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# CHEL TENHAM BASEBALL CLUB Inc.

Summer Committee  
Annual Report  
1987-1988

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### Summer Committee Annual Report 1987 -1988.

Office Bearers :	President / Acting Sec	Graeme Ainscough
	Treasurer	Maureen Phillips
	Secretary (Appointed 18/5/88)	Trevor Martin
	Minutes Secretary	Alan Burdett
	Registrations Secretary	Kevin Russell
Committee:	Social Chairman	Andrew Connor
	Ground Maintenance	Frank Dinnie
	T-Ball Organiser	Glennis Harris
	Junior League C'man,	Michael Trevorah
		John Ferguson
		Graham Lewis
		Russell Robertson
		Terese Connor
	Canteen	Grace Stewart
	Hon. Auditor	John McHarry
	Bankers	National Australia Bank Cheltenham A.N.Z. Banking Group Ltd Dandenong

## TEAM MANAGERS AND COACHES

Club & First Nine	John Ferguson
Second Nine	Andrew Connor
Third Nine	Russell Robertson
Fourth Nine	Kevin Russell
Under 17	Peter Burdett / Matthew Stewart
Under 15(1)(Rustlers)	Andrew Connor
Under 15(2)(Steers)	Jamie Stewart / Chris. Reece
Under 13(Rustlers)	Geoff Druce
Under 13(Broncos) and Allstars	Michael Trevorah
Under 13(Steers)	Dean Connor / Stephen Lewis
T- Ball(Saints)	David Coppins
(Pirates)	Brad Lark
(Cannonballs)	John Lugt
(Dodgers)	Alan Burdett
(Sloggers)	Bruce Mannion
(Blue Bandits)	Chris Bailey

Special thanks to: Stephen Lewis      (Diamond Marking)  
                          Jamie Morgan      (Umpiring)  
                          Michael Trevorah      (Umpiring /Coaching)

### Scorers

Terese Connor	Glennis Harris	Joy Harris
Val Bailey	Sue Druce	John McHarry

A sincere thank you to the above regular scorers and also to other scorers and to numerous others who assisted in umpiring and managing our various senior and junior teams. Thanks also to the numerous parents who transported players to and from games.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 1987/88 Summer Season saw the culmination of some six years of concerted effort in the completion of clubroom facilities to the stage where they may be classed as the best complex throughout the association.

There was a most welcome improvement in on field performances of our senior nines. Our first nine finished 5th on the ladder (2 games out of the four), our second nine missed the finals by a meagre 8 runs (on percentage to Doncaster) ..... a win in lieu of a draw in the final game against Geelong would have seen us in the finals.

Our third nine provided the highlight by finishing on top of the ladder and eventually winning the premiership after coming from behind to defeat Melbourne 8 runs to 7.

A fourth senior team was entered after 6 rounds had been played, and although comprising of many promising junior players, the team proved competitive in all its matches and provided numerous players with their first taste of senior baseball.

## JUNIORS

Our junior team performances could be considered marginally successful:-

Under 17's missed the finals by one point.

Under 15 - Rustlers were somewhat undermanned and missed the finals.

Under 15 - Steers after several seasons of coaching by Jamie Stewart and Chris Reece the team was successful in reaching the finals for the first time but proved no match to Waverley in the semi final.

Under 13's - all three teams Broncos, Rustlers and Steers made the finals at their respective centres and are to be congratulated, particularly the less experienced Rustlers and Steers whose coaches Geoff Druce and Philip Cozens worked hard to maintain previous seasons standards after losing players to higher age groups.

## UNDER 13 PREMIERSHIPS -- BRONCOS AND ALL STARS (Michael Trevorah)

Michael Trevorah is to be congratulated on an outstanding double premiership coaching performance in Under 13 Oakleigh Centre Pennant as well as All Star Under 13 Competition and once again gaining a place in the State Under 13 Coca Cola Championships.

Despite going down to Waverley's top Under 13 team the Cheltenham team has managed to close the gap somewhat against more experienced opposition.

## COMMITTEE

It is appropriate that I recognise the strong support received from all committee members in carrying out their particular duties in such a competent manner throughout the season.

I am also mindful of the support all committee members would have received from their respective wives/husbands/families to enable them to carry out their duties and on my own part I could not have carried out my position as president without the continued support of my wife and family.



## HIGHLIGHTS DURING THE YEAR

Undoubtedly the most significant occurrence during 1987/88 was the arrival of our "imports" Seumas Soltysik from Amherst and Brad Thomas and David Schaffrick from Barrhead in Canada. From the time Seumas Soltysik arrived there appeared to be a new attitude in the club and Seumas' dedication to training and playing breathed new life into our first nine. Seumas' hitting was a telling factor in several wins - notably a grand slam home run against Springvale.

Unfortunately we were limited under the rules of only using one non-national in our first nine and hence David and Brad had to be content playing in our second nine and both performed consistently throughout the season.

## LEVEL 'O' COACHING COURSE

In conjunction with V.B.A. Development Officer, Grant Weir, a Level "O" Course was conducted over two days and approximately 10 club members qualified.

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHTS

Both functions were again particularly well attended and vindicated the decision in 1986/87 to split the functions. Approximately 150 attended the junior function and over 120 attended the "formal" senior function. The Junior Committee and Senior Social Committee are to be both commended for arranging well conducted functions.

Special guests at the senior function included Cr. & Mrs. Le Page, Cr. & Mrs. Brownlees, President V.B.A. Ron Smith and his wife, and Ron Corothers - leading state player.

## CANTEEN

Special thanks again to Grace Stewart in organising and stocking the canteen and the ladies who assisted in staffing the canteen each week throughout the season.

## BINGO

The club is again indebted to Maureen Phillips and Alan Burdett in particular for their control of our Bingo sessions. We also acknowledge the support of our regular small group of volunteers, Jane Coleridge, Sue Druce, Terese Connor, Grace Stewart, Raelene Tanner and June Ainscough.

Unfortunately Raelene and June found it necessary to retire and we have recently gained the services of Anne Hall and Heather Martin.

Others who assisted when available included Laurie Hall, Michael Trevorah and Lyn Robertson and Graeme Ainscough.

## SPONSORS

We acknowledge the support of the following:-

\*Arnold Luby - Moorabbin Entertainment Centre

\*McDonald Family Restaurants -- Cheltenham

\*Graham Cole - Nylex Rotomould - Dingley

\*Mel Michael - Sunshader Industries (Australia) Pty. Ltd. - 355 Warrigal Rd, Cheltenham

## COMMITTEE DINNER

The Committee Dinner at the "Oriental Palace", Mentone was an innovative decision and enabled the committee to thank their "partners" in a tangible way for their support throughout the season.

## STATE PLAYERS

Congratulations to both Dean Connor and David Johnson on their selection for the Victorian Under 18 Team. Presentations were made by the Club to both players to assist them with their expenses.

## THE CLUB WISHES TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

- \* City of Moorabbin and in particular Barbara Munro and her ground staff for maintaining our ground facilities.
- \* Cr. Brownlees and Maureen Phillips representing the Hall Committee for further development and outfitting.
- \* All those club people who acted as umpires, home run fence marshalls, club room cleaning, diamond marking, grass cutting, ground maintenance, canteen duties, coaching, registration secretaries, club delegates, T-ball coaches/managers, team managers, transport, painting bases.
- \* Colin Uphill - senior pre-season training at Dingley Indoor Footy Centre.
- \* Finance/Reporting - Maureen Phillips.

Special thanks to our Treasurer, Maureen Phillips. Despite the continued growth in the Club's budget and the many new facets of our expenditure and income the committee has been kept fully informed of all financial activities and reporting continues to be carried out in a first class manner. Various aspects of our income continue to be categorised for comparison of actual to budget and are provided in monthly advices.

- \* Home Run Fence - Thanks to Frank Dinnie for a first class job in the manufacture of a portable home run fence and permanent location of sunken pole holders for easy erection of the fence.

MICHAEL DUCKSBURY, ANDREW CONNOR, GRAEME AINSCOUGH

The club is particularly grateful to Michael Ducksbury in agreeing to accommodate Seumas Soltysik during his stay with the club and this fine gesture went a long way to helping Seumas settle down quickly in his new surroundings; in addition thanks to Michael for transporting Seumas to games etc..

Appreciation is also extended by the club to Andrew Connor for accommodating Brad Thomas for a period prior to his departure and we trust this did not unduly upset Andrew's normal routine.

Following the disappointment of the previous year when Gary Harrison decided at the last minute not to make the trip due to family problems there was considerable pressure on myself to ensure that the plans to bring a player/players to Australia did not fail again.

Although there was a great deal of satisfaction in getting Seumas, Brad and David to the club it must not be forgotten that there is an enormous effort required in obtaining accommodation and employment as well as travel arrangements and Immigration Department approval. Helping our new players with shopping etc. and generally seeing to their various needs, particularly in the period soon after their arrival, was another task performed well.

Players are to be commended for their ready acceptance of all three new members and for their efforts in making Seumas, Brad and David feel at home and this was a great help to myself.

## SENIOR TROPHY WINNERS

\*\* Club Champion - Le Page Family Trophy : Laurie Hall

	<u>Most Valuable Player</u>	<u>Batting Trophy</u>	<u>Fielding Trophy</u>	<u>Most Improved</u>
First Nine	L. Hall	D. Corby	P. Burdett	-
Second Nine	D. Schaffrick	C. Sinfield	-	-
Third Nine	J. McKee	M. Phillips	-	S. Lewis
Fourth Nine	J. Carlile	G. Allan	-	-

### Home Runs:

S. Soltysik (Grand Slam -v- Springvale),  
D. Corby (3 run home run to win game -v- Springvale),  
S. Edgeworth, B. Thomas, D. Schaffrick, M. Dinnie,  
C. Reece (2) including a Grand Slam home run.

Graeme Ainscough  
President.



## COACHES REPORT 1987-88

Season 1987-88 saw a marked improvement in our on-field performances. The Firsts and the Seconds finished a creditable fifth in their competitions and the Thirds won the Premiership. Our Fourths entered the competition after round six when we found we had too many extra players and more than held their own.

The improvement in the Firsts over the previous season was due to a combination of many factors including a vintage year by Laurie Hall and the aggressive enthusiasm of our international Seumas Soltysik. The return of Michael Ducksbury to the Club provided some timely power in the offensive department. Practice attendance and application also improved considerably. Pre-season training and indoor batting practice prior to Christmas at Jim Gyatt's indoor centre was particularly successful.

The major factor behind the Seconds move up the ladder was the lift and drive provided by our two Canadians-Brad Thomas and David Schapperick. Their experience and added class provided on-field leadership for the young and relatively inexperienced players being developed in the Seconds.

Although the Club has strengthened its playing position it desperately requires more talented and dedicated pitchers and catchers. The development of **batteries** is now our top priority and the Club's future depends almost entirely on our success in this area.

Promotion to Division 1 at the end of the 1989-90 season is our major objective and this will require both quality and depth in our pitching and catching.

The Batting Tunnel will be available for next season and it will be up to each individual to ensure he spends the time to develop his hitting skills and strength. The Tunnel will also enable the Club to change the format and focus of future practices to concentrate on more of the set plays and specialist individual skills.

For the first time in eight years as senior coach I had little difficulty filling sides and the support I received from all the managers and coaches was much appreciated. The assistance provided by Seumas Soltysik was invaluable.

My special thanks also go to Geoff "Bert" Calvert for his work with the players to improve their fitness and Graeme Ainscough and his Committee for their support throughout the season.

Congratulations to Russell Robertson and his team for their great fighting effort to take the flag for the Thirds.

John Ferguson  
Club Coach.



## FIRSTS

### Players

S. Babidge	L. Bailey	P. Burdett	A. Connor
D. Connor	D. Corby	M. Dinnie	M. Ducksbury
S. Edgeworth	L. Hall	G. Hicks	D. Johnson
J. McKee	T. Reid	C. Reece	D. Sinfield
C. Sinfield	J. Schapiro	J. Stewart	S. Soltysik
C. Upfill			

Scorer: Terese Connor

Manager: John Ferguson

Played 27      Won 11

Drawn 2

Runs For: 190

Runs Against: 198

The team was in contention for most of the season and with three games to go, played Williamstown for a place in the four. Unfortunately we lost after taking a one run lead into the ninth innings.

With the exception of 2 or 3 games when our pitching completely fell apart the overall performance was particularly good and the Club was very competitive in Division 2.

Laurie Hall was clearly the Most Valuable Player and the outstanding player with 7 wins (ERA 4.34), and 29 hits (BA .360). Laurie is the first player to win the MVP award twice. David Corby lead the hitters with a batting average of .373 from 28 hits and Seumas Soltysik lead the Club in total hits (36), RBI's (28), Runs(27) and a slugging Average of .500.

Seumas proved to be a valuable acquisition and his enthusiasm, dedication and tireless work at practice set a standard for all players. Our thanks to Michael Ducksbury for the accommodation and support he provided in making Seumas quickly feel one of the team.

Peter Burdett was awarded Golden Glove for the best defensive player and Dean Connor won his first game as a pitcher in Division 2.

The improved performances were due to team effort and when the desire and application shown in the later stages of the season is combined with solid pitching and catching the Team will be a serious contender for the four.

Terese Connor took over from Liz Landry as our scorer when Liz stepped down after 14 years and continued the exceptionally high standard. Liza Harris also provided valuable support with the opposition's offensive statistics and charts.

## SECONDS

### Players

R. Ainscough	L. Bailey	D. Bevan	A. Connor
D. Connor	T. Clements	D. Corby	M. Dinnie
A. Dinnie	S. Edgeworth	J. Ferguson	L. Harris
D. Johnson	J. McKee	M. Phillips	C. Reece
K. Siemering	D. Sinfield	C. Sinfield	M. Stewart
D. Smith	D. Schafferick	D. Thomas	M. Tossavainen
M. Trevorah	C. Uphill		

Scorer Lisa Harris

Manager Andrew Connor

Played 18      Won 9

Drawn 2

Runs For: 146

Runs Against: 132

The Team narrowly missed a place in the finals on percentage.

Pitching was again our major problem and the Team was clearly a contender for the flag on the days when our pitching was competitive.

The two Canadians, Brad Thomas and David Schafferick, provided the on field leadership to lift the Team and showed the value of talent and experience in a young team. David won the MVP award for his strong hitting and pitching performances. Brad contributed solid hitting and errorless fielding. Curtis Sinfield lead the hitters with an excellent average of .500. Chris Reece and Tony Dinnie continued to improve and were very consistent performers over the full season.

Thanks to Lisa Harris for a good job in her first year as a senior scorer.

### THIRDS

#### Players

R. Ainscough	A. Anthony	G. Allen	J. Carlile
L. Harris	M. Lewis	S. Lewis	L. McHarry
J. McKee	B. Mannion	C. Manning	M. Phillips
R. Robertson	G. Roberts	K. Russell	D. Smith
J. Stewart	M. Stewart	K. Siemerring	M. Tossavainen
J. Tossavainen	M. Trevorah		

Scorer Vicki Burdett

Manager Russell Robertson

Played 20      Won 16  
Runs For: 230

Drawn 2  
Runs Against: 102

The season was an outstanding success for the thirds. Lead by the strong battery work of pitchers Jeff. McKee and Robert Ainscough to catchers Jamie Stewart and Mark Lewis the Team won consistently and very convincingly all season.

All players contributed and the performances of the younger players, Gavin Roberts, Steve Lewis, Lee McHarry and Marko Tossavainen showed much promise.

Mark Phillips, Leon Harris and John Carlile were consistent and also made major contributions. Jeff McKee was awarded the MVP and Russell Robertson lead the batting for the second successive year.

The Final was won in magnificent style with late innings fight back against a strong Melbourne side. Kevin Russell pitched brilliantly after relieving in the second innings to record his fourth Grand Final win for the Club.

Congratulations Team.

### FOURTHS

#### Players

G. Allan	D. Bevan	C. Bailey	J. Carlile
P. Devine	J. Ferguson	M. Lewis	B. Lark
C. Manning	B. Mannion	K. Russell	Darren Smith
Dean Smith	MikaTossavainen	J. Tossavainen	B. Turner

Scorer Val Bailey

Manager Kevin Russell

Played 12      Won 4      Drawn 3

The Fourths were entered after Round 6 when the Club found we had too many players for three sides. The Team played particularly well considering their inexperience and lack of a regular pitcher. Everyone had a lot of fun and played well at times but the major problem was consistency.

John Carlile turned in the best performances on the mound and won the MVP. Glen Allan started at first base and the hitters with an average of .370. Darren Smith showed flashes of brilliance at shortstop with some defensive gems. The outstanding feature of this team was the sportmanship and persistence against stronger and much more experienced opposition.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB. (Summer Committee)

Assets as at 23-5-1988

#### CASH.

General Trading Account.	\$ 1846 : 59
Bingo Account.	1743 : 71
Bingo Float.	300 : 00
Savings Account. - P. D. Fund.	592 : 58
A.N.Z. Executors & Trustees Co, Ltd.	<u>1400 : 00</u>
	\$ 5873 : 88

#### STOCK.

Uniforms.	3757 : 90
Equipment.	<u>4011 : 18</u>
	\$ 13642 : 96

#### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.

1862 : 80  
\$ 13642 : 96

#### LESS - ACCRUELS.

3730 : 00  
\$ 11775 : 76

# SUMMER COMMITTEE

Annual General Meeting.      Treasurers Report.      23 - 5 1988

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	<u>1987/88</u>	<u>1986/87</u>
<u>OPENING BALANCE.</u>	\$ 2664 :13	
<u>INCOME.</u>		
Subscriptions Senior.	1111 :00	1890 :00
" Junior.	1304 :00	2039 :00
" T-Ball.	1097 :00	1100 :00
" Social.	110 :00	90 :00
Uniform Sales.	3075 :00	4642 :50
Equipment Sales.	298 :60	1071 :45
Canteen Profit.	2636 :60	965 :93
Social      "	66 :76	1614 :83
Bingo      "	16435 :67	11280 :59
Redeemed Investment.	4600 :00	2833 :91
Interest.	.....	245 :80
Building Fund.	.....	871 :69
Donations/Sponsorship.	10 :00	192 :50
Bad Debts Recovered.	586 :00	723 :00
Sundries.	99 :38	45 :00
	<u>\$ 31430 :01</u>	<u>29606 :20</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE.</u>		
V.B.A.	5000 :00	3867 :50
Baseballs.	1689 :30	980 :00
Equipment & Playing Costs.	3270 :77	6016 :99
Uniform Purchases.	7962 :06	6539 :15
Ground Rent & S.E.C.	.....	763 :02
Telecom.	609 :23	.....
C.B.C. Incorporated.	980 :00	500 :00
Building Loan Repayments.	2345 :85	4124 :05
Insurance.	825 :00	720 :00
Honorariums & Coaching Expenses.	2535 :00	1952 :04
Administration.	595 :89	577 :13
Maintenance.	560 :19	243 :08
Furniture & Fittings.	1805 :44	355 :00
Trophies.	1106 :86	746 :77
Public Relations.	1452 :55	.....
Social Committee -Advance.	400 :00	.....
Loan Repayment - Players Developement Fund.	600 :00	.....
Sundries.	509 :49	389 :10
	<u>\$ 32247 :63</u>	<u>27773 :83</u>
 <u>CLOSING BALANCE.</u>	<u>\$ 1846 :59</u>	