

**Upwey Ferntree Gully
Baseball Club
49th Annual Report**



2011/2012

Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club

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President's Report

After 6 years in this job, with a couple of years before that as Secretary / Administrator, I've seen a lot people come and go at the Club, both on and off the field.

This year it was good to see a few new arrivals spread throughout the ranks from the Juniors all the way to the Firsts. A good sign that we may be getting it right, while at the same time attracting others who also want success. We also had a few newcomers to the Board. It is great to see relatively new members getting involved with the running of the Club and we welcome all those interested. The old Chinese proverb that "many hands make light work" works for us as well as electricians (sorry).

Two very distinctive events occurred this season. Firstly the Christmas break-up function held at the Clubrooms was a resounding success. You could not move in the place for bodies sitting and standing everywhere. What a fantastic effort to feed and entertain this great crowd. It shows the strength of the Club's volunteers and its supporters.

The second event was the combined Club Presentation Night at the end of the season. Somewhere in the order of 130+ members and families filled the Clubrooms and again our crew fed and entertained them all. What a great sight to see the Under 12's "hanging" with the Firsts players, all part of the one big club, Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club. Congratulations again to all our award winners who I am sure enjoyed the evening as well.

Membership over the past few years has levelled out in terms of overall numbers. We seem to max out at around 160 members. We need to change our focus and concentrate our recruiting on the younger ones especially at Aussie T-Ball and Under 12's. The bigger the lower age group numbers are, the more chance of retaining them all the way through to the senior ranks.

Having been formed to compete in the Winter season of 1963, which by the way they won the Premiership that first year, the Club is about to enter its 50th year of existence. In case you hadn't heard, we have 2 teams entered into the MWBL D grade competition for the first time since 1983. No pressure boys, but wouldn't it be nice to repeat the history of 1963.

I would expect there to be quite a few celebrations over next Summer with hopefully something happening each weekend when the Firsts are at home. Watch the website for details.

Unfortunately this year I missed a couple of months of the season and I need to acknowledge the grateful assistance and increased workload of our wonderful Secretary, Mr Denis Dalzotto. Without this man the Club would not function as well as it does. Those late night emails, the chasing up of player details, the paperwork, the Newsletters, the Board and P&S meetings, the meetings with T-Ball mums & dads, the uniform tops, etc, etc. Thanks Denis, not everyone sees what you do around the place but they would certainly notice if you didn't do it. Congratulations.

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President's Report

To the rest of the Board Members, Brendan, Fleur, Sharon, Andrew (AJ), Glenn, Lawrie & Leigh, I offer you my sincere thanks for the work you have done in keeping the place running. Volunteers are a rare breed and all of your work is very much appreciated.

To our Club Coach, Brad Harman, in his first year on the job, Thanks for your efforts and we look forward to continued success for you and all players over the coming season.

To all the other coaches at all levels, your commitment in giving of your valuable time in running your selected team is very much appreciated. I am certain the members of your respective team are thankful as well.

I was extremely disappointed at last year's Annual General Meeting when only a handful of members attended. Disappointed from the viewpoint that it is YOUR club and YOU need to have a say in what is going on and where we are going. I am hopeful this will change and I will be inundated with people fighting for seats, we will see.

If you would like to assist the Club in any way, please contact any member of the Board.

To the new Board members, I wish you success in achieving goals on and off the field.

We need to set the bar at such a level that will continue to challenge you all to strive to better yourselves and in doing so, make this Club the best it can be. Without you, the Club is nothing. Why not set yourself a personal goal of assisting for 4 hours over the season. That doesn't seem much but if every one of our 160 members did, that would equate to 640 hours of volunteer work. Imagine what could get done with that amount of time over 20 weeks, that's 32 hours per week. In the modified words of JFK, don't ask what the Club can do for you; ask what you can do for the Club.

Let's have a fantastic 50th year season and we can celebrate some wonderful successes.

Yours in baseball

Bob Ayres
President

Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club – Go Tigers.

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Player Management Report

This year we appoint Brad Harman as coach of the Club after Mitch decided to stand down after three wonderful years. Training numbers were up with all players out to show Brad what they had.

We fielded 5 senior teams 1 Master's team u18 u16 u14 u12 sides which all represented the club very well unfortunately for the first time for a long time none of your senior sides played in finals but on a brighter note our u12 and u14 sides went on step better, than did last year by making the grand finals in their respective grades while the u18 and Masters both made the semi finals this is good to see as this is where the next lot of champions from the club will come from.

We also fielded on a Friday night an u12 team and an u15 team this enabled the juniors to play not only on a Sunday but also on a Friday night we also run T-Ball on Friday night with some 28 plus kids registered.

The club was also lucky to host the Aussie T-Ball Gala Day. What a great effort that was put in not only by senior players but a number of junior players as well as we had to cater for 10 teams. To all those who helped a big thank you from me.

To Chris Harman what an outstanding effort you did as junior co-ordinator. It was a privilege to see how you ran the T-Ball on Friday and train the younger grades through the week.

To all the trophy winners for 2011/2012, congratulations on a grand effort.

AJ



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Facilities Management Report

I would like to thank a few people for their continued work around the place which often goes unrecognized, including Bob Ayres, Bob Dick, Roger Cheesman, who put in more effort down at the club than anybody really knows.

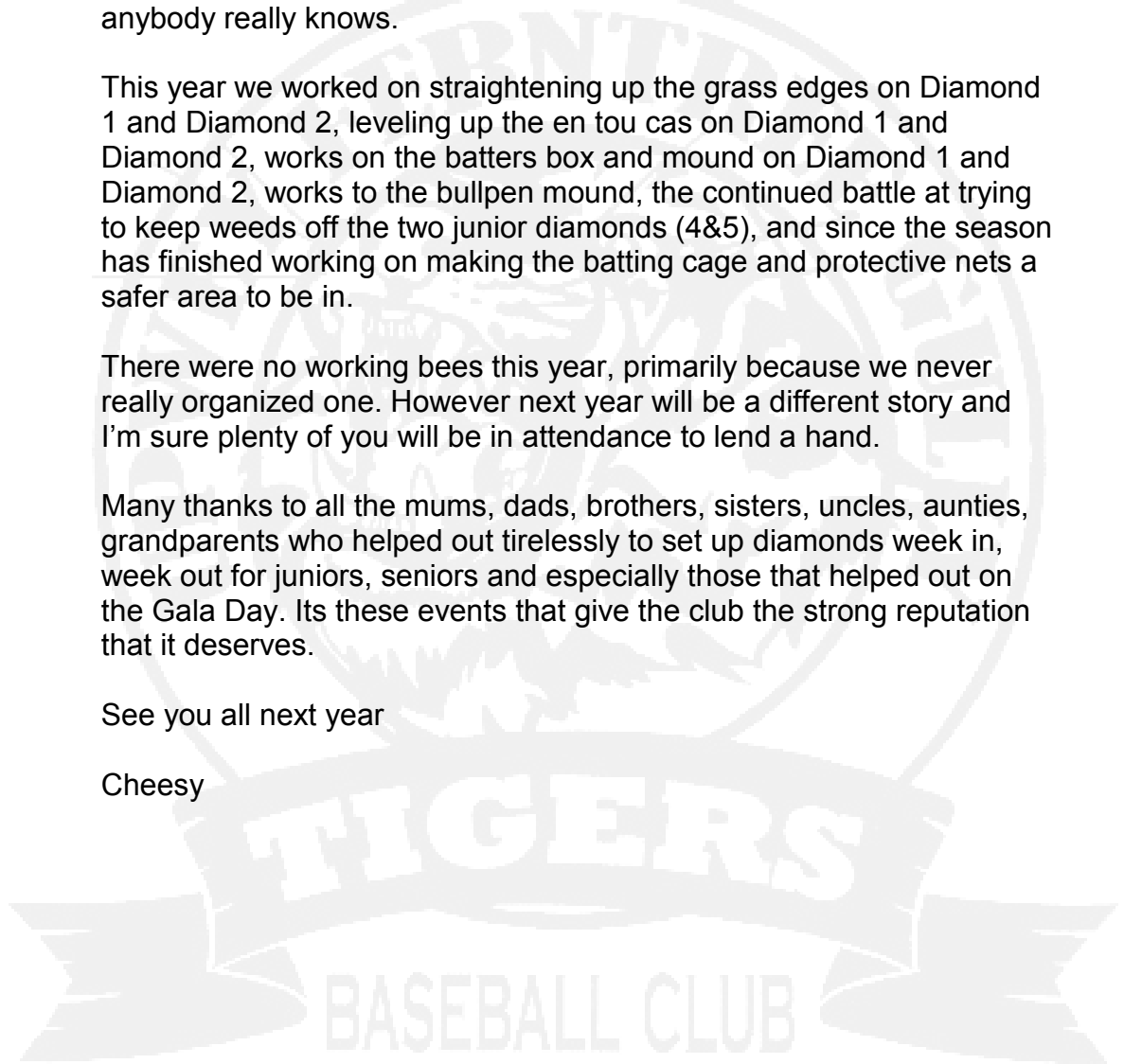
This year we worked on straightening up the grass edges on Diamond 1 and Diamond 2, leveling up the en tou cas on Diamond 1 and Diamond 2, works on the batters box and mound on Diamond 1 and Diamond 2, works to the bullpen mound, the continued battle at trying to keep weeds off the two junior diamonds (4&5), and since the season has finished working on making the batting cage and protective nets a safer area to be in.

There were no working bees this year, primarily because we never really organized one. However next year will be a different story and I'm sure plenty of you will be in attendance to lend a hand.

Many thanks to all the mums, dads, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunties, grandparents who helped out tirelessly to set up diamonds week in, week out for juniors, seniors and especially those that helped out on the Gala Day. Its these events that give the club the strong reputation that it deserves.

See you all next year

Cheesy



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Communications Management Report

This year saw us with two major events our Xmas fundraising event and Presentation night. Both nights were a great success with raffles food and drinks for over 120 people each night.

This year we had our Meat Raffles donated by Lindens Meats and raffled for major senior games raising over \$100 per raffle.

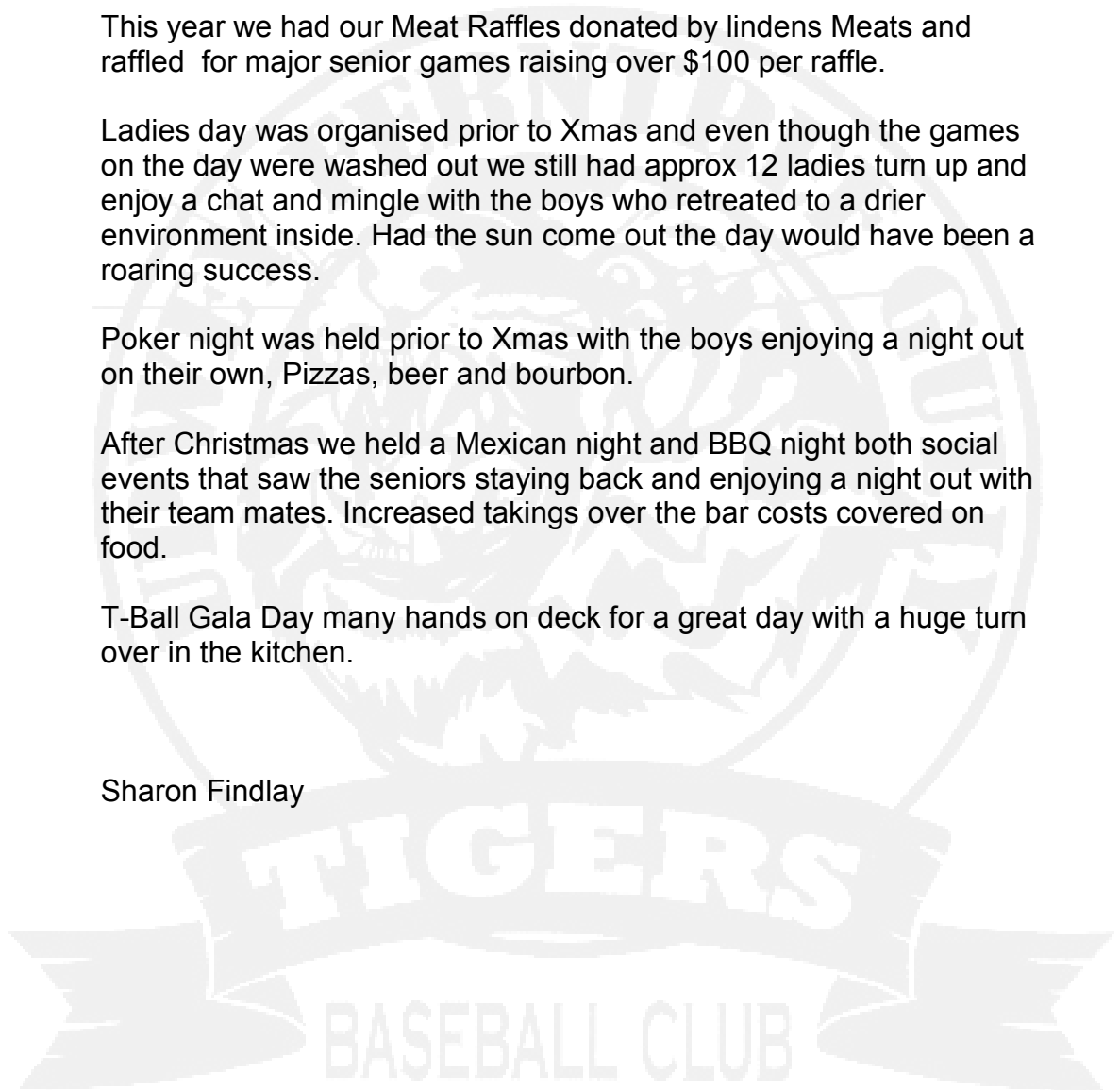
Ladies day was organised prior to Xmas and even though the games on the day were washed out we still had approx 12 ladies turn up and enjoy a chat and mingle with the boys who retreated to a drier environment inside. Had the sun come out the day would have been a roaring success.

Poker night was held prior to Xmas with the boys enjoying a night out on their own, Pizzas, beer and bourbon.

After Christmas we held a Mexican night and BBQ night both social events that saw the seniors staying back and enjoying a night out with their team mates. Increased takings over the bar costs covered on food.

T-Ball Gala Day many hands on deck for a great day with a huge turn over in the kitchen.

Sharon Findlay



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Club & 1st Nine Report

As a first year coach it was a very big learning curve to see how the club functions and operates from the inside out. There is no doubt my situation as club coach this year was very unique, due to my commitments with the Aces. It was difficult at times to juggle the commitments of both but I got through with some great support from senior players and the other coaches which was fantastic.

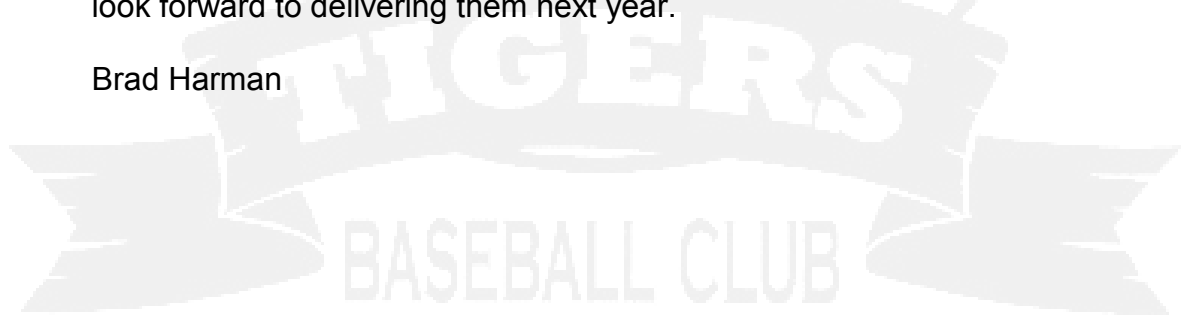
As far as on field this year there is no doubt the results of the club were disappointing. It is always difficult for a senior coach to get a gauge on the development of the lower grade players without seeing the games, although with what I saw of the A Grade and Reserves there were some definite signs of growth which is very pleasing.

Looking at our A Grade squad of 14-15 players we have a very talented list. I don't believe it is a question of ability but more knowledge and mental approach, which still holds us back from achieving what we all want, which is to win a premiership. When we make 1 or 2 mental mistakes, they can cost us 3,4,5 runs which over the course of a season is the difference between playing finals and finishing 8th.

This needs to remain a priority as far as learning the correct way to play the game and understanding our individual role in the team. If we as a squad become SMARTER baseball players I am certain success is just around the corner for this baseball club.

I have a number of ideas and plans for the future of this club on field and look forward to delivering them next year.

Brad Harman



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1sts Batting Stats

Name	G	IP	PA	AB	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAB	SAF	BB	HPB	CI	SO	SB	CS	LOB	OBP	AVG
Aron, Nathan	29	0	120	103	17	31	27	4	0	0	14	0	1	11	5	0	26	13	3	32	.392	.301
Swanton, Justin	28	0	107	94	10	28	27	1	0	0	7	1	2	7	3	0	20	2	0	28	.355	.298
Schroeders, Peter	24	0	102	84	19	24	19	5	0	0	11	0	2	13	3	0	9	10	1	23	.392	.286
Unland, Nicolaas	25	0	110	100	14	28	21	6	0	1	17	2	1	6	1	0	16	7	1	19	.318	.280
Lewis, Kieran	22	0	62	54	6	14	14	0	0	0	4	1	0	6	1	0	13	2	0	13	.339	.259
Fitton, Travis	3	0	9	8	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	.333	.250
Ratcliffe, Simon	24	0	99	81	13	20	18	2	0	0	5	3	1	7	4	2	9	6	1	21	.323	.247
Elliott, Jordan	30	0	120	101	12	24	19	5	0	0	20	0	0	9	9	3	22	1	0	29	.353	.238
Harman, Bradley	16	0	66	55	13	13	7	2	1	3	11	0	1	10	0	0	7	2	0	13	.348	.236
Cheesman, Brendan	7	0	21	18	1	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	5	2	1	2	.333	.222
Ayres, Mitchell	23	0	95	81	12	17	8	7	0	2	9	0	2	11	0	0	21	0	0	10	.298	.210
Barrett, Matthew	14	0	33	30	0	6	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	8	2	0	7	.273	.200
Keys, William	22	0	81	70	8	14	13	1	0	0	4	2	0	7	2	0	18	2	2	13	.284	.200
Rice, Nicholas	16	0	13	12	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	1	0	4	.231	.167
Smith, Ben	10	0	19	17	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	7	2	0	5	.211	.118
Farrelly, Luke	6	0	19	19	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	2	.105	.105
Chinn, Stuart	10	0	30	24	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	5	0	1	5	.267	.083
Harman, Chris	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.000	.000
Johnstone, Rowan	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000
McDermott, Michael	3	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	.333	.000
Van Der Meer, Michael	5	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500	.000
Yung, Joshua	14	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Summary	373	0	1116	959	133	233	189	36	2	6	107	9	10	101	32	5	201	54	11	231	.329	.243

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1sts Pitching Stats

Name	G	IP	H	SO	BB	WP	ER	RS	HPB	BF	BLK	PCS	B	S	Tot	SAB	SAF	W	L	Save	ERA
Ayres, Mitchell	23	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	10	12	22	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Odlum, Toby	3	11	10	8	5	1	1	1	1	50	0	0	69	100	169	0	0	1	0	1	0.82
Meldrum, Sean	19	94.7	70	43	44	1	25	32	6	384	0	0	517	826	1343	0	0	5	5	1	2.38
Yung, Joshua	14	46.7	44	20	18	9	19	24	0	204	0	0	245	444	689	0	0	4	3	0	3.66
Rice, Nicholas	16	22	24	7	3	0	10	18	0	94	0	0	103	208	311	0	0	0	4	0	4.09
Rice, Adrian	18	52.9	60	24	12	3	27	31	2	239	0	0	267	514	781	0	0	1	3	1	4.59
Aron, Nathan	29	1	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	6	0	0	16	16	32	0	0	0	0	0	9.00
Smith, Ben	10	7.9	15	7	7	2	9	11	1	46	0	0	65	88	153	0	0	0	0	0	10.25
Van Der Meer, Michael	5	10	18	7	13	0	20	21	5	65	0	0	106	115	221	0	0	0	3	0	18.00
Summary	373	247	242	117	106	16	112	139	15	1093	0	0	1398	2323	3721	0	0	11	18	3	4.08

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2nds - Season Report

I was asked to take over the reserves with 3 games to go as such my report will be short.

When Brad asked me to take over he told me we needed to win 2 of the last 3 games to make finals, these games were Melbourne, Geelong and Preston. It should have been achievable with 2 teams below us; a shock loss to Melbourne put pay to a tough season.

It's been a long time since the reserves at Upwey had not played in finals so a disappointing end to a trying season. The reserves season was up and down the team was unsettled and that made it hard to get a settled line up but is no excuse for some of our performances.

To everyone who helped with scoring for us a big thank you, to Brad and Mitch for continued hard work at training and a fundamental based training program from Brad and I hope from a coaching aspect he leads us back to where we belong as a premier club in Division 1.

It's always difficult when you have players of a high calibre that they would play in the ABL and with Mitch and Brad being away from a number weekend games was always going to be tough so for me it's a fact is going to happen so we all have to simply get on with it.

To the committee I thank them all for a job very well done in a long season and a difficult season for a number of reasons.

As I was originally simply a third base coach for the majority of the season I was not involved in the selection of award winners. I will simply congratulate them for a job well done.

Chris Harman.

BASEBALL CLUB

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3rds - Season Report

This summer baseball season for the 3rd's is probably best summed up by saying it was made up of two noticeably different halves. In the first half before the Christmas break the team was made up largely of young guys either still playing juniors or just recently graduated into the senior ranks.

In the second half we had some older familiar faces come into the team which considerably bolstered the bullpen and the batting lineup. As a whole we were moderately successful on the field finishing 7th out of 12 teams, only a few games out of the top four. The competition was so tight however that it wasn't until the last week that we were knocked out of finals contention. Unfortunately we were left regretting a few key games that didn't quite go our way.

While it was a disappointment to miss out on finals the overall improvement shown by the team from last season was significant and should not be overlooked as a promising sign for the future.

One of the most enjoyable aspects this year was to see the improvements made in our batting. We have always been a strong defensive side but to be able to match this with some run production allowed us to have much greater success on the scoreboard.

Over the course of a season there is always some movement of players between teams but in this one we saw unprecedented levels of interchange with only a small number of people spending their whole time in the 3rd's.

The highlight game for the team would have to be the win against Malvern in round 15. To convincingly beat 7 to 2 the team that would go on to cruise past both Doncaster and Geelong in the preliminary finals and then crush Melbourne by 23 runs in the grand final was an achievement to be proud of. It certainly showed that we could be as good as anyone on our day.

Another memorable contest was the one game we played against the other grand final participant, Melbourne. In a match played in unseasonably cold and wet weather we allowed their leadoff batter in

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3rds - Season Report

the first innings to get on base via an error and then score on their only hit for the day. Even though we went on to outhit them for the rest of the game this one run proved to be the only score for either team. While we didn't get the win it was a good experience for everyone to be involved in such a tight game in which every play was important, something that doesn't happen often in the 3rd's.

It is always a difficult decision to choose just one person as the Most Valuable Player and in this case it was made even more complicated by the fact that so many people only played part of the season in the team. Josh Connellan however is a deserving winner as he did a great job for us on the mound and was also very successful with the bat, hitting an even .500. His contribution was particularly important early in the season when he shouldered the bulk of the pitching for us.

My thanks to all the administrators and coaches at the club for their tireless work which allows us to take to the field each weekend. Thanks also to everyone who works in the many supporting roles such as the canteen and facilities and grounds maintenance. Thanks to AJ and Sharon for all the dinners after training and lastly, but certainly not least, thanks to everyone who scored and umpired for us, without whom we couldn't have a game.

Sean O'Halloran



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3rds Batting Stats

Player	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	SBA	LOB	OBP	Slg	BA
Travis Fitton	2	8	6	3	4	1	0	0	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	1.000	4	.750	.833	.667
Steve Williams	6	20	16	9	9	2	0	0	11	5	4	0	3	0	0	5	0	1.000	3	.588	.688	.563
Josh Connellan	9	22	18	7	9	1	0	0	10	7	4	0	2	0	0	3	1	.750	5	.591	.556	.500
Yarran Curtis	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	.500	.500	.500
Michael McDermott	1	5	4	3	2	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.600	.500	.500
Warren Mynott	1	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.500	1.000	.500
Rowan Johnson	5	15	13	8	6	1	1	0	9	7	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1.000	1	.533	.692	.462
Michael Rice	16	48	42	12	18	0	0	0	18	17	4	1	10	1	0	5	0	1.000	8	.469	.419	.419
Leon Rice	6	20	18	6	7	3	1	0	12	8	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	.000	4	.450	.667	.389
Scott Dean	4	13	11	2	4	1	0	0	5	3	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	1.000	3	.462	.455	.364
Sean O'Halloran	15	44	36	11	13	2	0	0	15	15	7	1	4	0	0	5	0	1.000	9	.465	.389	.361
Toby Odlum	6	18	17	4	6	1	0	0	7	7	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1.000	4	.333	.353	.353
Joel Macintosh	10	31	29	9	10	2	0	0	12	11	2	0	3	0	0	8	3	.727	5	.387	.414	.345
Jack Archer	6	23	18	8	6	0	0	0	6	7	5	0	1	0	0	4	0	1.000	0	.478	.333	.333
Philip Yule	13	39	33	11	10	1	0	0	11	10	6	0	5	0	0	5	0	1.000	4	.410	.333	.303
Jarrold Cowan	12	42	37	11	11	1	0	0	12	5	4	1	10	0	0	6	0	1.000	4	.381	.324	.297
James Philippsen	10	30	26	7	7	0	0	0	7	6	4	0	4	0	0	4	0	1.000	6	.367	.269	.269
Declan High	9	19	16	5	4	1	0	0	5	2	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	1.000	4	.316	.313	.250
Tristan Mealey	6	11	9	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	3	0	0	2	0	1.000	2	.364	.333	.222
Jay Davidson	3	6	5	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	2	.333	.400	.200
Billy Findlay	4	14	13	5	2	1	0	0	3	5	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1.000	2	.143	.231	.154
Damien Sharp	4	14	13	4	2	1	0	0	3	6	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	1.000	3	.214	.231	.154
Mitch Dalzotto	10	34	32	2	4	0	0	0	4	3	2	0	11	0	0	1	0	1.000	5	.176	.125	.125
Colin Hope	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	.000	.000
Alex Oldricks	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	.000	.000
Mitchell Thomson	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	.000	.000
Summary	163	489	425	132	139	22	2	0	165	132	53	7	76	3	1	61	4	.672	79	.377	.398	.316

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3rds Fielding & Pitching Stats

Pitching Statistics - Upwey FTG

Player	GP	IP	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	HB	WP	SO	B	S	SPct	TP	GS	GF	W	L	ERA
Toby Odlum	4	12	4	3	7	2	0	0	4	2	2	16	70	118	.628	188	2	2	3	0	2.250
Leon Rice	1	4	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	35	.745	47	0	1	0	0	2.250
Jarrold Cowan	4	9 1/3	9	6	16	2	1	0	2	1	1	12	60	106	.639	166	1	3	1	1	5.786
Tristan Mealey	4	12 2/3	24	9	12	3	0	0	20	5	14	14	165	155	.484	320	3	1	0	2	6.395
Josh Connellan	8	33 2/3	38	24	27	5	0	0	33	6	12	20	307	331	.519	638	7	3	4	2	6.416
Sean O'Halloran	2	1 1/3	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	13	.650	20	0	2	0	0	6.752
Michael Rice	5	9	12	10	12	2	0	0	9	2	1	7	96	112	.471	238	1	3	0	2	10.001
Mitchell Thomson	1	2	6	6	5	2	0	0	5	0	0	3	40	28	.412	68	1	0	0	1	27.000
Philip Yule	2	2 1/3	14	9	10	2	0	0	6	1	3	0	51	42	.452	93	0	0	0	0	34.734
Declan High	2	1 2/3	9	9	11	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	20	32	.615	52	1	1	0	0	48.619
Summary	227	665	625	225	256	49	3	0	260	166	91	82	928	976	6.613	1897	20	16	8	8	15.020

Fielding Statistics - Upwey FTG

Player	G	C	PO	A	E	DP	PB	SB	CS	CSA	FA
Jay Davidson	3	1	1	0	0		0	0	0		1.000
Scott Dean	4	6	6	0	0		0	0	0		1.000
Billy Findlay	4	12	10	2	0		0	1	2	.667	1.000
Travis Fitton	2	2	2	0	0		0	0	0		1.000
Michael McDermott	1	2	1	1	0		0	0	0		1.000
Warren Mynott	1	1	1	0	0		0	0	0		1.000
Sean O'Halloran	15	40	36	4	0	1	2	7	2	.222	1.000
Alex Oldricks	1	3	0	3	0		0	0	0		1.000
James Philipsen	10	40	37	3	0		0	32	0	.000	1.000
Leon Rice	6	6	4	2	0		0	0	1	1.000	1.000
Mitchell Thomson	2	2	2	0	0		0	0	0		1.000
Philip Yule	13	28	21	7	0		0	0	0		1.000
Michael Rice	16	53	50	1	2		0	0	0		.962
Rowan Johnson	5	16	11	4	1		0	0	0		.938
Jack Archer	6	22	10	10	2	1	3	0	0		.909
Jarrold Cowan	12	24	8	13	3		0	0	0		.875
Josh Connellan	9	12	4	6	2		0	0	0		.833
Toby Odlum	6	17	14	0	3		0	0	0		.824
Joel MacIntosh	10	36	14	15	7	2	0	0	0		.806
Declan High	9	5	4	0	1		0	0	0		.800
Damien Sharp	4	15	9	3	3		0	0	0		.800
Steve Williams	6	5	4	0	1		0	0	0		.800
Yarran Curtis	1	4	3	0	1		0	0	0		.750
Tristan Mealey	6	4	2	1	1		0	0	0		.750
Mitch Dalzotto	10	23	8	8	7	1	1	0	0		.696
Colin Hope	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		.000
Summary	163	379	262	83	34	5	6	40	5	.630	.875

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4ths - Season Report

The most pleasing aspect of the season was the large percentage of juniors both U16 and U18 take the field each week in the 4ths together with a mix of older and not so old players. The game results as the season progressed were very encouraging. After settling in to the season we had a number of games that we were out of the blocks early and controlled the play for the first couple of digs. However inability to hold this lead saw us drop a number of these games. Towards the end of the season we again found ourselves in this position against Werribee and Geelong and were able to complete the game and take the win on both occasions. The most memorable win came against Essendon 1-3 away which may be considered the highlight of the season.

All in a good season with lots of positive signs and improving talent for next year.

Player	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SB	OBP	SLG	BA
Jackson Hunkin	13	43	34	16	18	7	1	1	30	10	7	3	2	6	.636	.882	.529
Todd Saddler	13	42	38	15	17	5	2	0	26	6	0	4	1	2	.500	.684	.447
James Philipsen	4	13	12	7	5	0	0	0	5	6	0	1	3	0	.462	.417	.417
Yarran Curtis	9	24	22	8	9	2	0	1	14	10	0	0	1	0	.409	.636	.409
Mitchell Dalzotto	6	19	15	6	6	2	0	0	8	9	3	1	1	0	.526	.533	.400
Bob Siminton	7	15	15	3	6	0	0	0	6	4	1	0	0	2	.438	.400	.400
Jay Davidson	11	30	23	12	9	3	0	0	11	6	6	2	2	3	.548	.478	.391
James Wilkinson	11	28	25	5	9	5	0	0	14	9	2	1	4	2	.429	.560	.360
Leigh Dillon	3	7	6	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	.429	.333	.333
Josh Connellan	5	13	12	5	4	0	0	0	4	2	1	0	1	0	.385	.333	.333
Michael Rice	1	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.333	.333	.333
Warren Mynott	16	47	43	13	14	3	1	1	22	12	1	3	5	0	.383	.512	.326
Dylan Archer	14	41	38	8	11	2	0	0	13	4	3	0	5	2	.341	.342	.289
Glenn Archer	13	27	25	1	6	1	0	0	7	4	0	0	5	3	.231	.280	.240
Mitchell Thomson	5	10	9	1	2	1	0	0	3	2	3	0	1	0	.417	.333	.222
Alex Oldricks	4	10	9	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	.364	.222	.222
Michael Yung	5	14	12	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	.286	.167	.167
Totals	140	386	341	106	123	31	4	3	170	86	31	16	35	20	.419	.438	.342

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5ths - Season Report

Wins 5, losses 13
MVP: Adam Campli

The fifth season could be cut into two equal halves. There was the first nine weeks of the season that netted no wins, with the side struggling to field even the minimum numbers to field a team. During this nine-week period the club forfeited three games. Two, ironically to Doncaster who failed to register points for any other games during the season. The two forfeits were Doncaster's only wins.

Early in the season the only game that was nearly won by the Tigers was a 5-3 loss to Monash University where we again - could only field 8 players. We left 11 on base that day, including two when the final out occurred.

That round four clash was the only highlight for the first two months of the season.

Going into round 10 there was an injection of talent and experience given to our side. The contributions of Bob Simonton, Michael Yung, Damien Sharp and Scott Dean – as well as some new players who joined our club mid-year – helped us win five of the next nine games, including a 10-3 win over eventual premiers Moorabbin. That win and Moorabbin's eventual flag showed us how close we could have been to – not only finals – but a premiership had our best side been available for the entire season. During our round 14 win over Moorabbin it was clear that we had them rattled.

With optimism we played like we were going to sneak into the finals – and we were right in the mix - until a couple of results went against us in round 17, including our loss to a Waverley side that had seemed to suddenly improve overnight and were also knocking on the door for finals action, eventually finishing fourth.

In some ways it was a very frustrating season, but in other ways there were positives: we were able to bring some new players to the club who should step up in the 2012/13 season and beyond.

The challenge ahead will be attracting new players to the club at these lower levels, so that next season we can start our run towards the finals nine weeks earlier than we did this season past. The other challenge that we experienced in the low grade was an inability to attract umpires. Quite often we were forced to umpire our own games, and on occasions we required visiting teams to supply the umpire at our home venue.

Leigh Dillon.

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Masters - Season Report

This past season was our most successful to date, with the Masters boys (and girl) finally making the semi-finals for the first time. We did get knocked out in the first-round playoff game against Melbourne B, however we can hold our heads up knowing we were beaten by the eventual competition winners (and they are a powerhouse side who more than likely will be looking at Division 1 next year). We also carried our biggest squad ever and this was both a boon and a bust at times. It's great to get new players and this year we welcomed Jeff Hunkin, Sharon Findlay, Arnie Walters, Neil Hamilton and a couple of softball converts in Dave Spiers and Nigel Greer. The playing group maxed out at 19 and whilst our policy was to give everyone who wanted to play a go, it did make managing the side very difficult at times. I certainly want everyone to stick with it and with a few more recruits for next season we may be in a position to field two sides. So here's a challenge for everyone in the Club - please recruit more Masters players!

Defensively Chris Harman led the way. Our MVP carried the main load on the mound and his performances over the last couple of weeks and into the semi-final in particular were exceptional. Chris was backed up primarily by Michael Yung and Jeff Hunkin although we can't forget Greg Rice who threw one notable innings against Sandringham just after Christmas. The biggest issue for us on the defensive side was undoubtedly our fielding. There's no doubt that some of the spring has gone from our steps, and we do have more trouble bending over (and getting back up) than the other younger members of the Club, but nonetheless we need to do better in this area next year. We don't worry too much about the tough plays, but we have to concede we committed way too many errors on simple plays. We were reasonably competitive with the bat but when you can't get the ball in the glove and make outs, it's hard to stop the opposition from outscoring you. Perhaps it's time we accept that we may just have to attend a training session or two! Thanks to Warrick Searle who did the bulk of catching for the season, with honourable mentions to Glenn Archer, Nigel Greer, Steve Thomson and Sharon Findlay who backed him up.

As mentioned above, we were reasonably good with the bat, with the team averaging .348 throughout the season. It's fair to say we're not exactly power-hitters with our solitary home run coming from (not surprisingly) big Micky Gilbert. Mick also was one of our best offensive performers overall with a .450 average and a .650 slugging percentage. Other notable performers with the bat were Nigel Greer (.563 aver), Steve Thomson (.556) and Michael Yung (.552). Glenn Archer was our best on the bags with six stolen bases for the season.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the level of support we received from everyone this year. We're not the most glamorous side and Monday nights are not exactly spectator-friendly. Nevertheless we were very appreciative of the people that came to watch (even if it was for a chuckle). It's great to see Masters baseball getting more notice and hopefully this will continue in the coming seasons. In particular, the crowd that supported us for our semi-final

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Masters Batting & Pitching Stats

appearance was just fantastic. Huge thanks must go to AJ, Sharon and Fleur for the amazing work at home games. Preparing meals and cleaning up is a huge task and is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the large contingent of scorers we had - Lucy, Fleur, Leslie, Neil and last but not least the terrible two-some of Maddie and Gemma (who only gave up once!). Thanks finally to Cheesy for ensuring the ground was in great shape for home games. If I've left anyone out, it's definitely not intentional - we greatly appreciate all who helped out.

See you all next year.

Michael Yung.

Please note: Stats not available for all games

Player	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SB	CS	LOB	OBP	Slg	BA
Nigel Greer	8	17	16	5	9	1			10	4	1		1	1	1	5	.588	.625	.563
Steve Thomson	5	9	9	1	5				5	2						2	.556	.556	.556
Michael Yung	11	30	29	12	16	2			18	7	1			2		5	.567	.621	.552
Mick Gilbert	8	21	20	3	9	1		1	13	4	1		2			5	.476	.650	.450
Jeff Hunkin	9	22	19	8	8		2		12	3	3		1			3	.500	.632	.421
Chris Harman	9	20	15	3	6				6	3	3	2	2	1	1	4	.550	.400	.400
Warrick Searle	10	27	25	5	10	3			13	4	2		3	1		3	.444	.520	.400
Dave Spiers	8	21	18	5	7	2			9	9	3			1		3	.476	.500	.389
Glen Archer	8	21	17	8	6				6	2	3	1	3	6		1	.476	.353	.353
Nobu Omichi	8	16	15	1	5				5	4	1		4	3		4	.375	.333	.333
Greg Rice	9	21	19	2	5	1			6	5	2		4			3	.333	.316	.263
Michael Farrington	5	9	9	1	2				2				4			1	.222	.222	.222
Lachlan McLean	11	25	23	2	5	1			6	3	1	1	5	1		3	.280	.261	.217
Neil Hamilton	8	16	14	4	3				3	2	2		2			1	.313	.214	.214
Dave Elliott	8	19	19	4	4				4	3			1			1	.211	.211	.211
Sharon Findlay	7	13	12	2	2				2	3	1		3			1	.231	.167	.167
Duncan Smith	6	14	13	2	2				2			1	4			1	.214	.154	.154
Arnie Walters	4	10	8		1				1	1	2			1	1	2	.300	.125	.125
Geoff Williams	1	2	2													1	.000	.000	.000
	143	333	302	68	105	11	2	1	123	59	26	5	39	17	3	49	.374	.361	.315

Player	G	IP	R	ER	H	BB	HB	WP	SO	B	S	SPct	TP	ERA
Chris Harman	9	27	50	36	59	6	7	3	8	141	280	0.67	421	12.00
Jeff Hunkin	9	12	22	21	29	8	4	4	9	106	139	0.57	245	15.75
Michael Yung	11	23	55	46	69	14	3	3	10	207	306	0.60	513	17.77
Greg Rice	9	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	13	5	0.28	18	0.00
Totals	38	63	127	103	157	30	14	10	27	467	730	2.12	1197	15.17

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Junior Development - Season Report

We introduced a new format to our T-Ball program, it started with T-Ball becoming part of our Junior program and being played on a Friday night along side our domestic program with Blackburn and Waverley. Our T-Ball program being broken down into 2 seasons, season 1 was a 10 week schedule prior to Christmas and a 9 week schedule when the school year started.

Our numbers were well up over both seasons and with the inclusion of boys and girls with intellectual disabilities saw the program being a huge success. The inclusive program worked well and the Aussie T-ball model was a great way to introduce baseball to local kids. We had great help from Jacinda from Access for all abilities (Yarra Ranges), Olivia from Eastern recreation and leisure Inc. (Knox & Maroondah), Kim from Down syndrome Victoria and Kellie from the Australian Sports Commission, with their help we were the first baseball club in Victoria to run such a program.

After approaching Blackburn and Waverley we were able to enter a U12 and a U15 team in their domestic program, whilst the other clubs put a premium on winning our aim was to give our kids an extra game per week and for our coaches to allow their players to play in positions they may not play on Sundays, so with a few teething problems it was a big success and thanks to Lawrie Hurley and Michael Rice along with help from our parents, well done to all.

After Christmas our U12 numbers were up to enough for almost 2 teams but we could not enter another team so getting the kids game time was done as well as it could have been done by Lawrie and his helpers, again well done.

it was obvious at the start of the season that our junior numbers were down to 1 team in all 4 age groups and needing 6 teams to qualify as a Division 1 club an issue that if not resolved could see us in Division 2 for the next 2 seasons no matter how well our 1sts went in the current season. Knowing that Baseball Victoria give us 1 junior team per 25 T-Ballers that meant we needed 50 T-Ballers a number that was almost impossible to achieve however after much hard work and help we were able to get our numbers up and qualify as a Division 1 club with our T-Ball program and extra numbers in our U12 domestic team.

Our junior program had an excellent season with 3 of our 4 teams making finals and 2 of them into grand finals, our U12's lost to

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Junior Development - Season Report

Blackburn 5-4 in a great game going into extra innings, our U14's had a rain out and had to come back the next week only to lose to Waverley 7-11, two great games for both teams.

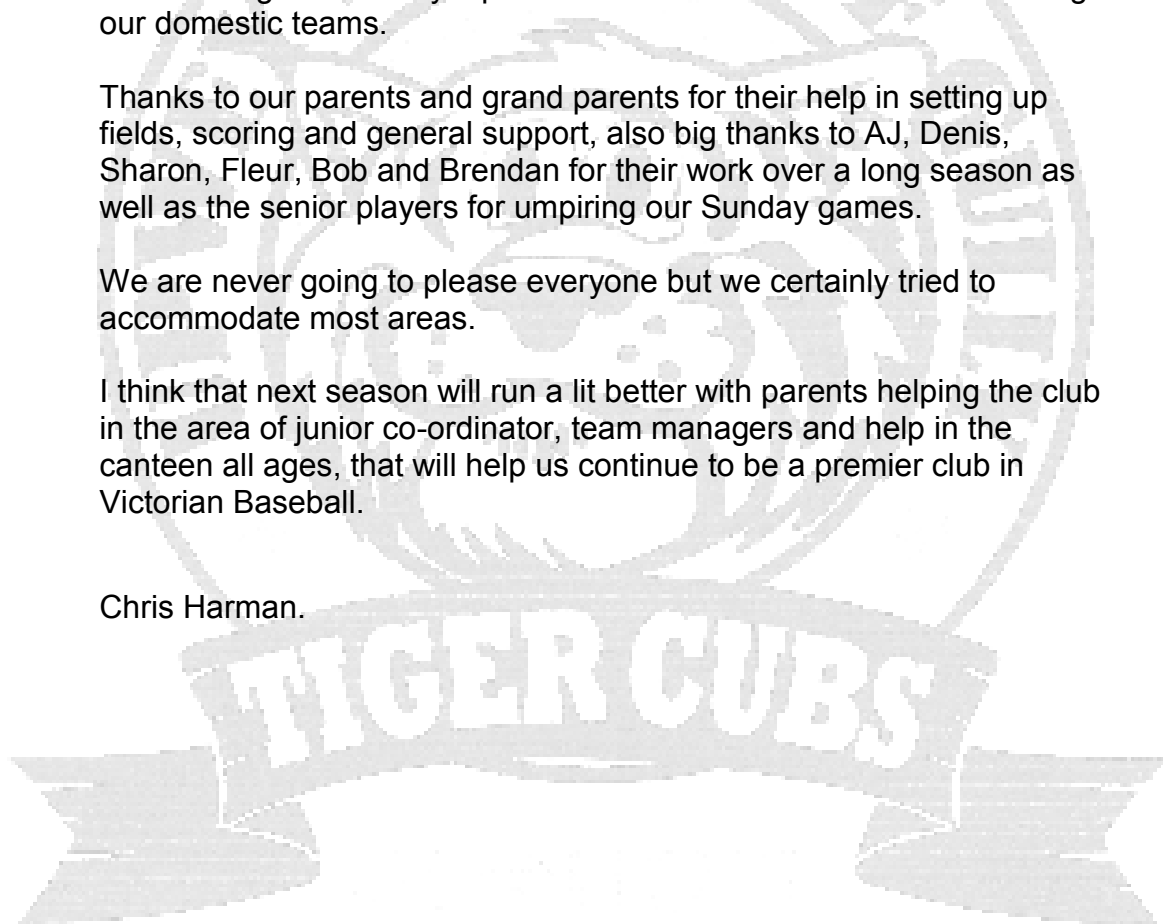
The juniors training program saw the U12 and U14's train together on Tuesday nights, the U16's trained Tuesday and Thursdays with some separate sessions with me but the boys ended up not training that much as the season went on, the U18's trained with the seniors on Tuesday and Thursday nights as most of them played seniors as well. I need to thank Stephen, Jordy, Glenn, Greg, Michael, Josh and Lawrie for coaching our Sunday squads and Michael and Lawrie for coaching our domestic teams.

Thanks to our parents and grand parents for their help in setting up fields, scoring and general support, also big thanks to AJ, Denis, Sharon, Fleur, Bob and Brendan for their work over a long season as well as the senior players for umpiring our Sunday games.

We are never going to please everyone but we certainly tried to accommodate most areas.

I think that next season will run a lot better with parents helping the club in the area of junior co-ordinator, team managers and help in the canteen all ages, that will help us continue to be a premier club in Victorian Baseball.

Chris Harman.



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U18 AAA League - Season Report

At the end of the regular season the U18's ended 2nd on the ladder after some strong performances and some tight games. A highlight this season was to see them come back from being down 4-9 against Mulgrave to win the game 10-9. There were some memorable times during the season including Josh Connellan getting Denis (umpire) steamed up by throwing his glove at the rampaging magpies, Declan's fortitude to keep playing through a bout of food poisoning and Billy's 2 pitches against Preston. Everyone put in strong performances through the season so it was disappointing not to make it past the semi-final this year. Sunshine came out to the Tiger Dome with a stronger will to win on the day and were able to find the gaps when at bat, and then run down anything that we put up to keep us off the bases.

I would like to thank Jordy for his help through the season as assistant coach. Our pitchers appreciated his jokes at the mound when they were needed, and the team in general enjoyed his enthusiasm for the game from the bench. Josh was a great help at the start of the season before moving over to help with the U14s. Catherine did an outstanding job again with the scoring and the various Dads who helped with ground prep for home games and umpiring allowed Jordy and I to concentrate on the team during pre-game prep .

We farewell seven players at the end of the season Billy, Sam, Yuto, Jay, Jarryd, Josh & Jessica. Good luck to all of you as you step up to senior ball. For the rest of the team, and the U16's about to be promoted, good luck for a great season next year.

Stephen Thomson.



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U16 Major League - Season Report

The grouping for the grading saw us in a mix with some fairly junior sides in respect of game time. Resulting in three very lop sided results in our favour. Waverley were also in our grouping, however with a washout (yes it is summer ball!!) we were unable to make the most of the benchmark test and powered our way into the Major division.

The first game saw us on a road trip to Geelong where a fantastic tight game of baseball was played out. The eventual result going Geelong's way 5-4. Packing our bags again the following week we visited the unique infield of the Essendon BC. 6-1 up at the bottom of the 4th was not enough to hold on and we went down 8-7. A total of 4 CS's in the game attributed to the slippery infield as the guy's enthusiasm saw many of them sailing past the base.

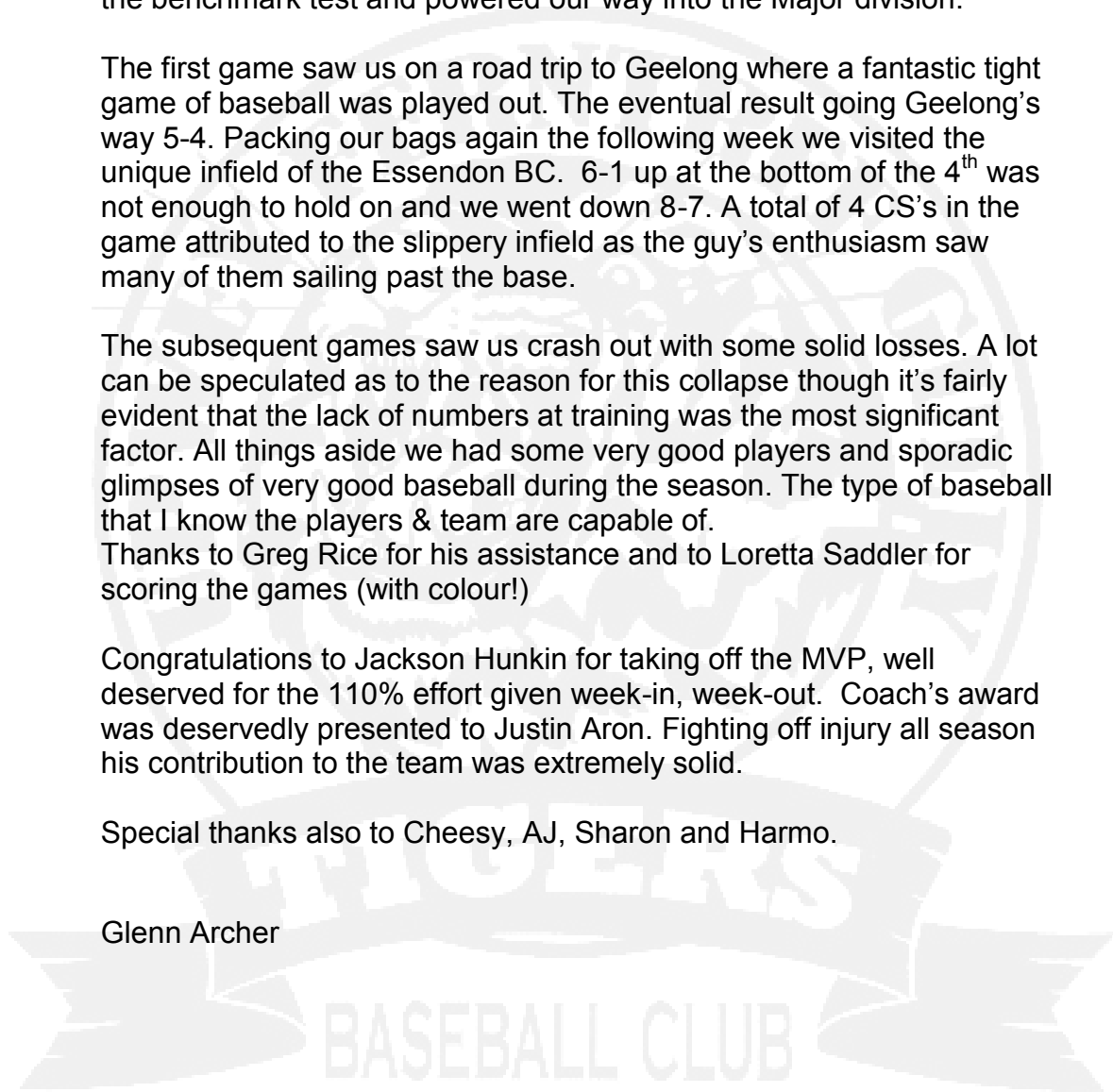
The subsequent games saw us crash out with some solid losses. A lot can be speculated as to the reason for this collapse though it's fairly evident that the lack of numbers at training was the most significant factor. All things aside we had some very good players and sporadic glimpses of very good baseball during the season. The type of baseball that I know the players & team are capable of.

Thanks to Greg Rice for his assistance and to Loretta Saddler for scoring the games (with colour!)

Congratulations to Jackson Hunkin for taking off the MVP, well deserved for the 110% effort given week-in, week-out. Coach's award was deservedly presented to Justin Aron. Fighting off injury all season his contribution to the team was extremely solid.

Special thanks also to Cheesy, AJ, Sharon and Harmo.

Glenn Archer



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U14 AA - Season Report

This past season was a very successful one as far as the development of the players and achievements of the team were concerned. After losing the first 5 games of the season by mercy rule, a change of coaches occurred, bringing in Josh and Michael Yung. Following that, the team began to find its feet, winning its next few games and making it all the way into the Grand Final against Waverley. Although we did go down in the end, it was a thrilling game to watch, and for a team to go from last place to the Grand Final was something truly spectacular.

Defensively, the team was piloted by starting pitcher Forest Stevens-Dobby, whose efforts attributed to the majority of outs. Forest was primarily backed up by the hard throwing Lachlan Williams-Dyson, followed by either Rick Carr, Emmerson Daniels, our catcher Nicole Methers or even U12 Harvey Chinn in one game. Nicole Methers made some fantastic plays from behind the plate, catching every game and sometimes backed up by Lachlan Williams-Dyson.

Watching the turnaround in the field from the beginning to the end of the season was like watching two different teams. The work done by Chris Harman and Josh Yung at trainings really expanded the player's confidence and abilities, allowing them to grow a lot throughout the season.

We were definitely a solid team with the bat, many games we had every player get at least one hit which is a great feat to achieve. The offensive standout was Lachlan Williams-Dyson hitting 2 homeruns, one over the cones, and the other inside the park. Many of our wins can be attributed to clutch hits by Jordan Wearne and Ashley Sek, getting that one hit we needed to score that final run, and by Emmerson Daniels, Rick Carr and Steve Carr whose excellent patience in the batter's box and awareness on the base paths lead to many runners on base and a plethora of stolen bases.

Through all the changes this season, with coaches, players moving up and down and a new addition part-way through the season the team did a remarkable job in holding themselves together and playing great baseball.

The support by the parents was second-to-none this season. We always had bleachers packed with supporters for the players. It's good to see such a great bunch of players working their way through juniors to, without a doubt, be great players as the years continue to pass.

Josh Yung.

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Little League AAA - Season Report

Once again our summer baseball season has come to an end we started out with 14 boys, not quite enough for two teams but by the end of the year we had 19 players, this made team selection and changes very difficult in our Sunday games but we were also able to play in a Friday night domestic competition, this gave us a chance to select a Friday night team and a Sunday team. The different rules on the Friday nights allowed me to change the on field players after every innings which gave the boys a chance to play in positions that they may not have had a chance to do so on a Sunday. The Friday nights allowed us to find two great new catchers and unearth quite a number of hidden pitchers.

The boys skill level again improved this year and Chris Harman did a magnificent job helping the boys to greatly improve their skills. Chris Harman's appointment as head of the Junior Coaching program has seen a huge skill improvement in the boys that listen and then put into practice what he teaches them.

The team finished off a great year this year and ended up in one of the Greatest Grand Finals every played at junior level, although when the game was called, we were one run on the wrong side of the ledger. Yes it is disappointing not to come away with the flag, but the boys showed by their strength and courage through the entire game that they were still a winning team.

I would like to thank the Club, the Committee, Chris Harmon, I would also like to thank the many parents that every week help out, Chris and Bob for marking out the diamonds, Tanya and Peter and Fleur for doing the scoring, and our fantastic team manager Michelle, most of all I would like to thank all the boys for a truly fantastic year.

I hope those boys that go on to play winter Baseball put the extra time into their skill level and I hope to see every one of them back at the club next year.

Thanks again
Lawrie

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Season 2011-2012 Award Winners

Little League AAA	MVP	David Hurley & Harvey Chinn
	Coaches Award	River Stevens-Doby
Under 14 AA	MVP (Offensive)	Lachlan Williams-Dyson
	MVP (Defensive)	Forest Stevens-Doby
Under 16 Major League	MVP	Jackson Hunkin
	Runner up MVP	Justin Aron
Under 18 AAA	MVP	Jarryd Cowan
	Coaches Award	Declan High
Mike Snoxell Trophy		Declan High
Syd Waters Award		Justin Aron
John Williams Award		Declan High
Best Junior Club Person		Bob Dick
Masters	MVP	Chris Harman
Fifths	MVP	Adam Campli
Fourths	MVP	Jackson Hunkin
Thirds	MVP	Joshua Connellan
Seconds	MVP	Michael van der Meer
Firsts	MVP	Sean Meldrum
Best Club Person		Andrew Jenkins & Sharon Findlay

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