

EAST TORRENS BASEBALL CLUB



2014/2015
ANNUAL REPORT



WE SADLY FAREWELL

Brad & Beck Thomas



Trevor Bennett

*Celebration of Trevor's life on
on Sunday 21st June 2015*



*Trevor's family sincerely wish
to thank you for your
love, care, support
and expressions of sympathy*



Trevor

19.05.1940 - 15.06.2015



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:	John Lamb
VICE PRESIDENT:	Darian King
SECRETARY:	Glenys Snelgrove
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	Mara Stephens
TREASURER:	Lauren Sanderson
ASSISTANT TREASURER:	Paul Chandler
CLUB COACH:	Darren Roberts

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

BAR MANAGER:	Bob Hollands
CANTEEN MANAGER:	Barb Lamb
SPONSORSHIP MANAGER:	Scot Menhennett
SCORERS DELEGATE:	Carolyn Smith
UMPIRES DELEGATE:	Paul Sowter
JUNIOR COACHING COORDINATOR:	Michael Farr
T-BALL COORDINATOR:	Darian King
HOUSE AND GROUNDS:	Richard Smith
EQUIPMENT MANAGER:	Steve Klemm
UNIFORMS AND REGALIA:	Leonie Michael
PLAYERS REPRESENTATIVE:	James Hollands
OPERATIONS MANAGER:	Danny Symons



YEAR	LIFE MEMBER	PLAYER LIFE MEMBER
1962	G. DRAPER†	
1964	MRS A. ROBERTS†	
1965	G. FENWICK†	
1966	P. ROBERTS†	
1967	R. EDMEADES	
1968	D. ROBERTS	
1968/69	D. ROACH	
1969/70	K. PITT	
1970/71	J. TOWILL	
1972/73	B. HAYLEY	
1973/74	B. ADDISON	
1975/76	D. DATE†	
1976/77	R. KENEALLY	
1977/78	J. DAVIS	
1979/80	A. SMITH†	
1980/81	B. MARKS†	
1981/82	MRS L. MADDISON†	
1981/82	P. PIKE†	
1983/84		G. MCKINLAY
1984/85		G. MADDISON
1985/86		D. TOWILL
1986/87		G. WILDEN
1987/88	J. KING	
1988/89	T. BENNETT†, T. MADDISON†	
1989/90	B. ABBEY	
1990/91	R. RUSH	W. BROOKS, C. WHITTLESEA
1991/92	R. CHANDLER	R. CHANDLER, S. PIKE
1992-93	P. KEEN	G. ANDREW, B. BAHNERT
1993/94	R. ROBINSON	P. HAYNES, J. LAMB,
1994/95		J. KEVAN
1995/96	D. RICE†	M. BARMBY, B. SANDERSON, P. WHITE
1996/97		I. LOVEGROVE
1999/00		M. ADAMS, G. MORROW, P. CHANDLER
2000/01	B. DAY	M. RUSH
2001/02	S. PIKE	
2002/03	J. WILTON	P. O'RILEY, D. ROBINSON ,L. THOMPSON
2003/04	MRS H. BROOKS	K. HRIBAR, G. MCCALL, P. KEEN
2004/05	B. NORSWORTHY	R. SMITH, W. TOWILL, S. VINCE
2005/06	B. SANDERSON	K. ASHWORTH, G. SIMMONS
2006/07		D. SYMONS, R. TRENGROVE
2007/08	MRS V. ADDISON	A. COUZNER, J. KING
2008/09	P. CHANDLER	B. ARMSTRONG, A. MATTHEWS
2009/10	R. SMITH	D. KING, C. ARMSTRONG
2010/11	MRS R. INGERSON†	L. RHODES, R. D'ONISE
2011/12	J. LAMB	A. DEINELT, P. LOUNDER, T. UNDERHILL
2012/13	MRS C. SMITH	
2013/14		



2013/2014 East Torrens Payneham Baseball Club
Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held at the Payneham Tavern, Payneham Road Royston Park
Monday 22 July 2014

Start: 7.37pm

APOLOGIES

Sharon Chandler, Luke Chandler, Phil Lounder, Liz Lounder, Rhys Lounder, Richard Hollands, Jay Sanderson, Marnie Yeatman, Craig Powell, Michelle Brunton, Barb Lamb, Richard Smith, Carolyn Smith, Glen Simmons, Damien Norsworthy, Bob Norsworthy, John King, Gayle King

PRESENT

As per listing 45 attendees

John Lamb thanked everyone for attending and ran through the minutes of last year.

Last AGM minutes accepted – Steve Klemm moved – Danny Symons 2nd – all in favour

SECRETARY REPORT

TREASURER REPORT

John Lamb advised all reports are contained in the year books provided. Last year's book was also provided that was unavailable at last year's AGM.

Election of Officers

Patron

It was unanimous that there would be no patron this year.

President

John Lamb advised he would be standing.

John Lamb nominated – Peter Simmons 2nd – all in favour

Vice President

Darian King nominated – Dave Coleman 2nd – all in favour

Secretary

Glenys Snelgrove nominated – Trish Hollands 2nd – all in favour

Assistant Secretary

Sharon Farr advised she would not stand this year and will take up the position of Fundraising Manager, The Executive thanked Sharon for all her work last year and was grateful for her taking on the Fundraising job.

Mara Stephens nominated – Steve Klemm 2nd – all in favour



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Treasurer

Lauren Sanderson nominated – Desley Edwards 2nd – all in favour

Assistant Treasurer

Paul Chander nominated – Paul Sowter 2nd – all in favour

Honorary Auditor

Desley Edwards nominated – Trish Hollands 2nd – all in favour

Management Committee

Applications had been received at the start of the meeting

Social Club Manager – Sharon Farr
House & Grounds – Richard Smith
Bar Manager – Bob Hollands
Canteen Manager – TBA
Sponsorship Manager – TBA
Scorer's delegate – Carolyn Smith
Junior Co-ordinator – Michael Farr
Operations Manager – Danny Symons
Umpire Co-ordinator – Paul Sowter

Nomination for Life Member

No nominations were called this year.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Website

Dave Coleman offered to continue with our website and John thanked him for taking this on.

Division 1 & 2 Coaching Appointments

John Lamb advised that Darren Roberts has been appointed to the Division 1 coaching role this year. Tony Probert has been appointed to coach Division 2 and will assist Darren on match days.



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Name Constitution

Paul Chandler advised that we were referring to the club as “East Torrens Baseball Club” NOT “East Torrens Payneham Baseball Club” as per Constitution. John Lamb advised that the constitution was old and maybe needed to be updated.

Home Run Fence

Steve Klemm raised that the home run fence needed attention. John Lamb advised that the 21 year home run fence was now gone and we will have a new home run fence for this season. Darian King will put a proposal to all players and members who have the opportunity to Sponsor a panel of the fence, this sponsorship will reflect a plaque with players name or family name. More details will follow.

Clubroom Repairs

Peter Simmons mentioned that the club rooms needed upgrading. John Lamb advised that it is the council’s responsibility and was constantly in contact with them for improvements. No tradesman will do any repairs going forward unless the council fixes up major problems. Glenys Snelgrove suggested we contact Willis Insurance who will liaise with the council regarding urgent repairs.

Meeting closed 8.04pm



PRESIDENT REPORT

Season 2014/15 in many ways mirrored those of the last few seasons. We had 5 of our 7 Senior sides compete in the finals along with 4 of our Junior teams, which is a pretty decent effort except for the fact we only managed 1 Premiership.

Our Division 1 side were going along nicely until the Xmas break , beating some teams we had struggled against recently but more importantly swinging the bats well , so well that we had recorded the 2nd most hits in Div 1 until the break. Unfortunately though, we lost a few of those 1 and 2 run games which are vital towards the business end of the season and we were sitting just above the middle of the ladder when we could have been nearer the top. Our season virtually finished there after losing our import pitcher to home sickness and a couple of untimely injuries. The one game which stands out was the game against Woodville which was also the 600th Division 1 game for Glen Simmons. The boys played a fantastic game against the eventual Grand Finalists, who were loaded with Bite players , earning a hard fought victory in front of a large crowd. It showed us how well the boys could play when they put their mind to it but unfortunately we didn't see enough of it in the second half of the season.

Division 2 would have been the youngest team in the comp and sometimes it was tough to see them competing against much bigger and more experienced players but we did see some tremendous baseball at times and they fought out some really close battles with lack of experience being the difference. If these lads are prepared to work hard I am sure we will greatly benefit in the near future. Divisions 3 – 7 all performed well in the finals with the 4's & 6's going down in hard fought Preliminary Finals, Division 7 having a terrific season and losing a close Grand Final to a very experienced Glenelg side and the Division 5 juggernaut finally got the band back together in time for the finals to win their 4th Premiership in a row – congratulations to Blake Armstrong and his team.

Our Junior sides were once again well represented in their respective finals series and though performing well we were unable to win a premiership. Having said that we had 2 very good Under 15 and Under 13 teams this season with quite a few of the Under 15 boys playing in the under 17's and Under 19's as they were short on numbers and they performed strongly against a much older opposition. We also had a quite a few boys selected to play in the National Junior Carnivals this season and I congratulate you all on a thoroughly deserved recognition. A few East Torrens people were selected to coach some of these teams as well with Damien Norsworthy coaching the Under 19 team along with Blake Armstrong as his EO and the Under 13's were led by Steve Yeatman as Head Coach, Craig Powell as Assistant coach and Todd Symons as their EO, well done gentlemen. A special mention to Riley Yeatman who was selected to play in the Australian Under 12 team, a much deserved recognition for the time he puts into his baseball.

One of our imports, Chris Untereiner, had a magnificent season for ET making BaseballSA's team of the year as catcher, finished top 5 in batting average, finished equal 3rd in the Capps medal and even managed a win on the mound.

As I touched on before Glen Simmons became the 1st player in our history and one of only 3 in SABL history to play 600 Division 1 games. This is a tremendous achievement which will most probably never be reached again. I have been around this club since 1973 and have seen some outstanding players here along with some legends of the game and I can honestly say that the name Glen Simmons sits comfortably up there with the likes of Mundy, Galloway, Chandler, Towill, Bahnert and Bennett. Well done Simmo .



Off the field we rolled along pretty much as we have for the last few years apart from a couple of new additions to our Management and Executive teams , who once again worked extremely hard to keep the place running. As we have for the last 2 seasons we undertook a few much needed improvements to our grounds which the club has to fund as we receive little assistance elsewhere. We also purchased some new equipment which is essential to trainings and was a long time coming. TBall was also run differently this season and we invested a reasonable amount of time and money into the future players of our club. A big thank you must go to Trish , Barb and the Canteen crew, along with Bob in the Bar, who kept us all refreshed on those hot days and nights. The continued success of the Canteen and Bar has allowed us to finance what needs to be done around the place and we will be doing a lot more before the upcoming season. Considering the days lost to rain outs and heat outs this season it was a truly remarkable effort. The Executive and Management Committees should also be commended for the time and effort they have put in throughout the season as the club would not operate without your sterling effort and I hope you enjoy your much needed break over the Winter.

Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, Scorers and their helpers put in a great deal of time and must be thanked for their efforts during the season.

Congratulations to Paul Sowter on his most improved Umpire award selected by the umpiring fraternity.

A big thank you to our vital Sponsors who help make the running of our club just that little bit easier due to their generosity.

I believe the whole club joins with me in congratulating our newest Life Member , Lauren Sanderson. Richly deserved recognition for over 30 years of service to East Torrens Baseball Club from a wonderful lady.

The club held a couple of excellent functions this season which also raised much needed funds and I would like to thank Sharon Farr and her team for a well attended Quiz Night at the Payneham tavern, Craig Powell, Darren Unger and the canteen girls for a magnificent Xmas Roast Night, Darian King , Damian Norsworthy and their crew for the outstanding Reverse raffle, Darian and the Committee for our Past Players/Sponsors Day and to Glenys Snelgrove and the girls for organising the Presentation Night.

For those not continuing in their roles next season I sincerely thank you for your efforts on the committee and special mention goes to Darren Roberts for the time and commitment he put in as our head coach for the last 3 seasons and to Michael Farr for the tremendous service he has put in as our Junior Coaching Coordinator. Thank you both.

I cannot speak highly enough of Darian King , a man who takes on so many roles in the club and pours his heart and soul into the place . His work goes unnoticed by no one and I sincerely thank him for it.

To my beautiful family Barb, Jessica & Katherine for all their love and support and also to Barb for the amount of time she puts in for ET.

On behalf of the club I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences to Wendy, Peter, Andrew and Shane Bennett along with their families on the passing of Life Member Trevor.

Lastly to Ian , Jenny , Hudson and Charlotte Thomas , I offer you all the love and support we can give at the tragic passing of our friend and team mate Brad and his lovely wife Bec . Forever in our hearts.

John Lamb



SECRETARY REPORT

ETBC fielded 14 teams made up of 7 Junior & 7 Senior for the 2014/2015 season. Once again our club was strong with registrations. Overall all teams had a positive and rewarding year. Congratulations must go to our Division 5 team who won the Grand Final at home.

I would like to thank all the coaches, managers and umpires for their time and effort in training and match days. To the team scorers who do a magnificent job every week, thanks again. Our club again demonstrated what wonderful support we have with many parents and friends contributing both on and off field.

Congratulation to all players who were invited to the Baseball SA Awards, we had many Junior Players who made the top 5 in their respective Junior Divisions and a few Senior Players who made the top 5 in the Senior Grades. Paul Sowter was also awarded the most improved umpire award. Congratulations also to Chris who was named in the Baseball SA Team of the Year.

We had 17 Junior Players of Charter and State Teams the biggest representation for our club to date. State Teams went to Sydney the U15 Charter team went to the Gold Coast and our Little League team will be off to Lismore in the coming weeks. We also had some of our U25 boys that went to the National Championships in Cairns. We also have many ET Club Coaches who will be officiating as well as Payne Sowter who will umpire. Well done all.

Off field the Executive and Management Committee continued to raise as much funds as time permits, unfortunately we fell a bit short again this year but this is something we should work on for the coming year. I would suggest a fundraising committee would very helpful. We had some valued sponsors again and thank you for your support this year.

A big thank you to Steve Klemm for our \$5000 in grants this year, it's a long process and takes many hours to do. Steve also was our facilities manager for this season.

Many thanks again to Barb Lamb & Trish Hollands who continues to make the canteen a huge success and is responsible for our profit. Thanks to Sharon Farr for her fundraising efforts. Thank you to Scot Menhennett for the management of our sponsors, thanks to Dave Coleman for our website. Big thanks to Damien Norsworthy & Darian King for running our very successful reverse raffle, our major fundraiser of the year. A big thank you to Lauren Sanderson for her endless work as Treasurer, it is a huge job and takes many hours to do. Thanks also to Paul Chandler for assisting and putting in many hours. Thanks to Mara Stephens for assisting with the Secretary role. Thanks Danny Symons for all your operations work and to Bob Hollands for running the bar. Thanks also to Darian King and Stuart Miller for running our largest ever T-Ball program and coordination of teams and to their helpers on the night. Thanks again to Paul Sowter for allocating and most of the time umpiring. Huge thanks to Richard Smith and Paul Sowter for preparing the grounds to ensure our diamonds are the best in the league and to Carolyn Smith for being our scorer's delegate. To the rest of the Management Committee thank you for your dedication and many hours of help to make our club a huge success.



I would also like to thank Steve Yeatman for maintaining our Facebook and App pages. Communication is vital in any club and we try to ensure information is communicated to our players and members quickly and efficiently as possible. Steve always put this information up within minutes of receiving my email.

Special thanks to Michael Farr for the management of our junior program this year. Michael has been very passionate about our juniors being the best players in the league. Michael will hand over the job this year so thanks for all your hard work over a number of years.

Lastly, a huge thanks to our President John Lamb and Vice President Darian King, without them and their wives Barb and Kirra this club would just not run, their work is endless.

I would like to thank all volunteers that have helped through the year without your efforts we simply would not have a club. The more volunteers we have the easier it is for all so don't hesitate to put up your hand for season 2015/16.

I look forward to seeing you all next season.

Glenys Snelgrove



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& ASSOCIATES**
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
EAST TORRENS PAYNEHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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Scope

We have audited the special purpose financial report, of the East Torrens Payneham Baseball Club Incorporated for the year ended 30th June, 2015. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein, and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the reporting requirements of the constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion to the members on their preparation and presentation. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members. During our audit, we have obtained all of the information and explanations we have required.

The financial statements have been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's financial reporting requirements under the constitution. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has generally been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies applied.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for East Torrens Payneham Baseball Club Incorporated to maintain an effective system of internal control over income from membership fees, merchandise sales and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to these items was limited to amounts recorded.

Opinion

In our opinion, subject to the effects of the above qualification, the financial statements present fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies applied, the affairs of East Torrens Payneham Baseball Club Incorporated as at 30th June, 2015 and the results for the year ended on that date.

Signed at Norwood this 14th day of July, 2015.

MAJOR MAY & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Major', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

TIM MAJOR
Partner
(Registered Company Auditor)



Profit & Loss [Last Year Analysis]

July 2014 To June 2015

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	This Year	Last Year
Income		
Sponsorships		
Tee Ball	\$6,808.97	\$2,419.38
Sponsorship - Club	\$5,561.59	\$10,550.00
Sponsorship-Mouse Cup	\$0.00	\$150.00
Sponsorship - player	\$850.00	\$3,050.00
Total Sponsorships	\$13,220.56	\$16,169.38
Memberships		
Junior	\$9,292.09	\$10,371.56
Senior	\$20,221.31	\$25,419.35
Transfer fees	\$422.67	\$0.00
Patron Donation	\$0.00	\$10.00
Club Membership	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total Memberships	\$29,936.07	\$35,825.91
Bar Accounts		
Bar Sales - Drinks	\$30,752.05	\$24,421.70
Less Bar Purchases	-\$16,565.39	-\$11,962.77
Bottle Returns	\$386.20	\$425.50
Total Bar Accounts	\$14,572.86	\$12,884.43
Canteen Account		
Canteen Sales	\$33,261.52	\$30,286.66
Less Canteen Purchases	-\$14,871.01	-\$13,748.94
Total Canteen Account	\$18,390.51	\$16,537.72
Fund Raising		
Home run fence sponsor	\$3,100.00	\$0.00
Raffles/Fundraising (Net)	\$742.50	\$787.00
Reverse Raffle	\$5,374.45	\$5,001.87
Entertainment Books - Addison	\$0.00	\$341.00
Total Fund Raising	\$9,216.95	\$6,129.87
Uniform/Regalia Sales		
Regalia/Uniform Sales	\$13,462.00	\$11,082.67
Less Opening Stock	-\$1,770.00	-\$2,141.50
Less Uniform/Regalia Purchases	-\$16,984.00	-\$13,529.10
Add Closing Stock	\$4,226.00	\$1,770.00
Total Uniform/Regalia Sales	-\$1,066.00	-\$2,817.93
Miscellaneous Income		
Donations	\$120.00	\$0.00
Grants	\$9,150.00	\$9,000.00
Senior Presentation Night	\$3,255.00	\$4,310.00
Capps Medal Tickets	\$800.00	\$785.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	\$13,325.00	\$14,095.00
Total Income	\$97,595.95	\$98,824.38
Total Cost of Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gross Profit	\$97,595.95	\$98,824.38

Profit & Loss [Last Year Analysis]

July 2014 To June 2015

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	This Year	Last Year
Expenses		
SABL		
Administration	\$8,993.60	\$8,993.60
Senior & Junior Team Fees	\$10,176.48	\$7,191.20
National Insurance Program	\$144.87	\$254.65
BUASA Umpiring Costs	\$4,827.50	\$4,575.00
Fundraising Levy	\$0.00	\$1,320.00
SA Scorers Association	\$255.00	\$277.50
Player Transfer	\$1,960.00	\$933.00
Total SABL	\$26,357.45	\$23,544.95
Playing Expenses		
Coaches & Managers	\$8,995.00	\$5,890.00
Equipment	\$6,528.95	\$7,682.20
Pre Season Training	\$450.00	\$0.00
Club Umpires/Scorers	\$712.50	\$580.00
T-Ball Umpires	\$0.00	\$400.00
Import Player Costs	\$16,331.67	\$15,825.78
Club car	\$5,496.72	\$0.00
Sponsorship Expenses	\$140.00	\$199.70
TBall Expenses	\$1,024.42	\$115.00
Total Playing Expenses	\$39,679.26	\$30,692.68
Clubhouse Supplies		
Cleaning/Rubbish Removal	\$2,957.30	\$2,411.79
Repairs & Maintenance - Club	\$531.64	\$1,188.26
R & M - Grounds	\$6,448.10	\$2,233.67
Security	\$388.29	\$258.86
Total Clubhouse Supplies	\$10,325.33	\$6,092.58
Capps Medal Dinner	\$2,960.00	\$2,330.00
Club Administration Costs	\$1,522.16	\$0.00
Don Rice Foundation Expenses	\$3,100.00	\$2,250.00
Discounts		
Discounts Given	\$164.35	\$0.00
Ground Hire	\$7,885.92	\$7,169.02
Insurance/Registration	\$1,740.87	\$1,749.23
License Fees	\$154.00	\$203.00
Printing & Stationary	\$646.11	\$758.19
Postage	\$177.00	\$158.00
Telephone	\$0.00	\$183.13
Trophies	\$2,126.71	\$2,379.79
Electricity	\$5,902.05	\$5,226.22
Bank Charges	\$751.54	\$1,173.23
Senior Presentation Expenses	\$3,092.00	\$4,760.00
IMG Fees	\$1,633.81	\$1,590.35
Sundries	\$140.00	\$1,348.32
Website Expenses	\$0.00	\$163.72
Advertising & Promotion	\$0.00	\$977.94
Total Expenses	\$108,358.56	\$92,750.35
Operating Profit	-\$10,762.61	\$6,074.03

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

Profit & Loss [Last Year Analysis]

July 2014 To June 2015

	This Year	Last Year
Other Income		
Interest Income	\$904.83	\$104.31
Misc Income	\$0.00	\$1,192.54
Total Other Income	\$904.83	\$1,296.85
Other Expenses		
Volunteer Reimbursements	\$300.00	\$456.00
Depreciation write off	\$7,007.65	\$7,543.50
Depcn prev omitted from 2013	\$0.00	\$9,044.00
Total Other Expenses	\$7,307.65	\$17,043.50
Net Profit/(Loss)	-\$17,165.43	-\$9,672.62

TREASURER REPORT

Season 2014/2015 was comparable with the previous season in regards to earnings for the club. Players are now getting used to registering online with the IMG system with having the option of paying fees up front or on a 3 payment system. Paul Chandler has come on board as the assistant treasurer this season taking over the IMG administration. I would like to thank Michael Farr for his huge input in setting up the original IMG database last season. With Paul's expertise in banking and reporting it is great to have his experience in helping out with balancing the accounts.

This year the club was able to purchase two pitching machines as well as a much needed new home run fence. Thank you to all families and players who sponsored a panel. There are still panels available for purchase for \$100 for the next season. An engraved plaque will be attached to each panel to represent the sponsor. Running a sporting club is a huge cost and all player fees are absorbed by the many bills and ongoing maintenance of the club, grounds and council permits.

Our club revenue is made through the canteen, bar and social functions and we rely heavily on our members support in these areas. Thank you Mara Stephens for organising lucky squares for each team to sell which raised much needed funds for our Don Rice Foundation account. Once again a big thank you to Barb for the huge amount of time that she puts in with purchasing food, cooking in the canteen and supplying paperwork for me. A big thanks to Trish and Bob Hollands, Marnie, Kirra and Paul Sowter for the endless hours they spend working in the canteen, bar and other areas.

Thanks again to Steve Klemm for applying and securing a grant and to all of our valuable club sponsors. Well done to Darren Roberts for his huge input over the last 3 seasons and to all club coaches. Congratulations to our import Chris Untereiner who had a fabulous season, and represented our club well. On finishing up a special mention to my fellow committee members and President John Lamb who are a fantastic group of people who give countless hours for the best interests of our club.

Lauren Sanderson



THE BAR

Thank you to the Executive Committee for appointing me as Bar Manager. I really enjoyed my time behind the bar this season (and a couple of times on the other side as well) due to all the help from a lot of club members. I must give a huge thank you to John and Barb for all their help not only behind the bar, but with purchasing and banking – I could not have done the job without them. Must also thank the following for putting their hands up before the season started to get their Responsible Service of Alcohol certificates. John and Barb, Dazz and Kirra, Klemmy, Chuckles, Trish, DR and Dave Coleman. – All of whom helped behind the bar a number of times. Barb, Trish Kirra and Marnie in the canteen were fantastic help when I was not there and thanks for keeping me fed ladies. I have to also thank my beautiful wife Trish for allowing me to do the bar this season and all her help behind it as well. I was impressed by all the teams supporting the club and coming in and having a drink after their games – good to see.

I must thank Lion Nathan for their sponsorship of the club this season and the loan of the beer caravan for our reverse raffle. Thanks also to all our club sponsors.

Lastly, I must congratulate the Executive Committee for the fantastic job they did with the club this season and all the hard work they put in.

I can not tell you how the bar went financially – you will have to check the Treasurers report - but I am confident we made some good money for the club

Thank you and hope to be there again next season.

Bob Hollands



THE CANTEEN

We would like to thank the Executive Committee for allowing us to run the canteen this year.

Our canteen would not be so successful without everyone supporting it and would not be open without our volunteers who give up their time to help out.

Special thanks to Marnie & Steve, Kirra & Dazza, Norsy, Chops, Lee, Ashley Klemm, Lauren, Desley, Bob and the lovely group of junior mums for all the help on Sundays.

We held a Christmas Tea at the club this year which was such a great success, thanks for all those how offered to bring beautiful salads and desserts and Craig Powell and Darren Unger for doing the meat on the spit.

Again a massive thank you to Paul Sowter for always cooking the tee ball bbq, such an amazing effort.

Thanks to Dazza also for the new white cupboards that helped out with storage.

Thanks also to Lynn Norsworthy for always keeping our club nice and clean.

A special mention to Glenn Simmons for his outstanding record this year, you are an amazing player and person.

Thank you to both of our families for their support it would be hard to do this job without it.

If we have missed thanking anyone in print we are extremely sorry but your help and support doesn't go without notice.

Cheers

Trish Hollands & Barb Lamb



SPONSORSHIPS

Without the generosity of our loyal sponsors we wouldn't have an East Torrens Baseball Club. This year was another successful year as far as sponsorship was concerned. We had some new sponsors contribute goods and services while most of our sponsors from the previous year continued their support.

This year's annual Sponsors Day was combined with Simmo's 600th Div 1 game, and turned out a colossal success. The club put on a fantastic spread of food and drink whilst the Div 1 boys provided the entertainment and a win to make it an outstanding day. Sponsorship Day is a great opportunity for the club to thank our sponsors and show them how much we appreciate their contribution.

Our club sponsors are essential to our continued growth as a club and we are essential to their prosperity and success. Our sponsors offer a wide range of goods and services that are available to all our members and we encourage you to support them.

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Thank you

Scot Menhennett



HOUSE & GROUND

Once again I would like to begin my report by thanking all players (all grades) & parents who put their hands up to contribute to the weekly preparation of our Diamonds.

I also like to thank Garry "Macca" along with Chops for their work on the re-vamp of the base cut outs & the mound preparation, I will expect the new turf to be fully covered ready for the new season.

"The Mound" to the team involved in the construction of the clubs first (full) clay mound thank you for a great effort (Cheers to Simmo for the wacker & his landscaping skills). Paul & I were both pretty happy with the result & great feedback from the players made it all more satisfying. All players & coaches need to remember the mound doesn't repair itself after games & practice so, PLEASE can everybody make sure they spend that little bit of time to make sure the mound is prepared ready for the next team, this also goes for the cut outs....Please lets all do it properly.

We are hoping to re-shape & re turf the home plate area before the start of next season....removing the lips etc & maybe a new shape (and of course realign the home plate, .so certain umpires can pull their heads in). Carolyn & I will be away August & most of September so the committee will be counting on everybody chipping in to help Paul, John, Daz & the team to make it all happen. I will try to organise as much as possible before we leave.

Again I cannot thank Paul Sowter enough for his help & support over the whole season, (even though he is a Port Power Wanker) with his playing & umpiring career, his gourmet T-Ball BBQ & Grounds work....the club is very lucky to have Paul around.....Thanks Mate. "BUILD IT & THEY WILL COME"

I would like to congratulate all the teams...players, coaches, parents, grandparents, brothers & sisters who were out there supporting every weekend...well done....East Torrens Baseball Club has always & I hope will always be a great family club.

Also congratulations to all the club teams, both Junior & Seniors for another great year. To all the teams that made the finals, which was really a fantastic effort... Div. 5 & Div. 7 both making the Grand Final with Div. 5 taking their 3rd Premiership in a row.....Well Done Guys.

I would like to take a moment to send my love & thoughts to Ian, Jenny, Charlotte & Hudson to let them know the whole East Torrens Baseball Club Family will always be there for them, especially now & more so in the future... #24...#Beck.

To Carolyn, Mel, Josh & Janelle again thanks for your support....it really makes it great having you guys around.

See every one soon.....yours in Baseball.....Dickie.



EQUIPMENT

It was great to see the ET boys have a great season this year with most teams making the finals & putting the club gear to good use.

The club was fortunate to be given 5 slightly used Easton BB Core bats that were compliments of Cal State University forwarded to me by a great mate in the states, Todd Rogers. These bats were distributed throughout the lower senior grades & filled a much needed hole in our bat requirements.

We were also sourced a good quantity of Wilson "Blems" from D.R. which served us well for practice balls as well as match balls for the Div 3 – 7 Grades & also catered for the juniors who use the full size ball.

With the help of our 2nd big cheez in charge, Dazza King we were awarded a grant where we were able to purchase several pitching machines, hopefully the full extent of this investment will be realised in the coming 2015/16 season with benefits for all club members.

For the coming season we are purchasing several more bow nets & "Tanner Tees" as well as another good quantity of "Blems" from D.R. to keep the stocks up. Any other requirements will be on a grade to grade need basis where all requests will be taken into consideration by the committee.

Lastly, the better we look after the balls & equipment that we are given, the longer it will last, if we take the effort to chase down the errant fly balls, treat the bats with respect & the diamond that Dicky gives us to play on, it gives the committee the scope to build on what we have already bought rather than having to spend money on replacing what we already had.

Have a great 2015/16 season.

Klemmy



JUNIOR COACHING

This season saw ETBC capitalise on the great work, with regard to the Teeball program, over the last few years and allowed us to field a U11 / Minors, U13 Majors Div 2 and U13 Majors Div 1 teams this season. It is very important for ETBC's future to have a strong Teeball and U13 competitions to keep players moving through the grades and into our seniors. The many organisers of the teeball competition need to be thanked, for organising and instructing our teeballers, which is currently one of the best competitions in the league.

ETBC had three junior teams play in the finals, but unfortunately all were eliminated in the first week of the finals. The positive for our club was that we had 17 junior members of Charter and State Teams, which is a first for the club and the most probably of any other club in current memory. Having two teams in the Division 1 / U15 competition was an excellent outcome for ETBC, with both teams being very competitive all season. The seniors will see some great quality juniors coming through in the near future, as a result of the U15 teams, this season.

The dedication and hard work of our junior coaches have continued to improve and foster the youth of the club, which I would personally like to thank all of coaches for their commitment and time that they have contributed as volunteers. Coaching can be a thankless job sometimes, but the reward of watching our junior's develop and improve, makes it all worthwhile.

Besides coaches, a lot of people put in a massive amount of work to get our teams onto the field every week and every season. Our volunteer grounds staff, Richard Smith and Paul Sowter put many hours into getting our diamonds ready for games each week, with very little acknowledgement. We cannot thank Dicky and Paul enough, true ET champions and club men.

Thanks also goes to our Bar and Canteen staff, Bob, Trisha, Barbs and all the parents, brothers and sisters who have helped out during the season to help raise funds for the club. Their contribution has allowed for us to reinvest in better equipment, i.e. Pitching and Outfield machines, over the last few years, which will show in the player's performances in the next few years, as the equipment gets better utilised by all teams.

This was my last season as Junior Coordinator and I would like to thank the entire committee for their help and support over the last few seasons. The Committee has put in a lot of time and energy into the improvements we are now seeing at ETBC. Hopefully we will continue to see new families and members contribute to the club and committee.

Michael Farr



TEE BALL

Tee Ball at East Torrens has been an integral part of our club for decades with a number of formats being utilised throughout those years. During the 2014 off season we reviewed the program to see if we could develop a more educational and rewarding program that not only focused on core baseball skills but key values in building young peoples confidence and social skills in an engaging and interactive environment. It was a significant change to the standard program that had been running for some years but as seen at other clubs utilising a similar program would provide the continued results for both players and club.

Tee Ball offers a clear pathway for boys and girls into baseball, with many players now showing their skills on the little league diamond both here and interstate at championships. This progression is very important and it is pleasing to see many players continuing their development in the sport. With this new program in place we hope to see more of this in the near future.

So what did we do? Firstly we identified the need to separate the players by age whilst keeping ability as the overall deciding factor as to what playing group they would participate in. This resulted in the program being split into 3 age groups: Little Sox (3-4 year olds), Redsox Tee ball (5-6 year olds) and Coach Pitch (7-9 year olds).

By splitting up the age groups and playing abilities it allowed all participants to become more involved and ultimately engaged during the sessions. Some of our feedback in the past was that the older more skilled children would overshadow those children who merely were not as developed or confident and this detracted from their overall development and experience. Throughout this year we found that those participants who were able to, at their pace develop useful skills not only in baseball but life had a more enjoyable time. We also saw a large increase in parent involvement which ultimately created a more enjoyable and positive environment.

Moving forward we want to continue to build the participant numbers and skills stations. A large part of this relies on volunteers to support the model and we hope the volunteer base can grow. This season we had wonderful support from a large number of junior and senior players as well as club officials, parents and friends. We will however be looking for additional support next year for those looking to put back into the grassroots level.

Barb, Jess, Paul, Marnie, Kirra and the numerous helpers on the BBQ and canteen thank you for your efforts its really appreciated.

Lastly, a massive special mention must go to Richard Begg, Andrew Couzner and Stuart Millar for their tireless work in developing, supporting and running the tee ball program. It was a huge time consuming task we embarked on and although we had our hiccups the program we put in place is one of the best in the state. Overall all the kids had a great time and their skills developed quickly, we can't wait to see them all next year.

Darian King



CLUB AWARDS

Graham Fisher Memorial



Glen Simmons

Peter Pike Coach Of The Year

Patrons Award

George Hayman Shield Team of year

Redsox Trophy U21

Max Trengrove Junior Batting Award

Darren Robinson

Richard Begg & Marnie Yeatman

Division 5

Andrew Hollands

Dalton Probert



DIVISION 1

Well another year past with so much looking forward to from game 1 of the season to come. Always interesting to see how and what our imports fit in to our club. Big thanks to Daz as we spent many many hours trying to find the right players we needed. Colin and Chris as we know Pitcher and Catcher fitted in very well and i could see the squad building up for a strong season.

The season underway saw us play very good Baseball in the first half up until xmas, beating the likes of power house Kensington for the first times for many years as we had a tough road playing last years top teams 3 times, but we were not consistant against lower place teams.

The shit hit the fan when Colin returned home for xmas and as we now know did not return to for fill his obligations. Very disappointing for the playing group - Game 1 saw Jimmy hurt his arm and did not throw the rest of the season which put pressure on the mound.

The highlight in the 2nd half was sponsors Day with Simmo playing his 600th A Grade Game " what a outstanding achievement and Great bloke" saw us up and beating full strength Woodville in a great game of Baseball, Ross Matcham showing the way on the mound ,but again we couldn't beat the lower teams when required to show that we were able to mix it with the top group of teams, yhen our colours much lowered later in the season being belted by Port and Goodwood.

I would like Thank the fine efforts with the coaching staff - Tony P, Chuckles and helpers at training with Dean Towil helping with the Hititng and Michael farr with catching and just being around. to the players solid Seasons from Simmo, Travis, Spesh and Jay with an outstanding season from import Chris hitting over 500 for most of the season but i think with him helping out on the mould did stop the flow to his bat, but made a big impact in our team.

Congrats to all the first A Grade gamers - Justin Caskey,Troy Chandler,Blake Farr,Ross Brunton and Doulton Probert , something the club can look forward in with Juniors making that next step.

Again many Thanks to Richard and Paul as grounds were a treat each week, Caroline for her great support in scoring and Bar / canteen team for being the back bone each week, with many people in the back ground that are forgotten Thankyou.

Darren Roberts



DIVISION 2

In 5 years' time I will reflect on the fantastic position East Torrens Baseball Club is in and how a large part of our journey started right here in Division 2 this past season.

Fortunate to be given coaching opportunities at the senior level, I moved with many of my Under 19 charges from last season into Division Two. In many ways it was certainly a trial by fire for our super young squad, but oh how they improved.

With a squad predominantly under 18, we were blessed with the inclusion of several 'old' hats that took the next step in their playing careers, filling the role of playing mentors and leaders. Luke Chandler, Rhys Lounder, James Hollands and Ross Matchem answered the call for encouraging mentors to the junior squad and filled the bill perfectly.

We were also fortunate to enlist Jaryd Hardman to our squad, only to lose him as quickly to the Division 1 squad as he answered the call after Christmas. Jaryd would have run away the season MVP had it not been for this fantastic Div 1 opportunity.

Our first month and a half of the season was a hard slog. We struggled to record hits, let alone string them together and scoring seemed like a pipe dream. Meanwhile some tough opposition worked us over real good.

Undaunted, the boys showed character and mettle. We continued to play aggressively, they worked hard and the hits started to come, then runs, then wins.

As is expected of a young side, led by young men pushing for their own senior opportunities, we made mistakes, lots of mistakes, and they hurt us on the scoreboard. But we learnt. Slowly the mistakes were fewer and the good decisions and intelligent play was more frequent and we all showed flashes of our ability.

By the final half of the year we must have lost at least 6-8 games by a single run and coughed up another half dozen on one bad inning. The hard work and willingness to listen and adjust saw the boys experience sporadic success and further reward as D.R. recognised their ability with opportunities in Division 1.

Congratulations must go to the core of young players that will serve as our senior future. Brady and Blake Farr, Troy Chandler, Justin Caskey, Ross Brunton and Dalton Probert. Keep working boys and respect the process. Good things will come. Congratulations to Troy Chandler, our season MVP and an Under 18 State representative and Luke Chandler, the most consistent, hardworking mentor on our ball club this year. A true leader by example.

Thank you to those who assisted the boys to make this valuable transition. Division One coach, Darren Roberts who bought in to this next rebuild phase of the club and believed in these boys. My partner in crime, Chuckles (AKA Paul Chandler) and our scorer Sharon Chandler. Michael Farr for his assistance through the season and the support and guidance of key senior members, Travis Underhill, Glenn Simmons and Jay Sanderson.

Thank you to the supporters and parents who won, lost and drew every game right alongside us and gave us the encouragement to get back out there and do it all again, entrusting us with their budding players.

Thank you to the committee of management, Chops, Darian, Glenys and Lauren for their faith in what we were trying to do and sticking by a tough transition, The Red Sox will bear fruit for it.



The transition is far from over for these young men and they must respect that further senior opportunities will be earned not given. They could all use the support, guidance and advice of the multitude of exceptional ball players at East Torrens and I encourage all past players and senior club members to show them interest, encouragement and advice. In turn, the boys must also respect the talent and experience of our past senior players. Champions, the likes of BFT, are who our next generation of senior players should be moulding themselves on.

Cheer Boys, Cheer Boys, Here we are The Red Sox.

Tony Probert



DIVISION 3

The 2014-15 year was the first year of playing div 3 for half of our players and summer baseball for 2 of them. We got off to a slow start with our pitcher and co-coach letting the team down to get married but it gave us the opportunity of giving Benny his only inning for the season. After playing a few of the higher ranked teams early we found our groove and went on a tear, not losing a game after the christmas break (until the finals).

Josh Smith was awesome all year behind the dish belting a couple of bombs along the way. Stu would have won the capps had he not been away for a month half way through - batting .526 for the year and anchoring our batting lineup with Josh. We also unearthed a little gem for the club in Doug Barker - who will play right field in the A's in a couple of years. Braggys hit well, Todd dominated hitters and the boys really meshed well throughout the season, to the point where we are going to give the title a real shake in 2015-16.

We've got to give a big thank you to Robbo and the boys from the 4's for giving us the support we needed during the year.

With Bubba, BFT, and the boys coming back next year - i look forward to writing a longer review explaining how we took home the flag. Great year of fun for two first year coaches and Todd and I can't wait to do it again.

Troy Harrington



DIVISION 4

Week One. NO team
Week Two. We start playing

After losing 6 of last years squad to other teams, golf, just not playing or retirement we were left with 4 players to base this years squad on, we managed to get this to 8 permanent players after the first couple of games and filled in the other couple of spots with an import that last TWO games the help of some juniors and ring ins.

We started off with a walk off win against Kensington at home and we thought well this might go OK, the next week we travelled down to Southern Districts we unfortunately not only lost the game but also lost our import with a broken leg after a collision with myself whilst trying to catch a pop fly to first base that Alex thought I might need a hand with, after sliding into me and me landing on his lower leg it was he who needed a hand. This allowed them to score 2 runs take the lead which we could not get back with one at bat remaining (Alex did survive following surgery to place some 8 screws and plates in his Fibula and ankle).

From then we started to show some signs of playing some good RED SOX baseball and posted some good wins expect when Kensington paid us back by defeating us 10-9 after we gave up the lead thanks to a grand slam hit off Mark Amphlette for his one and only innings that he took the mound. Round 9 we had to rethink our options after being spanked by Henley & Grange 7-1. We then only dropped one more game against Sturt when we only had 8 players for the first half of the game losing 9-7.

This saw us finish in 5th position and making the finals, which took us too Kensington, which after a slow start and being down 3 runs after the first innings we then found our stride and went on to win 8-4. We then faced up against Glenelg at the Bay which is never any easy task. Things remained even till 6th innings when we managed to bust it open and take a 6-0 lead, we then took the field, they come out switched on with 7 consecutive outfield hits, so after a pitching change we managed to still hold on to a 6-5 leed. The bays then kept the pressure one and took the lead after we scored another 2 runs which saw us go into the bottom of the ninth trailing 7-9 we scrapped in for one run taking it to 8-9 down with tying run on third with two out but, that was where it ended.

Well a year that was not going to be turned out pretty well although well fell one game short, thanks to all of the guys who played this year at times it was tough and I also had to make some tough calls as well but that's baseball especially when playing finals. To our guys that helped us put a full side on the diamond every week, Troy, Ross, Justin and Dave Coleman, Dave it would be great to have you as a regular player next year as the team certainly is stronger with you in it. To Haro, Todd and the Div 3 boys thanks for your support and helping out with players when we needed.

Special mention has to go our team manager / scorer Ralph Robinson who looks after that boys every week and would be lost without him, thanks Dad.

Look forward to seeing you all again next season.

Darren Robinson



DIVISION 5

After last season we lost our favourite lefty Stuie Yorston, who decided to hang up the glove after throwing in the past 3 winning GF's for us.

We also had a couple of new fella's join us, we had Steve Cope come over from Gawler, Tony Probert moved into town and Juan Carisimo came out later in the season to join our ranks.

Having won the last 3 in a row it was always going to be tough to keep coming up with the goods, particularly with an aging list. This season was a little strange, as we only played 11 minor round games due to rain outs, lightening and heat outs. The one constant each week was the laughs and the ribbing, something we all look forward to.

This year we had to share the load more than previous with the pitching department, with Yeaty not operating at 100% we relied heavily on Norsy, who became our horse and to a lesser extent DR, for a couple of cameos.

Having finished the minor round in second spot with an 8 and 3 record we hit our straps big time down at Souths in the Qualifying final, blitzing them 8 zip with Yeaty holding them to just 2 hits and our score book showing zero errors.

We then faced the Bays at home for the title fight which was a genuine struggle for us. Yeaty came up with many out opportunities that we weren't keen on taking early but the perseverance paid off. Considering we only collected 4 hits to the Bays 12 we grabbed all of our chances on base and cashed in for 7 – 2 win and our 4th flag in a row.

I would like to thank Dicky and Paul for the diamond they produced each week and to Barb and Trish and the ladies for their efforts in the canteen and Bob's bar was always a favourite.

Thank you to our scorers, Kerri and Mandy and also to Kylie and Kira who helped out when we were in need.

At the end of this season we also see a couple of boys wonder off to the top paddock of retirement. Greig McCall and Richard Begg are hanging them up after a couple of stellar decades of baseball. I think Greig has won about 8 senior flags and Beggy has picked up a lazy 10!! Although some of Beggy's don't count because they were with the Bays!! These 2 boys will be missed but I'm sure we will see them around the club for a froffie or 2.

I look forward to doing it all again next year.

As the G Banger would say, yours in Baseball.....

Blake Armstrong



DIVISION 6

Division 6 had a solid year.

Despite having no real pitcher and relying for the most part on a sexagenarian and a septuagenarian to get the job done, the team returned to finals action and even won the first semi-final before getting bundled out by the eventual premier, Adelaide. The revival coincided with the return of Paul Sutton to the team after a few seasons in the Riverland, Dave Chapman joining the team at first base and Gus Andrew, who played mostly at second to protect his arm.

While the side finished the minor round in fourth spot, it could well have finished second if it had not been for a controversial decision which awarded a rained-out game to Kensington and the cancellation of games against the bottom two sides late in the year through the heat rule. Underpinning the team was a surprisingly solid defence and strong hitting, led by Tony Rogers, who won the hitting trophy, David Chapman in the first two thirds of the year and Jarrad Laws, especially in the finals.

However, there were cameo performances from most players.

- Fuad Nehme hit a memorable home run against Southern Districts,
- Luis Uzcatogui picked up hits when he kept his head still
- Gus Andrew played the whole season under duress with a sore arm
- Paul Sutton added significant stability at short stop
- Alex Ortega was one of our best team members, but also suffered injury late in the year.
- Tom Gad and Scoop Haynes showed that they could probably develop into a fierce pitching combination with a little more experience
- George McKinlay showed he can still goad the umpires to the point of almost being ejected
- Gus McKinlay put one out at Northern Districts second ground which was the only highlight of the last minor round match of the year.

While North won that game, we bounced back in semifinal against the same team to win 12-3. This coincided with Div 6 team getting the services of a pitcher, Adam Curtis, for one of the few times for the season. In the Preliminary final against Adelaide, the team performed well while Paul Sutton was in control on the mound, but once he tired, it became a little messy.

Congratulations to Gus McKinlay for winning the B&F, Tony for his hitting trophy and Chappy for taking the team "road" award. All were well deserved. Many thanks to George and Tom, who did most of the work coaching the side and making sure we all had fun, even when we didn't win. Thanks also to those players who filled in at various times during the season and the people who did the scoring for us, sometimes under protest (Noah).

Finally, congrats to Div 5 for its premiership and to everyone in the club who helped set up the grounds, run the canteen and keep the club running. Your efforts are appreciated.

Peter Haynes



DIVISION 7

Our season started in traditional fashion – a BBQ & a few frothies. Many thanks for Grant & Tracy Bonner for getting the boys together & playing hosts.

As is usual with Div 7, players come & players go so we were sorry to see Leah Trabilcock leave Adelaide & move to Melbourne & Grant Bonner hang up the cleats (hopefully for just this season) to spend more time on dad duties. After Xmas we lost another player with Ken Fay taking up a new teaching roll in Port Pirie & Rabin who succumbed to spousal pressure. We wish all our departed players a fruitful & successful future outside of baseball.

At one stage it looked like we would struggle to put together a team however you have to be careful what you wish for!!! Enter a couple of Gawler boys in the likes of Glen Holland, Darren Unger & later in the season Liam Hollands. We also picked up Tom Giardi who played & umpired in Italy & making a return to baseball was Arron Rollins who ended up in the Div 1 – Div 2 squad after only playing a handful of games in Div 7. Next to arrive was another player from the Deb Rollins baseball production line with Jarryd Rollins joining the team mid-season. So what started as a struggle for numbers soon swelled to a playing group of 17...

I would like to extend a huge thankyou to all the boys who continually put up their hands for ½ games throughout the season so everybody could take to the diamond, typical Div 7 spirit!!!

I was well assisted this season with plenty of help on the bench, Deb Rollins took up the roll of manager after handing over the coaching reigns to me, Arron Rollins stuck around after moving up the ranks & slotted in to assistant coach while as usual Shelley Klemm sharpened up her crayons to colour plenty of green for us on the score sheet. Thankyou all for an outstanding job.

We had an amazing season where we finished 3rd after the minor round. We drew one game with the Cardinals & lost 1 game each to Glenelg & Port Adelaide with Port only giving up 18 runs for the entire season, definitely the bench mark for the Div 7 competition. Come finals our first game was against Adelaide where we had a great game for a comprehensive 16- 1 win. In an upset between Glenelg & Port we found ourselves playing Port Adelaide the following week for a chance to secure a ticket to the big dance. Jarryd Rollins threw an outstanding 7 innings to get us over the line with a 4-3 win. Grand final day did not go well for us going down to Glenelg 10-5. Mid way through we had a 3 all battle on our hands until Glenelg put together a couple of hits, several average calls not going our way & we lost the momentum. We hit back in the last to put a couple more runs on the board but unfortunately too little too late. Jarryd Rollins was once again outstanding throughout 5 innings on the hill, definitely the player of the finals series for us. To say I am proud of the boys is an understatement, a great group of guys who I can't wait to lead next season.

Finally on behalf of the Div 7 boys, I would like to acknowledge the ET executive committee for their tireless work through-out the season. The management committee also deserve a warm thankyou as well, especially the girls in the canteen for their endless hour of work. You all deserve a medal!!! Last but not least a huge thanks to Dicky & Paul Sowter for preparing a special patch of paradise that we call a baseball diamond... thanks guys... Many thanks to you all from Div 7. We have had a great season and are counting the days to the start of 2015/2016. We are REDSOX!

Cheers

Klemmy



UNDER 19

The Don Rice U19 League took a different format this season playing a 10 round twilight season.

This age group has been a difficult one for Baseball SA over the past 5 to 6 years and has taken on a number of formats over the past 4 to 5 years. While I applaud Baseball SA for trying different formats for this very important age group I do hope they ask for feedback from all Clubs about this current format as I don't believe it to be beneficial for this age group - only allowing 3 inns per pitcher was again an interesting decision - one I think is better suited to Little League instead of young men.

A highlight of the season was playing under lights at Norwood Oval and it was also Bob Hollands Birthday - what a great present it was for Bob to be out on the hallowed turf of Norwood Oval. We all wait in anticipation of playing regularly under lights at Diamond Sports West Beach.

We seem to have a gap of 16 to 19 year olds at ET at the present time which meant we had to rely on a number of U17 and U15 players though out this season to ensure we put 9 out on the field each week and I thank them and their parents for getting them to the Wednesday Night Games.

We had a core of players each week - Andrew Hollands, Payne Sowter, Brady Farr, Ross Brunton and Justin Caskey - with Troy Chandler playing in the first 3 to 4 games before finding a part time job and Dalton Probert playing the final 5 games after moving to Adelaide from Mildura with his family.

Our regular fill ins were Oscar Chapman, Cameron Keats, Brandon Manzella, Henry Stevens, Jacob Michaels, while Brad Torkington, Tyler Thomson, Ryan Wyatt, Jarrod Rollins, Brodie Dickeson, Blake Farr, Kynan Skein, Braden Caskey, Hunter Powell, Carlos Carismo and Rohan Coleman participated in a couple of games throughout the season. Apologies if I missed anybody.

Having 14 and 15 year olds up against in some cases 21 year olds was tough, and using wooden bats for the younger boys was something new, but to the boys credit they improved each week and we played some very competitive games in the final 1/2 of the season.

The most pleasing was watching the maturity and development of our core bunch of senior players who also took on leadership roles which all goes well for the future for this club.

I had a ball and I think the kids and parents, grandparents, extended families and those who came out and watched also had a ball.

I have a number of thank yous;

The hard working ETPBC Committee for enabling the club to tick. I am understanding of the work that is required and we are all volunteers, we tend to only vent our frustrations and anger at our committee people when what we should be doing is patting them on the back. A big thank you to all.

Barb, Trish and their hard working crew for the canteen, Richard Smith and Paul Sowter for ensuring we have a great ground to play on and Steve "Zig Zag" Klemm for our equipment.



To Michael Farr who stepped in when I was running late plus chasing up players each week to ensure we had 9 players and then assisting on the bench each week a big thank you.

Assist Coach Bob "Hamster" Hollands for your assistance each week (there are advantages having the Bar Manager as your Assistant Coach !!)

Finally and by no means last Cherly Caskey for taking on the scoring duties each week, thanks for putting up with my poor hand writing !!

Well done and congratulations to all Trophy Winners and All players, Coaches and Officials who represented this great club at the various State Tournaments during 2014/15.

Yours in Baseball,

Paul Chandler

"BASEBALL IS A GAME, AND A GAME IS MEANT TO BE FUN"



UNDER 17

The season started with 8 players registering for our U17 Division 1 Team, with 2 players that have never played baseball before, which meant that we were going to have a challenging season, in Division 1.

By Christmas we had lost 2 players and Josef Szegedi was limited to only a few games due to injury, which was unfortunate for Josef, as he lost another season to injury.

The positive for ETBC, was that we were able to give plenty of playing time to some of our U15 players, which they benefited from the experience.

We ended the season with 3 wins and 12 loses, but I was proud of the way the boys remained competitive in most games, with players being moved around most weeks depending on who played that particular week.

It was fair to say that we struggled with bat during the season, but boys displayed some really good patience with their at bats, which is pretty rare when you are not winning regularly. We had plenty of U15 players get there first hits in a higher division, which was rewarding to watch.

Dalton Probert and Brady Farr took most of the pitching load each week and both did great jobs to keep us in games most weeks.

Oscar Chapman played his first year of baseball and was extremely impressive all year at centre field with his speed and aggression at the ball. Riley Holland was another new player to the club, who gave his all for the entire season and stuck at it, when others feel way during the course of the season.

Andrew Hollands was able to play on a permit and had a great season at either shortstop or second base. Andy turned a lot of great doubles and I hope he sticks with next year and continues to develop.

Congratulations to Dalton Probert (MVP), Brady Farr (MVP Runner Up) and Oscar Chapman (Encouragement Award), who were this year's trophy winners.

Thanks goes to our scorers during the season, with Sharon Farr helping out early on and Dave Chapman doing the bulk of the scoring for the remainder of the season. Thankyou for the time and effort you spent during the season, it was greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank Bob Hollands for being the assistant coach. The amount of time and effort Bob puts in for ETBC is amazing and he still found time to help the team out. I know all the boys enjoy Bobs positive nature and he is always the first person to step up and help out. Thankyou Bob, I truly appreciate your help.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents for the support during the season and especially the U15 Players and Parents, who all had long game days during the season, for which allowed us to field a team each week.

Michael Farr



UNDER 15 REDSOX

First I would like to thank Michael Farr and the East Torrens Baseball Club for appointing me as U15's Red Sox coach. I would also like to thank the following people; the coaching staff at ET Michael Farr, Paul Dickeson and Craig Powell, my assistant coaches Jonny Carisimo and John Paturis. Team manager Tim Michael, team scorers Mel Rendell and Lisa Ryan.

I believe this young group came together really well and it's a credit to the boys with their enthusiasm and attention at training and on game day. Clearly our team lacked experience in the U15's competition and was evident early in the season but, by seasons end the lads showed their seasoned experience and confidence in this grade with a win in the final game against West Torrens. The team finished 6 wins and 8 losses and finished 7th on the ladder, I believe this was about where we should had finished as the young group lacked mentally in the game early to mid season games but by seasons end they had this rectified. Also the draw did not favour us as the we played three of the top six teams twice and only played the four teams below us once.

From the Red Sox team we had five players represent South Australia in the National Junior League Championship on the Gold Coast, they were Cooper Goodmen, Zac Stroud, Carlos Carisimo, Sam Paturis and Zak Heintze-Unger.

Trophies were awarded to the following player;
Fouad Nehme, Bass Academy award for most attention to trainings and games.
Carlos Carisimo, Most Consistent.
Zakeray Heintze-Unger, Runner-up MVP.
Zachary Stroud, MVP.

In summary this core group should take the next step next season and play in finals and I believe that they will not only make finals but they will go deep in the finals.

Darren Unger



UNDER 15 ET

This season we had a group of talented boys.

Throughout the season the boys improved greatly through hard work on the training track and application in games. Whilst they improved greatly they all should understand that they have much to learn in baseball. Further improvement in their baseball will come if they continue to listen, put the work in and train and play with intensity on every play and at bat. If they do this I am sure we will see many of these names in senior teams in the future.

In the end this group finished equal second (3rd on percentage – most runs scored) with 11 wins and 2 losses. Unfortunately we lost our first final 8 to 7 and were eliminated from the finals.

I would like to thank Craig Powell and Dave Coleman for their efforts in coaching the boys throughout the season. Also thank you to Michael Farr for the time he put in with the trainings. Also thank you to Sarah Stevens for all the work she did as Team Manager. Another big thank- you to our scorers Sharon Farr and Cheryl Caskey and Dave Coleman when required.

Thank you to the parents for your support throughout the season.

Congratulations to the 7 boys from this team who made the Northern Charter side which is known as the Pirates. Good luck in the championships in the Gold Coast which start on the 4th of April.

Finally thank you to the Club for giving me the opportunity to coach and providing the equipment and infrastructure to put these boys on the ground.

Paul Dickson



LITTLE LEAGUE U13-1

This year was the first time in a while that the North was integrated with the South Charter. We got to play teams from the other side of town which was a great experience. We ended the minor round in 3rd place just 1 game behind top placed HG. This was a pleasing result as we lost a lot of experience from our premiership team.

I felt we improved dramatically as the year went on. We played some outstanding games during the year and only got smashed once. We had some injury issues during the year and also some travel that disrupted the team a bit but we always seemed to find a way to win. We unfortunately got knocked out in the first round of finals in a ripper game which was one of the best games I've seen at this level for a long time. A few lucky breaks I'm sure the result would of been different. I was really proud of the way the boys played the game all year and can't wait to see how these boys develop.

Congratulations to Carter Powell, Riley Yeatman, Sebastian Heintze-Unger and Armando Ramirez who have been selected in the North charter team and are in their way to Lismore for the Nationals. I'm sure you'll do the club proud.

I would like to thank Grant Bonner who has assisted me the last 2 years and has been a tremendous help to me and the boys. Also thanks to Craig Powell who helped at trainings and on game day. Thanks also to my scorer Karen Papps for your help this year and keeping a clean book.

I would also like to thank Michael Farr and the committee for all the time and effort you all put in to allow us to play this great game.

Last but no means least I want to thank Marnie and the kids for all your support during the season.

See you all next year

Steve Yeatman



LITTLE LEAGUE U13-2

This season was one with great unknown as we had a number of new players and not too many with majors experience. Being the team was brought together quite late we didn't get an early idea of what players could slot in where and as we were looking at fixed positions we were keen to watch the team over the first 3 or 4 games.

From a coaching point of view I was hoping for a just above 0.500% win ratio being a relatively unknown list but this team managed to win and win quite well, especially against the newer southern sides which we expected a bit of resistance from.

Lead by catcher Noah Rogers and pitchers Caleb Bendon, Luke Hill and Leonardo Politzi our team managed to dominate a fair few games from our defence which allowed our offence to really take charge with the bat. Our top 4 hitters, Noah Rogers (0.667%), Lachlan Simmons (0.563%), Caleb Bendon (0.545%) and Leonardo Politzi (0.529%) all really thrived with the bat this year racking up 80 hits between them in the 13 games as well as piling on 83 runs. The team overall batted 0.452% with 136 hits and 179 runs which was outstanding. Defensively we were excellent with standout plays by Joshua Dobie at shortstop and some cracker catches in the outfield by Lachlan Simmons, Caleb Bendon and Luke Hill. Keegan stood tall at 2nd base with Riley Brunsgard and Zacharias Diamandi not letting anything past them in right field.

We finished the season with 9 wins and 4 losses and due to some unlucky results finished outside the double chance and took an early exit in the first round of finals in an absolute nail biter of a home final.

The MVP was taken out by Noah Rogers who edged out Caleb Bendon, Noah also going on to record a Top 5 finish with the league medal count. Caleb as a first year player should be very proud of his achievements this year.

The boys should be extremely proud of their season, every one of them showed great improvement and played very well and I look very forward to seeing them again next year.

Big thank you to assistant coach Greg Bendon who helped me throughout the year and to all the parents who helped out in various duties required (as well as ferrying the boys to all trainings and our big trips north and south).

Tony Rogers



LITTLE LEAGUE U11

Wow coaching a bunch of other peoples little problems. Who would have thought it was going to be so much fun. Taking a group of boys aged 7-10 and turning them into little baseballers is a very challenging exercise but also very rewarding. We spent a lot of time working on the basics and it was good to see their new skill being executed in in the games. The team had a successful year finishing second in the u/11 Northern Division. A good result considering 5 players had never played baseball before.

Players

Ryan Hobart, Caleb Evans, Riley D'Onsie, Dylan Simmons, Jay Couzner, Connor Yeatman
Ethan Dewsnap, Sebatian Perzzotta, Malachy Pawelski, Sam Gniel, Kason King

Thanks also goes to the supporting coaches Ralph, Glen, Darian and Ron. The boys are very lucky that this group of coaches could spend time helping them during the season. We all know baseball is all about the statistics. I know the players would like to thank the scorers, especially for putting away the red pen. Thanks to Marine, Jodie, Lee and Kirra for their efforts during the year. To all the parents' baseball is a great game for your kids. At East Torrens you have chosen a very good environment to help them develop as a baseballer and as a young person. I look forward to seeing all the boys playing baseball next season.

Cheers

Marty



SENIOR GAMES MILESTONES

600 Games

Glen Simmons

450 Games

Greig McCall

400 Games

Anthony Dienelt

150 Games

Jordan Lovegrove

Jay Sanderson

100 Games

Ross Matcham

50 Games

Josh Lands

Jarred Laws

Stuart Millar

Dylan Rollins



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Division 5



