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**SUMMER COMMITTEE**

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## **Cheltenham Baseball Club**

**Summer Season 1999/00**

### **Senior Presentation Night**

**Friday April 7, 2000**





## President's Report

The 1999/2000 Senior VBA baseball season was one filled with peaks and troughs. Moving to 2<sup>nd</sup> Division was thought to be a backward move but proved in the end, to be a move that afforded our Senior Club not only the opportunity to develop the younger members of our Senior teams, but to be very competitive in the top 4 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and to commence the 2000/2001 season in 1<sup>st</sup> Division.

Our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2nds and 4ths earned a spot in the finals playoffs, with the 2nds and 4ths securing a spot in the Grand Final. Alas, neither side was able to win the 'Grandie'. Congratulations and thank you to all those finals players. No doubt the experience of finals baseball will be an invaluable asset to all those team members.

Baseball is one game that must be played as, and won as a team ..... however, I congratulate individual award winners and acknowledge your performances with the team. Well done!

Highlights of the season ..... having 4 teams play at one venue; being successful at the top end of Division 2; introducing Juniors to Senior ranks and revolving players through the 1's, 2's and 3's; having more social events and celebrating Col Upfill's Life Membership as a whole Club.

Next season brings new challenges and I am of the believe that we will, given the combination of youthful up and comers, our experienced players, a good team and Club attitude and an achievable plan be able to lift the baseball profile of our Club on and off the diamond.

Thank you and congratulations once again to all our Senior players and supporters.

**Alan Gribbin**  
**President**



## 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Year In Review

The 1999/2000 season for the Cheltenham Baseball Club saw us drop from Division 1 to Division 2 halfway through the year, mainly due to the loss of players such as Alex Porecca, Mark Lesnik and Rohan Brasher and to a shorter pre-season because of the onfield success of Winter. Although the team was competitive in Division 1, it was not until after the cut in November that we played our best baseball.

Our win/loss record in Division 2 was 10-4 which enabled us to finish second on the ladder, play in the finals and most importantly start in Division 1 next year. However the team relies on too few players for its' success. Only four players – Darren Smith, Simon Myles, Matt Gourlay and Ben Wenke hit above .300 and Greg Brown was the only one to show any consistency on the mound. It is up to the other senior players to increase their output and for the younger players in the Seconds and Thirds to take the next step for the Club to improve.

This year 23 players had game time in the 1<sup>st</sup> Nine. Of those 23, 6 had some game time in the 3rds which shows there was good movement between the top 3 teams and that people were given a chance to prove themselves at a higher level.

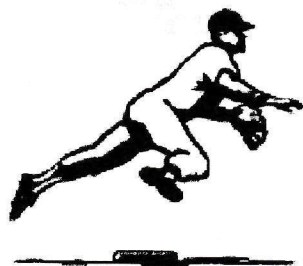
The highlights of the year are no doubt Greg Brown's 'Complete Game Shut Out' Vs Sandringham and Ben Wenke's 3 home runs (including Grand Slam) at Coburg. It was also pleasing to see Travis Blackley and Glenn Sanders at 16 and Dan Williams at 14 become regular members of the team.

The low lights of the season, was dropping to Division 2 and losing our 2 finals at the end of the year.

In closing I would like to thank Assistant Coach, Tony Dinnie, Simon Myles for his outstanding job on getting a young 2nds team into the Grand Final, Lance Blackley for his outstanding job with an even younger 3rds team (all U16) and John Carlile and the 4ths for playing like 20 year olds and another Grand Final. Hopefully we will have more success next year.

Thank you to Greg Brown for looking after the team in my absence and to Michael Gourlay for his professionalism in scoring and being Chairman of Selectors.

**David Bann**  
Club Coach



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**1st Nine Vote Tally Sheet**

Date	Versus	3 Votes	2 Votes	1 Vote
26/09/99	Upwey	BEN WENKE	Greg Brown	Matt Gourlay
3/10/99	Coburg	GREG BROWN	Clayton Fredericks	Shane Philips
8/10/99	Waverley	TRAVIS BLACKLEY	Simon Myles	Darren Smith
10/10/99	Blackburn		Greg Brown	Marco Tossavainen
17/10/99	Doncaster	ANTHONY SMITH	Simon Myles	Ben Wenke
24/10/99	Malvern	DARREN SMITH	Simon Myles	Matt Gourlay
27/10/99	Geelong	GREG BROWN	Marco Tossavainen	Darren Smith
31/10/99	Preston	MATT GOURLAY	Tony Dinnie	Darren Smith
7/11/99	Melbourne	-	Matt Gourlay	Greg Brown
14/11/99	Essendon	MATT	Tony Dinnie	Marco Tossavainen
21/11/99	Springvale		Travis Blackley	Greg Brown
28/11/99	Newport	MATT	Tony Dinnie	Greg Brown
1/12/99	Geelong	TONY DINNIE	Matt Gourlay	Simon Myles
5/12/99	Sandringham		Ben Wenke	Travis Blackley
12/12/99	Sunshine		Ben Wenke	Matt Gourlay
19/12/99	Coburg		Darren Smith	Jon Ballantyne
16/01/00	Melbourne		Matt Gourlay	Darren Smith
30/01/00	Moorabbin		Travis Blackley	Marco Tossavainen
2/02/00	Newport		Darren Smith	Marco Tossavainen
6/02/00	Geelong		Darren Smith	Ben Wenke
9/02/00	Sandringham		Greg Brown	Mika Tossavainen
13/02/00	Sunshine		Matt Gourlay	Daniel Williams
20/02/00	Coburg		Matt Gourlay	Darren Smith
27/02/00	Melbourne		Marco Tossavainen	Greg Brown
5/03/00	Moorabbin		Darren Smith	Greg Brown

**Running Total**

**MVP Winner 1st Nine: .....**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Year In Review**

After a slow start to the season with a 4-6 win/loss ration at the cut, the team pulled together to secure their spot on top of the ladder for the finals.

With some excellent pitching along the way from one of our 3 interstate recruits, Jarrod Moses, the 2nds secured a 7 game winning streak before falling to a determined Coburg in an 100-10 clincher at Coburg in the final innings.

The second half of the season bought about 10-1 win/loss ratio which showed how their team work had finally come together.

Overall, the team had an exceptional season and it was everyone's contribution that got us to the Grand Final.

Good hard games played against Coburg during the season should have produced an outstanding Grand Final but unfortunately good batting by Coburg and nerves got the better of us.

Outstanding efforts throughout the season include Craig Ballantyne for his team spirit, Steve Kavanagh for his team batting and a special mention to Jarrod Moses for his game winning Grand Slam.

Throughout the season we lost a few players to injury. Matt Keen missed half the season with his shoulder and Glenn Sanders' hand injury robbed him of a spot in the Finals. We did however pick up Steve Gourlay after Christmas, recovering from his knee injury.

Special thanks to Laura and Charlie Myles and Bev Blackley for scoring when Cheree had work commitments.

Congratulations to all the guys for making my job easier. Keep pushing hard and I hope to see you all in the 1sts in the very near future.

**Simon Myles**  
**Coach**





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**2nd Nine Vote Tally Sheet**

Date	Versus	3 Votes	2 Votes	1 Vote
26/09/99	Upwey	MIKA	Luke Parsons	Ron Carothers
3/10/99	Coburg	STEVE KAVANAGH	Ron Carothers	Craig Ballantyne
10/10/99	Blackburn	RON CAROTHERS	Glenn Sanders	Steve Kavanagh
17/10/99	Doncaster	DAVID BANN	Mika Tossavainen	Jon Ballantyne
24/10/99	Malvern	MIKA	Craig Ballantyne	Steve Kavanagh
31/10/99	Preston		Daniel Williams	Jarrold Moses
7/11/99	Melbourne	DANIEL W.	Jon Ballantyne	Clayton Fredericks
14/11/99	Essendon	JON BALLANTYNE	Jarrold Moses	Ron Carothers
21/11/99	Springvale		Ben Ward-Bourton	Steve Kavanagh
28/11/99	Newport	JON	Ron Carothers	Travis Blackley
5/12/99	Sandringham		Steve Kavanagh	Mika Tossavainen
12/12/99	Sunshine		Steve Gourlay	Travis Blackley
19/12/99	Coburg		Luke Parsons	Jarrold Moses
16/01/00	Melbourne		Jarrold Moses	Steve Gourlay
30/01/00	Moorabbin		Greg Brown	Steve Gourlay
6/02/00	Geelong		Craig Ballantyne	Glenn Sanders
13/02/00	Sunshine		Jarrold Moses	Daniel Williams
20/02/00	Coburg		Craig Ballantyne	Jarrold Moses
27/02/00	Melbourne		Ben Ward-Bourton	Craig Ballantyne
5/03/00	Moorabbin		Craig Ballantyne	Ben Ward-Bourton

**Running Totals:**

**MVP Winner 2nd Nine: .....**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Year In Review

This was another tough season for the 3rds as we basically comprised of Under 16 and Under 18 players.

During the season we had 36 players go through the 3rds on their way to playing regular seasons with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 1<sup>st</sup> nine, or just filling in to help out. We did however have our nine players each week, which was a great improvement on last season.

We had some players that showed great improvement during the season and of course the higher teams grabbed them. This meant that the 3rds did their bit in helping to improve the Club.

We must make mention of all the Under 16 players who participated this season with parent permission, as we would not have been able to play in Division 2 without being able to field 4 teams each week.

Although our record for the season of only 3 wins and 3 ties was not what we would have hoped for, we were however very competitive each week with losses by only a few runs in most of our games.

Our highlight of the season was undoubtedly our last game, when our own loving legend of baseball Ron Carothers took to the mound against Moorabbin. A great 6 innings of pitching laid the foundations for a 3-2 win which was witnessed by most of the Club at home.

This game also saw some of our positional players lift to play great consistent baseball, which proves that their performances are capable of lifting to the standard. I encourage these players to train harder and you will rise through to the next level of baseball.

I must give a huge thank you to Isabel Coppens who took on the scorer's job after several of our scoring Mums got promoted with the kids. We had about 6 different scorers during the season with Isabel finally being stuck with the job, but she cheerfully did it each week. Thank you Isabel.

Another thank you to Dave Coppens who also helped out a lot during the season and when I had to play, took over running the game. Dave also umpired a number of games along with Mick Trevorah and Alan Gribbin. This was much appreciated.

To sum up the season – It was a hard slog with improvement shown by the young players. A few more adults in the side with batting power would have seen the young ones come on even quicker.

**Lance Blackley**  
Coach



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**3rd Nine Vote Tally Sheet**

Date	Versus	3 Votes	2 Votes	1 Vote
26/09/99	Upwey	ADAM BLACKLEY	Craig Ballantyne	David Olsen
3/10/99	Coburg	ADAM	Daniel Williams	Paul Kuklych
10/10/99	Blackburn	JON BALLANTYNE	Michael Paragreen	Brett Kavanagh
17/10/99	Doncaster	ADAM B.	Daniel Williams	Peter Burnett
24/10/99	Malvern	GREG COLLINS	Jarrod Moses	Brett Kavanagh
31/10/99	Preston		Ryan Fehily	Brett Kavanagh
7/11/99	Melbourne	JARROD MOSES	Adam Blackley	Ryan Fehily
14/11/99	Essendon	LUKE PARSONS	David Olsen	Brett Kavanagh
21/11/99	Springvale		Matthew Coppens	Derek Finch
28/11/99	Newport	-	Brett Kavanagh	Luke Kasperczyk
5/12/99	Sandringham		Luke Kasperczyk	Matthew Coppens
12/12/99	Sunshine		Adam Blackley	Lance Blackley
19/12/99	Coburg		Matthew Coppens	Alan Gribbin
16/01/00	Melbourne		No Votes	
30/01/00	Moorabbin		Brett Kavanagh	Ryan Fehily
6/02/00	Geelong		David Olsen	Ryan Fehily
13/02/00	Sunshine		Ryan Fehily	Brett Kavanagh
20/02/00	Coburg		Luke Kasperczyk	Ron Carothers
27/02/00	Melbourne		Luke Kasperczyk	David Olsen
5/03/00	Moorabbin		Matthew Coppens	Matthew Keen

**Running Totals:**

**MVP Winner 3rd Nine: .....**



## 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Year In Review

The 4ths had a very entertaining year, losing the Grand Final to Moorabbin in the seventh innings 5 -6.

During the first eleven games we were holding our own and were having some very competitive games. Not the least, the game against Springvale where we scored 6 runs in the last innings to win, much to the angst of some very confident Springvale players (Springvale played off for the grand final in Div 1 4ths). After the game there were some very happy players who had a few beers and were very critical that Summer still played its' matches on a Sunday.

After the split there was not the same competitive teams and in most instances we were in control early in the games and coasted to wins without having to strain our old bodies. Most of the entertainment was the conversation after the games.

This year I can definitely say that it was an enjoyable Summer due to the fact that we were able to field nine plus players every week, even at Geelong. The players who were coaching and/or taking their children around on Sunday mornings and then played in the afternoon deserve a medal as it is a very long day.

The award for recruit of the year was never in doubt from the first game and Judy Williams could not have been more attentive to the managers needs. My sincere thanks to Judy because it made my job so much easier and enjoyable. Oh, and she just happened to bring along a fresh faced fellow who seemed to know what he was doing!

In Chris Bailey I always remember what any club needs to succeed - people like Chris are the ones that make the club go around - they never complain - are willing to do what is asked - and never consider themselves bigger than the club. If we had more people like Chris at Cheltenham we would be a lot further ahead.

In finishing I would like to thank all players. I hope you had an enjoyable season and considered it a privilege, as I do, to play with four life members of the Cheltenham Baseball Club - John Ferguson - Kevin Williams - Laurie Hall - Colin Upfill.

To our families, I would like to say thanks on behalf of the players for your support during the year and letting us old fellows have a bit of fun on Sundays.

**John Carlile**  
**Coach**



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**4th Nine Vote Tally Sheet**

Date	Versus	3 Votes	2 Votes	1 Votes
26/09/99	Upwey	KEVIN	Lawrie Hall	Col Upfill
3/10/99	Coburg	LAWRIE	Jamie Stewart	Bruce Fitzgerald
10/10/99	Blackburn	COL. UPFILL	Kevin Williams	Lawrie Hall
17/10/99	Doncaster	LAWRIE	Kevin Williams	Bruce Fitzgerald
24/10/99	Malvern	COL. UPFILL	Lawrie Hall	Chris Bailey
31/10/99	Preston	LAWRIE	Peter Burnett	Col Upfill
7/11/99	Melbourne	ALAN GRIBBIN	Peter Burnett	Kevin Williams
14/11/99	Essendon	PETER	Bruce Fitzgerald	Col Upfill
21/11/99	Springvale	BRAD LARK	Lawrie Hall	Mark Baneth
28/11/99	Newport		Col Upfill	Lawrie Hall
5/12/99	Sandringham		Col Upfill	Bruce Fitzgerald
12/12/99	Sunshine		Peter Burnett	Bruce Fitzgerald
19/12/99	Coburg		Lawrie Hall	Peter Burnett
30/01/00	Moorabbin		Peter Burnett	Bruce Fitzgerald
6/02/00	Geelong		Bruce Fitzgerald	Col Upfill
13/02/00	Sunshine		Bruce Fitzgerald	Chris Bailey
20/02/00	Coburg		Lawrie Hall	Chris Bailey
27/02/00	Melbourne		Brad Lark	Jamie Stewart
5/03/00	Moorabbin		Peter Burnett	Col Upfill

**Running Totals:**

**MVP Winner 4th Nine:** ..... COL. UPFILL .....  
LAWRIE HALL

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**CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB**  
**DIVISION TWO - FOURTHS**  
**NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GAMES PLAYED</u>
BAILEY, Chris	15
BANETH, Charles	6
BANETH, Mark	6
BLACKLEY, Lance	2
BURNETT, Peter	18
CARLILE, John	21
COLLINS, Greg	3
COPPINS, Matthew	3
FEELEY, Ryan	3
FERGUSON, John	11
FITZGERALD, Bruce	21
GRIBBIN, Alan	14
HALL, Lawrie	20
INNIS, Peter	3
KICK, Andrew	3
LARK, Brad	10
OBOURNE, Russell	1
REVISI, Peter	7
STEWART, Jamie	13
STEWART, Matthew	1
UPFILL, Colin	20
WILLIAMS, Kevin	20
WILSON, David	1
NUMBER OF PLAYERS USED	23