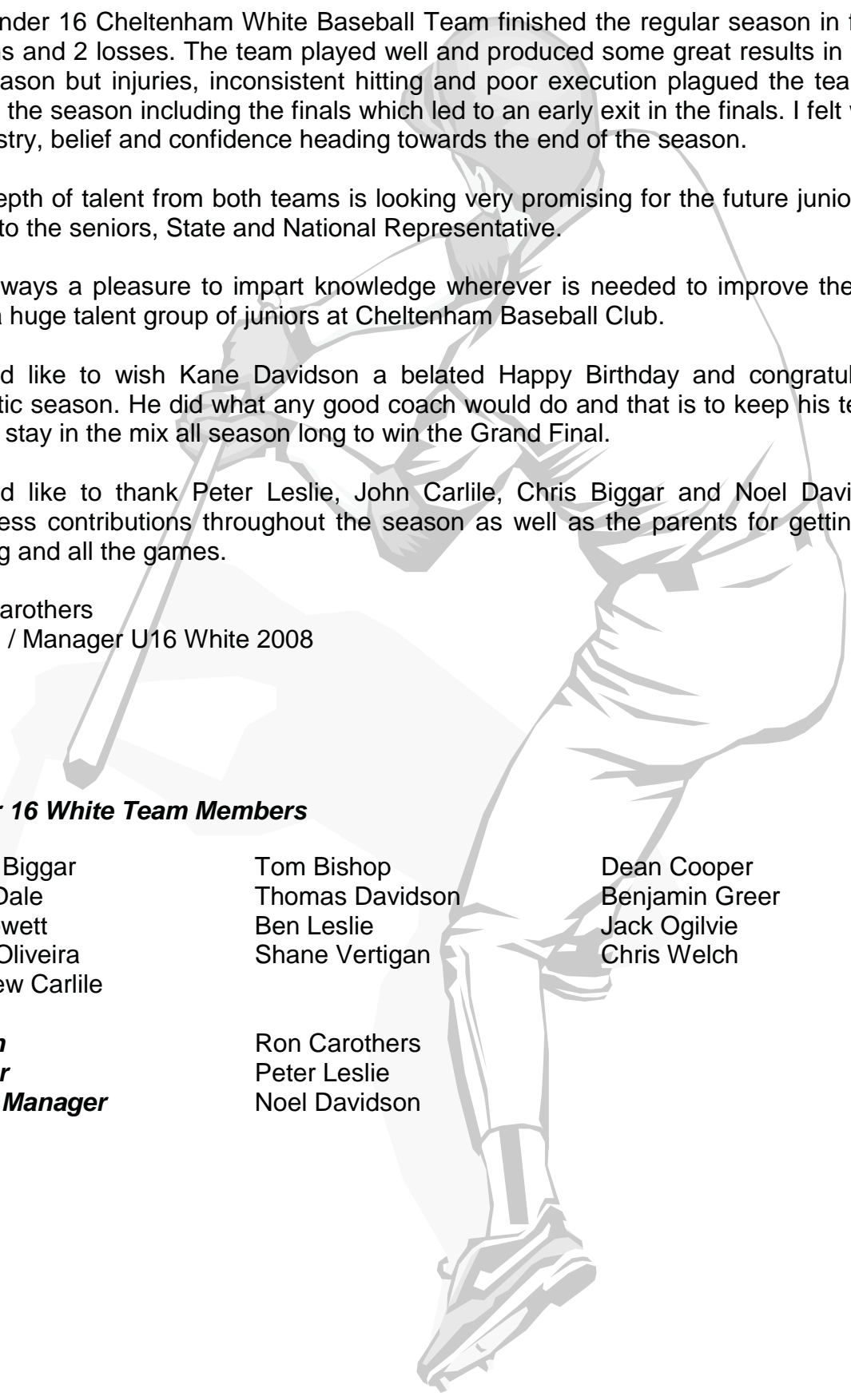
Stuart Biggar  
Tyler Dale  
Jak Jowett  
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Matthew Carlile

Tom Bishop  
Thomas Davidson  
Ben Leslie  
Shane Vertigan

Dean Cooper  
Benjamin Greer  
Jack Ogilvie  
Chris Welch

***Coach***  
***Scorer***  
***Team Manager***

Ron Carothers  
Peter Leslie  
Noel Davidson



# U'16' Blue Report 2008

## 'PREMIERS'

Firstly I would like to thank my two Assistant Coaches; Jarrod and Sean and the parents for helping me all season run trainings if I was late. Umpire for the team, Work out the kids stats whenever I needed them and helping control them at times because they can get pretty rowdy at that age.

I didn't know many of the kids when I first started, and I wasn't sure how many of them knew me and what they expected, after the first week I had a major sleep in and made it to Berwick for our first game after it had already started which would not have been a good look.

We played consistently throughout the whole season, The boys won 10 of their 13 games up to finals and when we came towards the finals we realised we could still be knocked out if we didn't start concentrating and playing like we should, after that point we started playing like a great team, and by the time finals came we were at our peak.

They were swinging hot bats and everyone was doing there part, there were squeeze bunts put down exceptionally well, hard base running where we turned a singles into doubles, and our defence was right behind our Pitchers.

This combination of teamwork and having fun brought us the premiership flag which we deserved!

Thanks to the boys for putting up with me all season and I hope you can all take some good skills out of the season and I hope you had fun!

Kane Davidson  
Coach / Manager U16 white 2008

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

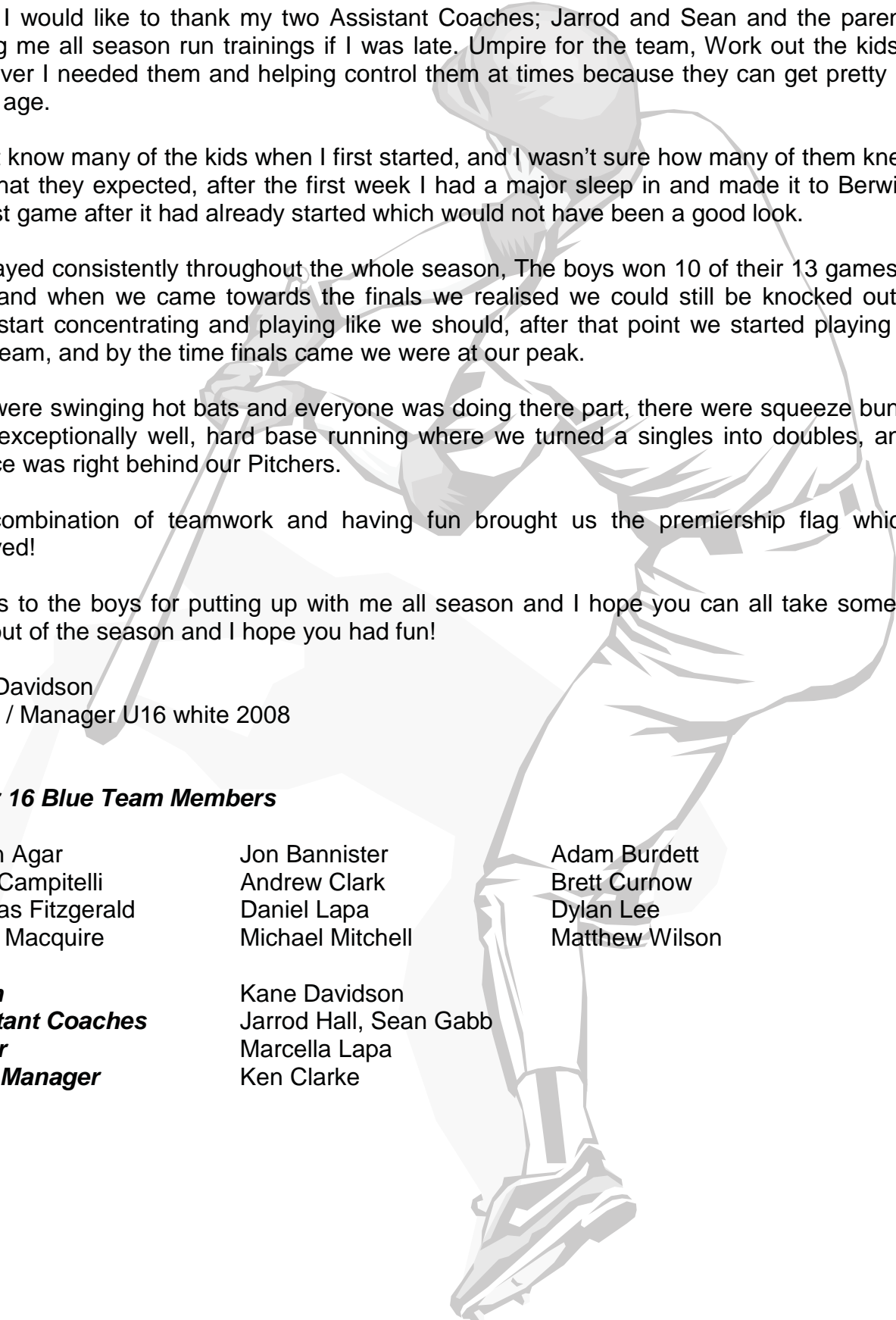
Ashton Agar  
Yoshi Campitelli  
Nicholas Fitzgerald  
Angus Macquire

Jon Bannister  
Andrew Clark  
Daniel Lapa  
Michael Mitchell

Adam Burdett  
Brett Curnow  
Dylan Lee  
Matthew Wilson

***Coach***  
***Assistant Coaches***  
***Scorer***  
***Team Manager***

Kane Davidson  
Jarrod Hall, Sean Gabb  
Marcella Lapa  
Ken Clarke



# U'14' White Report 2008

The saying goes "you can never have enough pitching" and this season I worked out exactly what it meant.

Starting the year our team appeared to be offensively superior, versatile defensively and above all else equipped with a capable and deep pitching staff. Naturally we set our sights high, determining that a premiership was definitely on the cards, and that at least we should make a strong push deep into the finals. However this was not to be.

The season started off well enough, with our first four games seeing us demolish our opponents regularly by ten or more runs. Unfortunately, it was then that the injury bug hit us, and hit us hard. With three of our top four pitchers struggling with injuries, rendering them unavailable to step onto the mound, the extra innings had to be eaten up by other members of the team. Whilst our offense continued to roll on, ending up scoring the second most runs in the competition behind Berwick, our depleted defence couldn't quite hold back the tide in a few key games which ended up costing us our finals birth. Interesting to note that we beat some of the teams who made the finals by ten runs or more, when at full strength.

The boys should be proud of their efforts this year under what was considerably trying conditions at times. Everyone stepped up and had a go at any new roles they were required to take on because of our injuries and for that they should be congratulated. Confucius once said "our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall," and I believe this team showed an excellent degree of character as we ploughed on through the adversity.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who helped me out this year, especially Gabriela Taranto (scorer), the Wearne Family (team manager / scorer / Base Coach / whatever else I was missing that particular Saturday morning) and my assistant Blake Cunningham. Thank you, as well, to all of the under twelves who helped me out this year when I was short, and to those of you whom I bullied into umpiring.

I would also like to pass on my Congratulations on to Colin and his team for making the finals and wish him all the best, hoping he will bring home another premiership for the mighty Cheltenham Baseball Club.

Yours in Baseball,  
Russell Ferguson

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

Justin Aron  
Ryan Dale  
Sam Hunter  
Alexander Wearne

Daniel Beattie  
James Felsenthal  
Marlon Ryder

James Cunningham  
Alexander Marshall  
Stefan Taranto

***Coach***  
***Assistant Coach***  
***Scorer***  
***Team Manager***

Russell Ferguson  
Blake Cunningham  
Gabriela Taranto  
Jenny and Michael Wearne

# U'14' Blue Report 2008

Only when all is lost can hope be found, and so it seemed for the U14 Chelt Blue Team. It appeared that with a tough, hard fought loss to 2nd place Dingley in the last home and away game of the season that the side would miss the finals with a 6-5-1 season result. But the sun shone somewhere and as I write we have defeated Dandenong in the 1st Semi and are sailing further into the uncharted waters of the finals.

Deservedly so, the team is just that, a team, and the combined performances of those on our roster have won them this chance in the playoffs. With only 9 players in the team it was always a struggle to field a full team, in fact 3 games were completed with less and but for the support of the other Cheltenham Coaches, another 4 could have suffered the same result. It is a credit to the way the Cheltenham Baseball Club conducts its Junior Program that we place the players before the result.

The team:

Ladies first, and what a remarkable pair we are lucky to have in the team, **Miffanwy Smith** has been the consummate team member, a solid contributor all season she has ignored illness, injury and other pressures that life for a young lady provides, to be very important to the make up of this side.

Having seen **Georgia Smith** develop from an early age, it is no surprise now that she has become a fine young athlete; Georgia held down the difficult 1st base position for most of the season and with an OBA of .667 often made the difference in close games.

New to baseball was **Jack Dear**, however with his capacity for hard work and his natural instincts he very quickly became an integral team member. Jack made 2nd base his own and I hope his experience this year will lead to a successful baseball career.

**Tim De Rose** has been a revelation this season in the batting box, the player least likely to strike out and putting up terrific averages both BA & OBA. If Tim can channel his emotions for a positive outcome and his defence catches up with offence he is headed for a bright future.

What happens if the team has only one pitcher? You pitch him; **Will Mason** has had an outstanding season as starting pitcher for the team, carrying the burden all year with a W-L of 4-5. Also more than handy at bat and gifted with great speed, I predict an excellent future for this young man.

You always know that in the end Rocky is gonna come through. After a delayed start to the season **Lachlan 'Rocky' Whiteside** provided the balance and versatility which the team required. Re-energized after visiting his girl friends in Japan, Lachie came through big time at the end of the season including WP in the semi.

Attitude, strength, ability and speed, this is just the beginning for **Sam De Rose** in what should be an outstanding career in baseball. For all that Sam has provided the team this season, catching, pitching, batting, slugging percentage and more; he is still an underdeveloped talent. I look forward to the progress of this remarkable young man.

Another young man with a future is **Connor Doody**; Connor was outstanding at 3rd base all season, finished 3rd in batting and had a super OBA of .737. Here is a player of high integrity and ability, although just finding his feet in baseball he may well find himself as an ace pitcher for this club.

Uncertain of his talent at the commencement of the season, no praise would justify the rose which is **Zak Palmer**. Finishing 2nd in the batting and by the end of the season able to command any position on the field, Zak was instrumental in securing the team its finals berth.

My thanks to the players who filled in, to enable us to reach this goal, especially Thomas Snowden who has put up his hand to help also on the bench in the finals.

My thanks to the wonderful group of parents of this team, who have raised such balanced individuals. Thank you Steve Smith for your role as Assistant Manager; the scorers: Sue Palmer, Sally Mason & Katerina Whiteside; Russell 'Rusty' Ferguson for training on Thursday nights. Also to Steve Campitelli, Suzie Felsenthal and the Committee.

Col Upfill  
Fight the Sun

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

Samuel DeRose  
Connor Doody  
Miffanwy Smith  
Lachlan Whiteside

Timothy DeRose  
Will Mason  
Georgia Smith

Jack Dear  
Zak Palmer

**Coach**  
**Assistant Coach**  
**Team Manager**  
**Scorer's**

Colin Upfill  
Steve Smith  
Sally Mason  
Sue Palmer  
Kathy Whiteside



# U'12' White Report 2008

With names like DiGiovambattista and Fukusaku, this team's line-up was probably the hardest I've ever had to write. Not only was my spelling tested but the fact that every player on the team was so versatile meant that I had four or five options for every spot in the line-up. By the end of the season everyone had developed into very capable baseballers. Their improvement is testament to their hard work and patience; they are great athletes whose abilities just need to be tailored to suit the game. We finished with a respectable record of 7 wins, 5 losses and a draw, one which would normally secure a finals berth, unfortunately we were just edged out on percentage. Undoubtedly the highlight of the season was hanging on for a gritty win against minor premiers and hometown rivals Cheltenham Blue. There were, of course, many other encouraging signs along the way.

Koki Fukusaku spearheaded our pitching throughout the season, his arm strength and control is rarely seen at this level and he has speed to burn. He was assisted ably by Michael Leslie and Jack 'Boofa' Cummings who could both be relied on to throw strikes at crucial times, and again who are both very quick on their feet. Matthew Beattie worked hard on his pitching during the season and was able to reign in his strong arm and dominate opposition hitters. Mark 'Diggas' Digby showed a cool head at the plate and was always able to come up with the big hit; he finished with a slugging average of .769 and an on base average of .730 both of which are almost unheard of. Declan Chittenden was also impressive in the batters box, with a .368 batting average he was the go to guy against good pitching. Samuel Doree could always be counted on to swing the bat hard and he also led the team in walks, showing great improvement in the mental side of the game. His brother Jesse was also talented with the bat, but he really came to the fore at short stop where he read the play better than anyone. Tom Snowden anchored the defence playing both corners very confidently and consistently, and he has a lot of power in his swing. Mike Natoli made spectacular defensive plays almost every week and could play almost any position. You wouldn't expect Matty McKenna to be a gamer at first site, but his toughness is matched only by his skill and strength behind the dish. Measuring a gigantic four foot tall Andy DiGiovambattista put fear into the opponents eye's just by walking out of the dugout, in all seriousness he is a fine defender, anywhere on the diamond, with the speed to get to any ball and the glove work to make any play. In his first year Benjamin Landt improved dramatically, starting to hit the ball with real power towards the end of the season.

Thanks to all the parents and supporters for their help through the season. Thanks to our scorers; Peter and Roz, and Terri for filling in. Thanks to Geoffie, Stewie and John Holland for their very capable assistance in coaching the team this season and for umpiring all our home games, I promise I won't kick dirt on your shoes next year. A special thanks to our team manager, Paul, who is relatively new to baseball, but who introduced several new ideas which the kids loved and which made my job easier. And to all the parents who helped out managing the kids on the bench. Thanks to Sue and Stevie C the Junior Coordinators, Stenny for being Stenny and as always Tina for supplying me with breaky on a Saturday morning.

Cheers  
James Upfill

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

Matthew Beattie  
Mark Digby  
Samuel Doree  
Michael Natoli  
Benjamin Landt

Declan Chittenden  
Andrew DiGiovambattista  
Michael Leslie  
Thomas Snowden

Jak Cummings  
Jesse Doree  
Matthew McKenna  
Koki Fukusaku

***Coach***  
***Assistant Coaches***  
***Team Manager***  
***Scorers***

James Upfill  
The Holland Family!  
Paul Cummings  
Peter Leslie and Roz McKenna



# U'12' Blue Report 2008

## 'PREMIERS'

Well guys where do I start, maybe where we finished, winning a Grand Final, a great well fought out Grand Final, winning 4-0, one of the all time greats with the score at 1-0 for five digs, it was there for the taking but our pitching with Brandon, Adam and Hikaru held very strong.

To all of our supporters on the hill, we thank you sincerely for your support, as it made our kids feel well supported, and stood them tall in our game. Our parents were fantastic this year, you really showed your support for your kids. We also appreciated your traveling times as well. You were all there at every game helping out with umpiring, marking the grounds, bringing coffees etc... Your great support was well appreciated by Dan and myself.

To my 'Ace' assistant coach Daniel Ward-Bourton, his efforts, consistency and commitment was nothing short of a high standard. I appreciate your friendship and assistants with the side, your efforts has helped the team to win this Grand Old Flag. Our Team Manager, Pedro 'Wedge' Enciondo, who took on this job this year, you are a great bloke to have around, you made running the team on game days very manageable, which as we all know can be a job in itself, I would like to also thank you for your ground marking skills – Thanks Wedge.

Now to our specialty, our fantastic kids, each had their own personalities and skills. We found the kids really responded to the extra training. For those that didn't know we did training Tuesday nights at the batting tunnel for 2 hours, we did one training at the King Club on a Wednesday night, boxing, cycling, spa, sauna and swim and on Thursday nights at the club for fielding practice. All the kids really took to the batting, with those that really put in, "got the results". We have to say that Shea O'Reilly who at the start was really struggling with the bat, but at the end Shea shone through towards the end of the season, with also 7 kids batting over .430 spoke for itself.

With our pitching, we tried to mix that up as well with no less than 8 pitchers used. Our hearts had to go out to our main catcher, Jack Warner when he broke his ankle at Hockey (silly sport) on the Friday night before our first semi-final which took him out of the final series, so Jack it was also nice to win this for you, don't forget you are always part of that winning team. Our two plays of the year was young Ryan Taranto at deep right field, throwing out a runner at first and Matty's play in the final at second base in a tight play to first. With Koji, a beautiful soft glove at short for most of the season our under 12's are looking goods for summer. as well with our youngest stepping up this year.

So in closing I wish you all the best in your future playing careers and just remember never give up, always remember those one percenters, always enjoy and push yourself to the limits, don't go through life by just going through the motions, get out there and make it happen, you got to take life it doesn't come to those that wait for it.

Yours in Baseball

Dave Stenhouse – Coach and Dan Ward-Bourton – Assistant Coach

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

Koji Campitelli  
Kai Jacobs  
Matthew Stenhouse  
Hikaru Yokota

Jack Enciondo  
Shea O'Reilly  
Ryan Taranto  
Adam Love

Sam Ginnane  
Brandon Stenhouse  
Jack Warner

***Coach***  
***Assistant Coach***  
***Team Manager***  
***Scorer***

Dave Stenhouse  
Daniel Ward-Bourton  
Pedro Enciondo  
Gabriela Taranto

# **Junior Award Recipients**

## **2008**

### **Under 12 White**

MVP Koki Fukusaku  
Batting Average .652 Michael Leslie  
Coach's Award Matthew McKenna

### **Under 12 Blue**

MVP/Batting .759 Hikaru Yokota  
MVP/Batting .724 Brandon Stenhouse  
MVP/Batting .615 Adam Love

### **Under 14 White**

MVP/Batting .600 Justin Aron  
MVP/Batting .556 Daniel Beattie  
MVP/Batting .531 Ryan Dale

### **Under 14 Blue**

MVP/Batting .633 Sam De Rose  
Gold Glove Connor Doody  
Coach's Award Zak Palmer

### **Under 16 White**

MVP/Batting .481 Ben Leslie  
Pitching Award Dean Cooper  
Coach's Award Tom Bishop

### **Under 16 Blue**

Joint MVP Angus Macquire  
Joint MVP Brett Curnow  
Most Improved Ashton Agar

### **Grand Slams**

Brandon Stenhouse  
U12 Blue v Mornington

Hikaru Yokota  
U12 Blue v Dandenong

Jack Enciondo  
U12 DBA Rep Team

### **Shut Out**

Ben Leslie  
U16 White vs Berwick 6-0  
26/7/2008

