

EAST TORRENS BASEBALL CLUB



2016/2017
ANNUAL REPORT



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:	John Lamb
VICE PRESIDENT:	Darian King
SECRETARY:	Melinda Rendell
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	VACANT
TREASURER:	Lauren Sanderson
ASSISTANT TREASURER:	Paul Chandler
OPERATIONS MANAGER:	Danny Symons
SENIOR COACH:	Damien Norsworthy

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

BAR MANAGER:	VACANT
CANTEEN MANAGER:	Barb Lamb
SPONSORSHIP MANAGER:	Adam Stroud
SCORERS DELEGATE:	Carolyn Smith
UMPIRES DELEGATE:	Paul Sowter
JUNIOR COACHING COORDINATOR:	Craig Powell
T-BALL COORDINATOR:	Darian King
HOUSE AND GROUNDS:	Richard Smith
EQUIPMENT MANAGER:	Steve Klemm
UNIFORMS AND REGALIA:	Glen Simmons
PLAYERS REPRESENTATIVE:	James Hollands



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		
2014/15		
2015/16	MRS L. SANDERSON	



2015/2016 East Torrens Baseball Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held at the Windsor Hotel, North East Road, Windsor Gardens SA

Monday 25 July 2016

Start: 7.32pm

APOLOGIES

Sharon Chandler, Jill Chandler, Jodie Chandler, Phil Lounder, Liz Lounder, John King, Helen Brooks, Darren Robinson, Glenn Simmons, Lee Simmons, Trish Hollands, Bob Hollands, Adam Matthews, Tom Gadd, Adam Stroud, Steve Klemm, Trevor Caskey, Cheryl Caskey, Kane Galloway & Danni Galloway

PRESENT

As per listing 28 attendees

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

Last AGM minutes accepted – Marnie Yeatman moved – Paul Sowter 2nd – all in favour

SECRETARY REPORT

TREASURER REPORT

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John Lamb advised all reports are contained in the year books that will be placed online.

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 – Anthony Denielt 2nd – all in favour

Vice President

Darian King nominated – Paul Chandler 2nd – all in favour

Secretary

Glenys Snelgrove advised she would not stand,

nominated – Melinda Rendell - Angela Probert 2nd – all in favour

Assistant Secretary

Mara Stephens advised she would not stand,

There were no nominations for the position and it was not filled



Treasurer

Lauren Sanderson nominated – Brian Addison 2nd – all in favour

Assistant Treasurer

Paul Chander nominated – Ralph Robinson – all in favour

Honorary Auditor

Desley Edwards advised she would step down this year after many years service.

Nobody nominated – John Lamb to approach Troy Harrington

Management Committee

Applications had been received at the start of the meeting

Social Club Manager – Angela Probert

House & Grounds – Richard Smith

Bar Manager – No Nominations

Canteen Manager – No Nominations

Sponsorship Manager – Adam Stroud

Scorer's delegate – Carolyn Smith

Junior Co-ordinator – Craig Powell

Operations Manager – Danny Symons

Umpire Co-ordinator – Paul Sowter

Equipment Manager – Steve Klemm

Nomination for Life Member

Dean Towill was nominated and accepted. Paul Chandler read his contribution to the club over many years.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Financials

Paul Chandler outlined the financials.

Thankyou

Ron Chandler thanked all the Executive & Management Committee for their hard work during the year



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Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Continued

Division 1 Coaching Appointment

John Lamb announced that Damien Norsworthy would be the head coach. Tony Probert Assistant together with Kane Galloway & Dean Towill. John also thanked the Senior Coaching Panel for their efforts in producing the ET Coaching Manual.

Dave Roberts

Discussion will take place through the year with the Executive regarding a perpetual trophy in Dave's name

Steve Yeatman

Steve thanked both John Lamb & Darian King for the successful Brad & Beck Day

Riley Yeatman

John wished Riley good luck as he represents Australia in the Cal Ripken World Series

Sponsorship

John Lamb thanked Adam Stroud for taking on this role, Adam has produced the sponsorship packages for this year.

Canteen

As no canteen manager has been found, Angela Probert suggested a levy to be placed on all player's fees and we pay somebody.as this is our main revenue stream.

Meeting closed 8.09pm



PRESIDENT REPORT

Season 2016/17 was a reasonable year for East Torrens as we picked up 2 Junior and 2 Senior Premierships and along with the fact nearly all our junior teams participated well into their finals series and our Div 1 / 2 squad was probably the league's youngest, the future is looking bright at our great club.

We welcomed back one of our star juniors in Jaryd Klemm after a successful few years playing College ball in the States but unfortunately James Snelgrove decided to play for West Torrens upon his return. This was quite a hit as it would mean that Glenys Snelgrove, our Secretary of the previous 5 years and one of our tireless workers would resign her position to watch her son play elsewhere. Fortunately Mel Rendell had joined the committee as Ass Secretary to help Glenys with the workload but now unfortunately was left to take on the lot. The committee assured Mel that we would help out where needed to ease the burden but come first week of the season I found myself in hospital for a couple of weeks and out of action for nearly 2 months. Not an ideal start and I would personally like to offer my sincere thanks to the remaining Executive team who went above and beyond what should be expected of them due to being a President and Secretary down.

The club still needed to function and it was through the tireless efforts of quite a few people that things kept moving along, although having said that being down a Bar Manager and with no official Canteen Manager the committee's job was made that much harder trying to plug the gaps, which eventually took its toll on a few. Mel and Barb spent most of their time either in or managing the canteen as this has been a major revenue source for a while now, one that simply could not be neglected and along with the many junior parents who volunteered their time as well as the Kings, Yeatmans, Simmons's, Norsy and other committee members the canteen did OK. The bar situation was the same as the canteen's and was effectively run by the same group of people with help from their family members as well as Paul & Troy Chandler and Lauren Sanderson.

A huge thanks to the many sponsors we had this season and those that have remained over my time for their commitment to ET and especially our major sponsor, former Exec member Colin Mathews for his generosity. Congratulations must go to our junior SA and Charter representatives who all deserved the reward for the hard work and dedication they put into their baseball every week. To the SA and Charter coaches & managers that represented East Torrens on the national stage, we acknowledge the time and effort you put in to helping our juniors reach their goals.

To our Premiership teams Div 4, Div 7, U/15 2's, U/11's and their coaches Bob Hollands, Roger Hunter and Andrew Couzner kudos to you all on a wonderful achievement.

The club also recognises and congratulates the recipients of our major club awards: Graham Fischer Memorial – Damien Norsworthy, Peter Pike Coach of the Year – Andrew Couzner, Patrons Trophy – Bob Hollands, Redsox U/21 Trophy – Troy Chandler and the Brad Thomas Player's Player – Travis Underhill.

Long time committee member and volunteer Paul Sowter was duly recognised winning the Baseball SA Volunteer of the Year Award.

Travis Underhill achieved 600 Senior games this season and congratulations from us all on this magnificent achievement.



Many thanks to all the Coaches, Ass Coaches, Managers and Scorers for your efforts , to all those who filled in or helped out and Norsy, Kane, Tony and Dean for steering the club in the right direction.

To Craig Powell who has been a tremendous Junior Coordinator for the last 3 years and has our club positioned well for the future due to his love of the game and club.

Again I would like to thank all the Executive and Committee members for their valuable service to the club and it's people and especially to the few who are not staying on next season.

6 years as President has finally taken its toll on my family and myself so I will not be continuing in this role next season . It has been an honour and privilege to have spent 6 years as President of this great club but I could not have done so without the support of so many people who I thank for your assistance. However there are a few who have been an incredible help to me along the journey so to Darian King, Glenys Snelgrove, Paul Chandler, Lauren Sanderson, Richard Smith, Bob & Trish Hollands, Paul Sowter and families , your support has been invaluable.

To the 3 wonderful women in my life Barb, Jessica and Katherine . Thank you for your patience, love and understanding in allowing me the time to do indulge my passion because without your support it would not have been possible. I cannot finish without acknowledging the magnificent contribution of Barb , especially over the last 6 years . You have been by my side through it all and been a tremendous support in making my role so much easier. The time you spent managing the canteen as well as chasing up premiership photos and game tallies for all the years missed, the Xmas Dinners, speaking with over 50 schools yearly for our TBall program and basically doing all the things that get forgotten about or ignored has been invaluable and you have been an asset the club will find hard to replace.

John Lamb



SECRETARY REPORT

As I reflect on the season, and read our previous Secretary reports over the past years, it occurs to me that our club has had some hard times and in 2017 we should be proud of our predecessor's work. It's important to acknowledge those who have volunteered and given many hours of their time to support and run our club. Just a few of those names include John and Barb Lamb, Glenys Snelgrove, Richard Smith, Paul Sowter, Paul Chandler, Darian and Kira King, Damien Norsworthy, Trish and Bob Hollands, Marnie and Steve Yeatman, Lauren Sanderson and Steve Klemm. This list is not complete, but those mentioned have prepared fields every week, for many years, stocked and worked the bar and canteen, coached, managed, completed endless hours of administration and as a club parent, I'm really grateful they do.

We face some challenges over the coming years in developing our volunteers across all areas of the club. I'd like to acknowledge the fabulous response of the Junior parents who made the canteen roster completely stress free and provided a great opportunity to get to know some parents better. I think we all know that the club needs volunteers to keep going and there were many who jumped on board to do their bit. I think it's important to note that jumping in isn't hard, supporting the few regular volunteers really is a matter of choosing to be positive rather than focus on what you can't do.....every little bit helps and makes everyone feel good about our club and community. There's something to be gained by being a part of that.

Congratulations to the premiership winners, U11's, U15/2's, Div 4 and 7. But also a big congratulations to all the players who came to training, listened to their coaches, developed their skills and were part of a team. That's what sport is about and what makes ETBC a great club to be part of.

I wish the incoming committee much success in the coming season, and thank everyone for your support this season.

Melinda Rendell



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAST TORRENS PAYNEHAM BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED

Report on the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Report (SPFR)

We have audited the SPFR, set out on pages 1 to 4, of the East Torrens Payneham Baseball Club Incorporated (the Club) for the year ended 30th June, 2017.

In our opinion the SPFR has been properly prepared and gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Club as at 30th June, 2017 and the results for the year ended on that date. During our audit, we have obtained all of the information and explanations we have required.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit generally in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Committee in accordance with those ethical requirements of APES 110 that are relevant to our audit of the SPFR in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

The SPFR has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's financial reporting requirements under the constitution. As a result, the SPFR may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Qualification – Accounting for Cash

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the Club to maintain an effective system of internal control over income from section activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to these items was limited to amounts recorded.

Responsibility of the Committee for the Special Purpose Financial Report

The Committee is responsible for the preparation of a SPFR that gives a true and fair view and is consistent with the reporting requirements of the constitution and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal controls as they determine are necessary to enable the preparation of a SPFR that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the SPFR, the Committee is responsible for assessing the Club's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the Club's financial reporting process.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the SPFR as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit generally conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the SPFR.

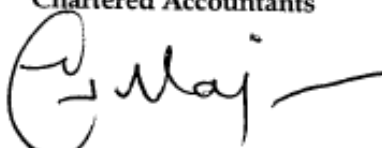
As part of an audit, generally in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout our work. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the SPFR, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Club's internal controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Club.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Club's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Sub-Branch's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the SPFR or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Sub-Branch to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the SPFR, including the disclosures, and whether the SPFR represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

When considered necessary, we communicate with the Committee or the Treasurer regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that we identify during our work.

Signed at Norwood, this ¹²15 day of December, 2017.

MAJOR MAY & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants



TIM MAJOR
Partner



East Torrens Payneham Baseball Club

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Felixstow SA 5070

Profit & Loss [With Last Year] July 2015 To June 2016

	2017	2016
<u>Income</u>		
Sponsorships		
Sponsorship - Club	\$12,076.00	\$11,000.00
Sponsorship - Junior team	\$0.00	\$114.84
Sponsorship - Player	\$550.00	\$829.39
Total Sponsorships	\$12,626.00	\$11,944.23
Memberships		
Junior	\$12,895.97	\$10,872.06
Senior	\$10,644.34	\$12,765.89
Tee Ball	\$3,961.60	\$6,247.82
Total Memberships	\$27,501.91	\$29,885.77
Bar Accounts		
Bar Sales - Drinks	\$32,682.28	\$34,338.88
Less Bar Purchases	(\$12,412.06)	(\$15,351.85)
Bottle Returns	\$0.00	\$656.70
Total Bar Accounts	\$20,270.22	\$19,643.73
Canteen Account		
Canteen Sales	\$35,889.20	\$31,592.41
Less Canteen Purchases	(\$16,510.46)	(\$16,540.57)
Total Canteen Account	\$19,378.74	\$15,051.84
Fund Raising		
Raffles/Fundraising (Net)	\$7,313.91	\$2,660.50
Reverse Raffle	\$1,366.00	\$0.00
Entertainment Books - Addison	\$416.00	\$559.00
Brad/Bec Fundraising	\$0.00	\$2,708.05
Total Fund Raising	\$9,095.91	\$5,927.55
Uniform/Regalia Sales		
Regalia/Uniform Sales	\$13,019.00	\$16,246.00
Less Opening Stock	(\$10,432.00)	(\$4,226.00)
Less Uniform/Regalia Purchases	(\$21,765.03)	(\$16,286.50)
Add Closing Stock	\$20,440.00	\$10,432.00
Total Uniform/Regalia Sales	\$1,261.97	\$6,165.50
Miscellaneous Income		
Sundry Income	\$50.00	\$1,300.00
Functions	\$2,163.85	\$0.00
Don Rice Fdn. Donations	\$0.00	\$500.00
Grants	\$8,541.00	\$0.00
Senior Presentation Night	\$4,174.98	\$4,395.00
Pre Season Training	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
School Baseball Clinic	\$500.00	\$0.00
Capps Medal Tickets	\$700.00	\$745.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	\$17,129.83	\$6,940.00
Total Income	\$107,264.58	\$95,558.62



	2017	2016
<u>Expenses</u>		
SABL		
Administration	\$109.15	\$412.00
BUASA Umpiring Costs	\$4,928.20	\$4,079.05
SA Scorers Association	\$30.00	\$393.50
Player Transfer	\$2,005.11	\$531.47
Total SABL	\$7,072.46	\$5,416.02
Playing Expenses		
Coaches & Managers	\$16,396.85	\$12,700.00
Equipment	\$9,758.27	\$7,445.70
Pre Season Training	\$2,847.88	\$510.00
Club Umpires/Scorers	\$1,800.00	\$2,520.00
Import Player Costs	\$15,597.77	\$14,849.06
Club Car	\$1,089.86	\$1,446.48
Sponsorship Expenses	\$1,005.60	\$0.00
Cal Ripkin Series Donation	\$500.00	\$0.00
TBall Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Total Playing Expenses	\$50,496.23	\$39,471.24
Clubhouse Supplies		
Cleaning/Rubbish Removal	\$2,366.51	\$2,781.10
Repairs & Maintenance - Club	\$4,819.23	\$8,338.87
Grants Expenditure - Fencing	\$4,929.00	\$0.00
R & M - Grounds	\$3,640.37	\$2,856.10
Security	\$129.43	\$258.86
Total Clubhouse Supplies	\$15,884.54	\$14,234.93
Capps Medal Dinner	\$1,746.00	\$1,700.00
Club Administration Costs	\$0.00	\$306.10
Don Rice Foundation Expenses	\$1,450.00	\$4,180.83
Ground Hire	\$8,674.50	\$0.00
Insurance/Registration	\$1,810.18	\$1,769.95
License Fees	\$109.00	\$106.00
Printing & Stationary	\$526.27	\$573.51
Postage	\$0.00	\$50.00
Trophies	\$2,085.63	\$2,447.92
Electricity	\$1,561.91	\$1,601.55
Bank Charges	\$558.05	\$640.00
Senior Presentation Expenses	\$4,909.00	\$4,740.00
Sports vouchers	\$300.00	\$200.00
Brad/Bec fundraising	\$0.00	\$5,935.00
Bogan Bingo Expenses	\$2,035.00	\$0.00
Reverse Raffle Expenses	\$2,575.02	\$0.00
IMG Fees	\$0.00	\$1,225.49
Sundries	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$101,793.79	\$84,598.54
Operating Profit	\$5,470.79	\$10,960.08
<u>Other Income</u>		
Interest Income	\$169.43	\$461.88
Total Other Income	\$169.43	\$461.88
<u>Other Expenses</u>		
Depreciation write off	\$5,320.00	\$5,321.00
Total Other Expenses	\$5,320.00	\$5,321.00
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$320.22	\$6,100.96



TREASURER REPORT

At the time of writing this report we are still to finalise the accounts as our end of year runs to the 30th June due to MYOB requirements. In previous years our AGMs have been held in late July but due to committee changes happening for next season it is in the clubs best interest to hold the AGM earlier and we will be looking to do this for future AGMs.

We would like to report our accounts are of a similar financial status as last year's figures which is pleasing as we did not receive the council permit for our yearly hire of the grounds (\$8674.00) for the 2015/16 season until August of last year. This has been paid during the current season.

Saying that we did have less expenses last season and tracking to announce a small operating profit for this season.

Our memberships were on par with last season but a decline with the Tball players. Once again our bar and canteen have performed well without having appointed managers – (thanks to all who put their hand up) which is pleasing and the 3 fundraising functions proved very successful and an increase in income from the previous year.

The club would like to acknowledge John King for successfully applying for 2 grants to help cover our cost to replace equipment (1 to still come into our account) which will increase our bottom line by 30/06/17.

All final figures will be available to members after the audit is completed and will be added to the year book. Paul and myself on behalf of all club members would like to express thanks to the following important members for their valuable input – Lee and Glenn Simmons - uniforms and merchandise for the last 2 seasons. Richard Smith, Steve Klemm, Danny Symons, Paul Sowter, Adam Stroud, Marnie Yeatman, Kirra King, Trish Hollands, Craig Powell, Bob Hollands (our club volunteer of the year). Ange Probert for implementing the Try Booking online sites and successfully organising our functions. Desley for auditing the books for countless seasons. Damien for the work he has put into coaching, sourcing new merchandise and putting his hand up to help everywhere as needed. A worthy Graham Fisher recipient. Also a big thank you to our outgoing committee members. Special mention to Glenys Snelgrove who was our secretary for the previous 5 years and her efforts. Mel Stroud for stepping into the Secretary role at short notice and undertaking this demanding position as well as the countless hours spent in the canteen. Darian King for being a fabulous vice president, implementing the POS for the canteen and being a great sidekick to John Lamb. The wonderful Barb who despite stepping down last season still went out and sourced and ordered the food for canteen, cleaning supplies, council requirements, players milestones just to mention a few and still spent a considerable time in the canteen. To Paul Chandler for looking after the IMG payments and assisting me with account queries and last but not least our President John Lamb who has been in the role for 5 years now and has worked tirelessly in the role to keep our club running smoothly.

Finally I would like to congratulate Tony Probert and Wally Marks on their appointments as our Division 1 coaches and I look forward to the upcoming 2017/2008 season

Lauren Sanderson



SPONSORSHIP

2016-2017 Sponsors of the East Torrens Baseball Club

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HOUSE & GROUND

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

I again must thank Paul Sowter for all his help & support, not only with the grounds but also the many other jobs he is prepared to tackle over the whole season.. Thanks Mate.

Congratulations to all the teams...players, coaches, parents who were out there supporting every weekend... the Club needs your continued support.

Congratulations to all the club teams, both Junior & Seniors for another great year. To all the teams that made the finals and were successful on the last game of the year, fantastic effort.....Well Done to All.

As you might have heard I will be taking a large step backwards next season, after approx. 15-18 years (not sure how many really) I am looking for a few Saturday mornings at home, but I will be about Pre-season...to help set up/prep etc.

I feel that I need to step back from my roll which saw Paul & myself at the ground every Saturday morning with little or at times no assistance. In saying that there are a few players/members/coaches that will always be there to help...Thanks Guys you know who you are....Thankyou. I know a roster has been used in previous years which CAN work, but as I have said before someone has been at the club Saturday mornings doing the grounds for 30-40 years...You should not have to be asked....come on out and help.

To Carolyn, Mel, Josh & Janelle again thanks for your support.....Yours in Baseball.....Dickie.



JUNIOR COACHING

As Junior Co-ordinator for the 2nd year, I believe the club should feel proud of the effort and results that are coming from the junior side of our organisation. For the first time in a while East Torrens fielded 8 sides, 2 in every age group.

Richard Begg had the task of teaching our young group with mostly first year players (redsox U11's). with not too many positive results for the year having all smaller bodies did a great job, obvious with a high retention rate to the season end. His diligence, I'm sure will pay dividends if he continues to take charge of them next season.

Andrew Couzner's side performed outstandingly on the back of the hard work they put in last summer. After a draw in round 1 they did not skip a beat for the remainder fixtures and eventually beating the best of the Southern League finishing premiers. This side was quite a delight to watch, with all players understanding the game quite well so early in their careers. Congratulations to Andrew and his coaching staff.

U13 2's was run by Steve Klemm, who took on a junior coaching role after success as a senior coach. Steve was an excellent mentor, being inclusive while struggling with numbers and utilising U11's, but still managing a finals appearance.

Our top U13's side secured themselves a double chance in the post season. Having numerous players of the younger age, Steve Yeatman collected 10 wins at 66% success rate and leaving them with a sound foundation base to continue next year.

Another premiership was achieved in the 15 2s with 2nd year coach Roger Hunter 3rd place from 2015-2016, finishing the regular season in 2nd place. His side had a couple of heart attack games in a lead up to a well-controlled grand final performance.

East Torrens was unique this year, being the only club to had 2 under 17 1's sides. Anthony Dienelt took the job sacrificing time away from his young family. Bubba a playing life member brought a lot of knowledge to the young Redsox group, of which they will appreciate in years to come. They finished the season with 4 wins and a draw, put in perspective, was admirable considering they were only allowed 4 home games combined with the fact they had the bye round, which meant all eligible B grade players would drop back for the contest. Dave Coleman took the older 17's side and amassed 12 wins from 15 games. An excellent record, but fell foul of the finals set up, losing their first final and being knocked out with 2nd place falling as well.

From our 8 teams, 6 played in the post season, 3 participating in Grand Finals with 2 Premierships. The club had a great improvement at a representative level. Congratulations to the following players.

U18 Bite	Brayden Caskey
U16 Bite	Zac Stroud, Zak Heintz-Unger
Senior League Charter	Harry Bastian, Brayden Caskey, Kynan Skein, Hunter Powell
Junior Charter	Carter Powell, Jack Kelly, Riley Yeatman, Eddie Elias, Armando Ramirez
	Eathan Lucas
Junior Charter Deve.	Jake Bonner, Braeden Ashworth, Sebastian Heintz-Unger
	Josh Wilson
Little League Charter	Jude Barker, Connor Yeatman, Aiden Lucas, Sebastian Persotta, Greg Bravo,
	Angel Ramirez
Little League Development	Will Couzner, Kason King, Zac Francis, Sam Gneil

Thank you to Junior pitching coach Kym Ashworth and assistant coaches, team manager and scorers for your support and help run another successful season.

Craig Powell



TEE BALL

Our registered numbers were a little low this season, primarily on the back of one of our come and try days being washed out and also not being able to run a school clinic which is a major feeder into our program.

That being said we had 52 registered participants split over 3 age groups:

9 in Little Sox
25 in Redsox T-Ball
18 in Coach Pitch

We welcomed Leroy Urbina into the Teeball Committee primarily to run the on field operations. We quickly identified we were running a little skinny with on field help and this trait seemed to flow through for the season. A big thank you to the junior & senior players who put their hand up to help Leroy. It was tough at times however once again we believed we delivered a successful program.

To Marnie, Kirra, Barb, Paul and the other bbq/canteen and bar helpers once again your efforts are truly appreciated.

To Anthony (Bubba) Dienelt we thank you for once again taking control of the Little Sox age group. It is very pleasing to see the progression of these players in not only skill but overall confidence.

The 17/18 season will be an exciting one as we are looking to reinvigorate the program and provide a positive pathway for our aspiring players.

ETBC Teeball Committee



CLUB AWARDS

Graham Fisher Memorial



Damien Norsworthy

Peter Pike Coach Of The Year

Patrons Award

George Hayman Shield Team of Year

Redsox Trophy U21

Max Trengrove Junior Batting Award

Andrew Couzner

Bob Hollands

Under 11

Troy Chandler

Neypier Craig & Tyler Dunn



DIVISION 1

Things started early this year, the executive were able to ratify the appointment of the coaching staff and this allowed us to move quickly into beginning the process of change. Mid-week sessions began at the cages with a select few. These sessions focused in on breaking down individual swings, getting back to basics and working on improving the ability to not only improve contact but also power. Meetings with coaches and players began to evolve and the Riverland Pre-Season tournament was locked in.

Firstly, the player's/coach's meetings were well attended, and some constructive conversation took place. It was nice to welcome recruit Karl Hoschke and the return of Jarryd Klemm, who provided some good insight into elite programs and the expectations of individuals and teams. A good base for change was created but required significant buy in from everyone and this was and will be the challenge, one I think is well worth it.

With a foundation set and work underway with many, the preseason rolled around very quick and it was clear there was a new enthusiasm and atmosphere. Something not seen for some time and clearly an expectation of success this season.

The Riverland tournament was a success and some clear improvements had been made by some and this was pleasing to see reward for effort. Could this be sustained, time would only tell.

Just before the season commenced we welcome Max Macnabb, a Pitcher/Outfielder who was our only true fly in import this season as Leroy Urbina had remained in Australia and would continue with the club.

With expectations high, weather not so bright, the start of the season saw us up against Henley & Grange and simply put, bubble burst! So, the question was how would we respond and would this define us moving forward. Another loss to Sturt in game 2, certainly made us ask some questions and then the bats began to fire up. It certainly changes a line up when power is part of its makeup.

It was clear that our offence had improved dramatically from the previous year and we were in the top 3-4 teams offensively throughout the year, but pitching and defense win ball games and this again was something that let us down. Max was exceptional, finishing with an ERA of 1.43 not to mention a BA of .351, so certainly no question our most valuable player. Unfortunately, Max can't throw every week and we needed some support and there is no question people like Charlie Ashcroft and James Hollands have the potential and showed it this year, but consistency in delivering this is the key. We would struggle to put multiple wins together again this season and although we were able to score 8+ runs consistently we would find ourselves on the wrong side of the ledger.

Do we need to spend more time on the psychology aspect of the game, is it a mindset of accepting mediocrity? Questions that we will continue to ask and work to finding the answers. Clearly something worked this season and now it's about the pitching and defensive side. Jarryd Klemm was an absolute stand out this season and work tirelessly behind the dish and in the batter's box. We saw vast improvements from many key players and this is the positives we take into season 2017-18.

Ultimately, we would rate this season as disappointing and one I think most would say was one of the worst seasons we have had based on the potential this squad has. Hopefully with this feeling of underachievement and the acknowledgement of what is required and that we can and should get there, the coming seasons should be exciting to watch.

Damien Norsworthy



DIVISION 2

Thank you to all staff, players and supporters for a successful season!

With a challenge to improve our consistency, our boys shot out of the gun early this season. Winning 4 of our first 5 games, the Division Two squad showed the promise and ability we have all known they possessed for a long time.

Unfortunately, the nature of our Division Two, as a feeder squad to the Division One team, made consistent success against bigger clubs with experienced, concrete squads difficult.

Many of our players' rotated in and out of the Div One squad, as they should. Troy Chandler was one of the real success stories for this season as he took the next step to become an effective reliever at the D1 level. This opened up many opportunities in D2 for young pitchers, Brayden Caskey, Zac Stroud and Kynan Skein answered the call with great success.

Caskey capped his stellar transition with selection to the SA Under 18 squad, returning from Sydney with a Bronze medal for his efforts.

Consistency as the season wore on, again plagued our team. As the season wound down we had slight chances of crawling back into the top 6, but unfortunately fell short. Despite this final standing, our squad made excellent improvement, falling a breath short of a finals baseball experience for our talented young squad.

Congratulations to award winners, Jarryd Hardman (MVP) who, despite swinging in and out of the Div 1 pitching rotation, managed to run away with the vote count with good defence and potent offence. Rohan Coleman who had a fantastic year as Div Two catcher to win Rookie of the Year and Dalton Probert who rounded out a true utility season top two in batting average, runs and RBI while playing every position on the diamond at some point of the season.

The squad was blessed with a number of State representatives as has become the trend in our D2 squad. Brayden Caskey competed at the U18 level and Zac Stroud and Zac Heintze-Unger competed at the National U16 level.

Finally, thank you to my assistant coach, Paul Chandler, Div One coaches Kane Galloway, Blake Armstrong, Dean Towill and Damien Norsworthy and a special mention to Luke Chandler who made an excellent transition to a coaching role after being sidelined with labrum surgery.

Cheer Boys!

Tony Probert



DIVISION 3

This year we said goodbye to Anthony "Bubba" Dienelt and welcomed in a rookie Brandon "Nelson" Manzella from the junior ranks and Ben Andrew from Northern Districts.

From the get go we had a promising season with super competitive efforts against some of the best team in the league. Brandon settled into the lead-off spot nicely using all fields and his speed to create havok on the base paths in front of our middle of the order bats.

After a few weeks it became clear that in order to play finals we would need to get better when playing the top 4-5 teams, who we would compete with for most of games but then a one inning lapse would cost us.

In the end we reached the final regular season game needing a win to cement a playoff berth, taking on the power house of Henley and Grange. In the end we came up short for a 7th spot finish and missed the finals.

Our season in a nutshell was beating everyone below us and never taking a game from the Top 6 teams. Which showed we deserved to finish where we did. In all a frustrating season we know the boys will be back at it next season, hungrier than ever.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners, we look forward to getting back out in the park for the 2017/18 season.

Troy and Todd



DIVISION 4

The season's start was helped by having 2 pre season Sunday mid morning training sessions in late September, that lasted a combined 40 odd minutes, with the highlight being one of our new recruits arriving ' full kit wanker ' style to introduce himself to his new team mates, giving us a glimpse of the jocularity that lied ahead. These sessions were well attended with one of them seeing as many as 5 Div 4 affletes participate in the one session. We farewelled Juan Carisimo & Shane Kennealy after a couple of seasons and Chipper after a short half season but were lucky enough to entice 'The Big One' Andrew Couzner , out of retirement and the NT flyer himself , Anthony ' Full Kit Wanker ' Dienelt from his stint in Div 3. Our best pre season performance was of course at Craig Powell's AFL Grand Final show the week before our first game, with a photo taken featuring 6 Div 4 affletes at the bar which was posted on Yeatbook under the heading 2017 Premiers.

Well that was me done as I spent the next 2 weeks in hospital while nearly every player took on the managerial role until I came back 2 weeks before the Xmas break. According to scouting reports the team did quite well only dropping 2 games in that time with our new recruits doing some damage with the stick. Unfortunately in my first game back against Gawler I may have cost Knackers a no hitter as I was unable to stop a screaming line drive that was hit so hard some pundits were thinking it Aaron Judge like.

After Chrissy we won enough games to sit comfortably in 6th spot at the end of the minor round, having been walked off by West Torrens, the Franchise (Kensi) and drawing with Glenelg at West Beach but we were only 3 points from 2nd and knowing if we played like we knew we could, we could give it a nudge. We did it the hard way though as so many obstacles were thrust in front of us, with snipers from the grassy knoll and any other vantage point taking out affletes at will while attempting to make plays in the field and running bases. Some of the funniest stuff I have seen in 45 years of baseball .

We played the top side Goodwood at their reservation in week 1 of the finals and managed to beat them with some fantastic hitting and pitching meaning we were now the 2nd ranked side as 5th place WT beat 2nd placed Glenelg. We ventured down to Lockleys the next Saturday to play West Torrens for a grand final spot and smashed them from the start, winning by plenty with Yeaty only giving up 1. We were now the top ranked side and had a home grand final against the minor premier Goodwood.

Once again the Div 4 affletes were on fire with Justin Clark giving up 7 runs in 3 and Chalinor going for 10 in the last 3 and a bit as we towelled Goodwood in a mercy. In a magnificent display of power hitting against 2 of the better pitchers outside of seniors , we managed to win 17 – 7 with Yeaty and Knackers doing the job on the hill. Right through the lineup we excelled with everyone crushing but Louie going 5 for and Dazz & Knackers going yard the highlights.

Special thanks to the kids who sat and filled in – Riley, Carter, Ethan and Harry and to the big kids who were a big part of the season Stroudy , Wazza, the good Powell and 2 dads, with Zac Heinz Unger & Hunter Powell playing like champs in the Grand Final . Stu Millar for filling in and helping out in the finals. Thanks to Marnie for scoring and Kirra for filling in. Bubba, the Ginger Prince for game day cordial and post game beers on ice as well as his inspirational pre finals motivational videos. Dicky and Paul for the pristine diamonds . Barb and the girls for the Saturday night feeds.

Congratulations to our joint B & F winners Andrew Couzner and Kane Galloway , to Ralph D'Onise winning our team performance award and Yeaty for winning Player of the Finals. Thanks to all for a successful year , an enjoyable year and the funniest year of baseball with a great bunch of blokes . 17 – 7 baby !

John Lamb



DIVISION 6

With a number of retirements from last season, it was going to take us a few games to gel together. This wasn't helped by a bit of a merry go round with coaching in the first few weeks. So after 5 rounds we were 2 wins (inc a forfeit and 3 losses). However with Aaron Rollins leading us at training and on match day, we started to string together some wins. And then only lost two more games heading into finals to finish 13/5.

Having started our season with 3 pitching retirements, we weren't sure how we would go on the mound. Dylan Rollins started well on the mound, but soon enough young Liam Holland really stepped up with a great season and probably one of the great left handed pick off moves in the league. Coaxing JRod back to baseball and onto the mound also added some heat, and we were ably backed up by cameos from a number of other players, including a nice stint from Riley Holland as well.. We experimented with players in a variety of positions which did add a lot of flexibility to our ever changing lineup. We did get a number of pickoffs and 2-4 tags, however errors were our problem and we averaged 4.1 per game.

With the bat the boys out-hit every team (with 205) except in 2 games (one unfortunately being the final) with an average of 11.4 hits per game versus 5.5. Led by Oscar the Grouch, Big Tone, Gussa and JRod. And in those losses it just became a case of not getting them in sequences to do scoreboard damage. We had 12 players average over 333 and 7 players with 18 hits or more. There also became a bit of a stolen base race, with Copey leading the way from a surprisingly slippery ME and an actually fast Oscar.

So at the end of the minor round, after finishing 5th, we faced 2nd placed Glenelg, who we had beaten 3 weeks before – and we were considered the dark horse. However our 7 hits to their 9 put us under the pump but it was our 10 errors which killed us, going down 10-5. And for the third year in a row we lost our final to the eventual Premiers.

Lastly I would like to thank Aaron Rollins for his coaching this year, his training and game day really improved the boys. Also Vic McKinlay for scoring nearly all season was fantastic & all the boys for another great season of banter and baseball.

Awards:

Batting Trophy:

OSCAR CHAPMAN – Batting .548 with 23 hits from 42 at bats, also led with an OBP of .660. This was an outstanding effort and improvement from his senior debut last season with only 8 hits and .348.

Best Team Man:

This guy displayed a fantastic attitude all season. Turned up to trainings and games with a smile and a can-do attitude. He was asked to pitch and became our regular starter, with a great pick off move and delivered many strikes. Even when he was asked to help out the 7s for a game, (he wasn't pitching in ours that day) he happily went without any dramas. And was happy to help out with duties and umpiring as needed. A real credit to himself and his family and winner of our best Team Man: RILEY HOLLAND

BEST AND FAIREST - This season we had a few challengers :

Steve Cope with his relentless stealing, strong batting and reliable fielding at centre was the early contender. Oscar Chapman with his bat, base running and rocket arm also was in the mix, but missing a few games was going to make it tough. Gus McKinlay was ever reliable, and recovering from shoulder issues spent his time in the field (rather than behind the plate) and again crunched out 23 hits for the season.

But the winner this year did it all, he pitches, he catches, he hits and he scores. Whilst he might have liked to pitch a bit more, his season was a more complete season as a baseballer. And to top it off he is also a good bloke. This year's Div 6 Best and Fairest – DYLAN ROLLINS



DIVISION 7

Firstly, I would like to thank every member of the committee for an excellent job with our club this year and thank them for allowing me to be Division 1 Section 7 Coach.

I never thought that this was going to be an easy season after our premiership last year, and with us having to send five players up to Div. 6, including our grand final starting pitcher and centre fielder and our Premiership Coach being poached to the Under 13's, my thoughts were, make finals and then we will see what happens. We did make finals with 14 wins from 18 games and finished fourth. Some of the highlights of the season were – beating top placed Glenelg twice, giving them their only two losses for the season, coming from behind to beat Kensington 12-11 with a three-run bomb from Grant and of course winning the Grand Final on Chuckles 50th birthday weekend. Personal highlights were pitching the complete game against Woodville for a 22-7 win and having my beautiful wife Trish and my son Andrew play/score with me all season. Our list of players were Pumpkin, Carrots, Chuckles, Painfull, Adam, John, Sam, Grant, Luis, Scotty, Boydy, Razz, Richard, Stefan, Probes, Manager Granny and Scorer Trish. Thanks must also go to GB and son Jake, Liam and Ryan Holland and Angus Gneil for helping us out when we were short.

Our first final game was against third place Flinders at the Uni. We started the game off well with Adam hitting a three run bomb in the first and never looked back from there. We mercy'd them 12 – 3 in the sixth with Adam throwing the complete game.

Game two was against Adelaide at home. We lost our last minor round game to these guys so we knew this was going to be a much tougher game. It was. We went into the last with a three run lead, but after loading the bases with only one out, they scored two runs before Adam got angry forcing a ground out and striking out the last batter, winning the game for us 7-6.

The Grand Final was against the Angels at the trotting track. We had only played them once during the year and were beaten up so we knew we had a hard game ahead. It did not start well when Chuckles who was probably still drunk from his 50th birthday the day before, threw the ball over first bases head. This ended in them taking a one nil lead for the next two innings. Then we started hitting the ball tying the game in the third, scoring two more in the fourth, one in the fifth and none in the sixth while not giving them another run. Granny and I were very nervous going into the last with a three run lead, but our batters did their job again scoring another three. Adam for the third week in a row had thrown the complete game and came into the last very determined to give them nothing and that is exactly what he did. The good guys won 7-1

Our award winners were.

MVP – Adam Curtis.

Best Team Man – Luis Uzcategui.

Finals MVP – Adam Curtis

Thank you to the team, Deb and Trish for making this a very enjoyable season for me.

Good luck to the team and Coach Scotty for the 2017/2018 season.



UNDER 19

It was a pleasure to look after this team of athletes this season. Although we didn't make it to the final weekend I feel this club is well positioned compete well at this level for a number of years.

A lot of credit must go to Craig Powell and Michael Farr in their roles of Junior Coordinator , plus the group of junior coaches they assembled in the past 3 to 4 years that has made the East Torrens Baseball Club a junior club of choice amongst the SABL.

3 years ago we struggled to find 9 players that wanted to play Don Rice League – this year I was blessed having a squad of 15 each week wanting to take the field.

This caused some dramas fitting them all in during a 2 hour game – however it is drama I welcomed each and every week.

We won enough games to make the final of the Northern Division – only to fall at this last hurdle in the darkness of Patterson Reserve.

The team that secures the ball best generally gets over the line and unfortunately we gave Port Adelaide 4 unearned runs, falling behind 4 to 3 . But we never gave up and we rallied against the best U19 Pitcher in Australia to retake the lead only to be unable to secure the 3 outs required to win the game.

The most pleasing thing about our team was that 12 of our 15 regular players all played U17'S and we regularly come out up against teams fielding 19 and 20 year olds.

The Thankyous;

Dave Coleman who assisted me each week on the diamond.

Karl Hoschke – when he didn't have Bite or Div1 Commitments

Cheryl Caskey for scoring each week and putting up with all the changes and my poor hand writing

Cooper Goodwin for bringing the water container each week

Anthony Dienelt and Dave Coleman (U17 Coaches) who didn't hesitate in allowing their players to play and fitting in with pitching rotations

The various people who assisted in the canteen

Richard Smith and Paul Souter who prepared our diamond each week and the parents who assisted in cleaning up the diamond after our games

Parents, Grand Parents, Brothers and Sisters who attended our games each week and getting the players to our games which can be a logistical nightmare on a Wednesday Night

Last but by no way least – THE Players who took the field each week.

Award Winners;

Graham Fenwick Best and Fairest - Rohan Coleman – not only our MVP but also awarded the Claude Pearce Medal as the Best Player in the Don Rice North League for 2016/17 – a terrific season behind the plate, with the bat and on the base paths – hope to see you out next season (also a very talented Football Player who would look a lot better in Red and Blue instead of Red and White)

Offensive Player – Dalton Probert – Played in a number of positions during the year and our leader on the Diamond – Always a dangerous threat to the opposition when in the bating box – Dalton finished 2nd in batting average and led the club in One Base Average and RBI's

Best Team Man – Sam Paturis – A pleasure to coach this young man. ALWAYS listened , played in a verity of positions, reliable with the bat and very good on the mound who throw plenty of strikes – and added to this was the off field work - was always assisting packing up the gear, raking the diamond and setting up the diamond without being told – a real team player

Finally;

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 2016/17.

Yours in Baseball,

Paul Chandler

"Good teams become great ones when the members trust each other enough to surrender ME for WE" – Unknown (but I will claim it!)



UNDER 17

East Torrens Baseball Club - U17 'Mud Ferrets' Redsox report.

The 2016/17 season saw an increase in the number of young men coming through our junior program who were eligible for the Under 17 competition.

The Junior Coordinator and Executive Committee had the task to either field one strong team which limited game time, or field a second team and allow players opportunities to play and improve.

The result was unanimous we would field two teams in the under 17 competition, which we were the only club in the league to do so. This shows how successful our junior program is with the retention rate, as other clubs are seeing a decrease in numbers at this level.

Teams were divided into returning second year players as team East Torrens, and the first year players as the Redsox, but we quickly changed our name to the 'Mud Ferrets' after 2 out of our 4 home games were rained out. We also added players from under 15 who will be involved with this squad next year. These players did an exceptional job and were not fazed when exposed to what they will be facing next year.

Majority of our roster have been involved in our junior program for several years with their ability and skill levels a definite standout from day 1. This again highlights our coaches and management at the grass roots level. This season was about taking the next step from the junior fundamentals to a more senior approach to the game. All players showed a level of maturity and grasped opportunities when they were presented. In preparation for a high level of competition I found the eagerness to play and learn which is sometimes lost at this age group.

As the season progressed advancements were made with a large proportion from both squads having game time at all levels of senior baseball including division 1 starts. This can only improve their knowledge to be involved with players who have had successful careers and current players in senior squads.

Although our win loss record was not where we would liked it to have been at the end of the season, I felt we were extremely competitive in all games and learnt the value of consistency in the process. Our execution was outstanding and the willingness to take the game on and play hard was a standout.

Honorary mentions to my assistant Darren Unger on game days and Lisa Wyatt and Melinda Stroud for scoring, and to all parents for their involvement. Thanks to Dave Coleman and John Paturis for allowing both squads to train together as a group and bounce off ideas to improve training nights.

Inclosing I hope everyone involved in the 'Mud Ferrets' season walked away with something they have learnt, something to work on to improve and most of all enjoyed it, I know I did.

Anthony Dienelt



UNDER 17

This team led the league for most of the year finishing a very respectable 12W 3L only to come undone in the first week of finals. We were fortunate to boast having no passengers in a team that worked hard and were characterised by their ability to put runs on the board early in games.

Brayden Caskey and Hunter Powell both made their Div 1 debuts as well as being regulars in Div 2 & Under 19's along with Rohan Coleman, Kynan Skein and Sam Patrius.

Our MVP for the season was Brayden Caskey with Rohan Coleman Runner Up. Rohan Coleman also won the batting with our utility Hunter Powell (pitcher, catcher, short stop, 2nd base, 1st base & centrefield) an obvious choice for our best utility.

A great season which I truly enjoyed especially the support from all the parents. A big thank you to my Assistant Coach John Patrius, Scorer Cheryl Caskey and Team Manager Peter Pritchard.



UNDER 15/1

U15 1's had a sluggish start to the 2016/2017 season after comfortably accounting for Adelaide in round 1. We sat down for the ladder in 8th place with a 2 – 3 record after round 5. From there the team clicked into gear and out together 9 straight wins before a tied result down at Southern Districts, ending the regular season with 12 wins, 15 1 loses and a draw finishing in 2nd place.

The final series we collected 2 more solid wins against 5th place Golden Grove and 3rd place Souths to advance to the Grand Final against 1st place Henley. But glory was not to be ours after going down 12 – 11 in a thriller. 2nd year players Armando Ramirez, Eddie Elias, Jack Kelly and Carter Powell had a very solid season. As did Jake Bonner and Braeden Ashworth stepping up from a 15 2's previous season.

10 of the 12 squad members toed rubber, with Riley Yeatman and Jake Bonner, being our best combination. Thank you to Darren Unger and Paul Ashworth for their support and assistance, Tracey Bonner and Marnie Yeatman for recording the weekly event. And lastly thank you to Grant Bonner for his expert organisational skills pre and post games.

Craig Powell



UNDER 15/2

The season started off similar to last year, with a number of boys having played Under 15's before, some having moved up from Under 13's and some having never played before. An initial concern was raised in the first few games when the new players were sent to left field and right field and headed off in opposite directions. Teaching baseball was going to be hard enough but teaching them their left and right seemed like an impossible ask. However the season got off to a good start with a few comfortable wins under the belt immediately but this led to an increasingly confident group, resulting in cockiness and a slacking off at training.

A quick meeting of the coaches and a narrow loss when our best players viewed the game from the bench soon sorted that out. While a number of players pitched throughout the season, Jamie Hunter laid down a very strong claim for starting pitcher, and Joey Cristancig made a strong claim for catcher – all the more impressive given he'd never played catcher before. With a bigger squad compared to last year (12 players) there was a significant amount of rotation and two very different lineups were developing with the fielding and the batting. A strong focus on the first half of the season on defense saw us head into Christmas topping the ladder, having lost only one game.

However when the season resumed a number of the boys seemed to be suffering from Christmas hangovers and we promptly lost the next two games against mid table opposition. This became a bit of concern for both the coaches and other parents however the boys steadied. With the fundamentals of defence in place, focus turned to batting and an additional batting training session on Friday nights came into play. Half the boys turned up for these sessions and the improvement was almost immediate.

The next few games saw us rack up three wins in a row, to finish the regular season in second place and the potential of two home finals. Those games were played in wildly different conditions, and while one was played in the rain and the mud and the other in brilliant sunshine, the results were the same and the boys headed down to Glenelg to take on the season toppers in the Grand Final.

A perfect 34c day saw us head to Henley & Grange for the Grand Final. Joseph Cristancig led off, making first and then second using the same aggressive approach which had got him nominated as a CAPPS finalist and he was quickly followed by Jamie Hunter and Lachlan Simmons for loaded bases. Noah Rogers stepped up, decided the third pitch had home run written all over it, and proceeded to comply. Caleb Bendon and Josh Dobie hit singles to outfield, stole their way around the bases and then Jackson Poole, realising that he hadn't hit a home run in his first ever season of baseball, decided to change all that by knocking one out the park, retiring their pitcher in the process. Jamie Hunter stepped onto the mound and Keegan Jackel, who had gone from a potential bench player to automatic fielding and batting pick caught the second pitch in Centrefield. Erratic fielding meant we had to stay in the field, letting them sneak four runs, two of which were due to our errors. Highlights though included a fantastic spaghetti pick off and run down at second involving Caleb Bendon and Josh Dobie and we were 7-4 up at the end of the first. Josh Dobie's effort made all the more impressive as he had missed 10 games of the season due to illness, only returning in February. Charlie George kept up his record of hits in a row and while we scored two, they scored one, with Lachlan 'Stretch' Simmons helping us secure a three up three down third. By the fourth Jamie Hunter had thrown 18 balls and 44 strikes and given up no walks to give us a 9 to 6 lead and departed for the bench with Noah Rogers taking his place. Noah had already justified his potion as MVP for the season with his big hitting and pitching and got down to the job of closing the game out.



UNDER 15/2

Finn Pattinson joined the batting lineup and quickly got on base but a lack of hitting combined with strong fielding meant we weren't able to get the boys round. By the end of the sixth the scores were 9-7 and Nick Keating had replaced Charlie George at right field, providing Lachlan Simmons with strong back up and making sure nothing got past him. Lachlan was again proving his worth in the field and taking singles and doubles at every opportunity, consistent with the rest of his season and justifying his batting award with a .700 batting average. The seventh saw Josh Dobie lead off and get on base and Keegan Jackel, who couldn't hit a thing before Christmas continue to show how his extra Friday night batting training had improved him by cracking one to the boundary to get him home. He followed suite, as did Jackson Poole and Finn Pattinson to make it 13-7. They needed 6 to tie it or seven to win it. Their first and second batters were walked, although this turned out to be a cunning infield plan as Josh Dobie at short and Keegan Nadge at second combined to get the second runner out as they tried to steal second. A visit to the mound by the coach reminded the boys to get the easy out in exchange for runs, which Keegan Nadge performed brilliantly at second when, with a runner on first, he snaffled up a ground ball and instead of going to second for the double play he secured the out at first, inadvertently confusing the runner in the process, allowing Lachlan Simmons to return the throw for, according to the score book, a 4-3-4 double play and a 13-8 victory. Every player played their role to perfection and after 17 games and countless hours of training, they boys walked off Under 15/2 Champions and well deserving of the victory.



U13/1

With a lot of boys moving up this year we were a bit light on numbers meaning for the first half of the year a few boys were playing 2 games or we had the u11's come up to help out. Pre Xmas we settled the 2 teams down and made a run for finals.

We ended the minor round inside the top 6 and came up against a strong Sturt side who beat us but we fought hard. Next we came up against the undefeated H&G side who again beat us to eliminate us from our premiership race.

All in all I feel it was a successful season with a mix of young players who have a year or 2 to go in u13's and some very experienced boys who led the way.

We welcomed the Barker and Lucas families to the club and these 2 boys led the way in most categories.

Congrats to Steve Klemm and his 13/2's who went deep into the finals and showed improvement every week.

Week done to Connor Yeatman, Aiden Lucas, Greg Bravo, Angel Ramirez, Sebastian Pezzotta and Jude Barker on making the Marlins Charter team that competed at the National Titles in Lismore and all performed very well.

Massive congratulations to Jude Barker who was selected in the Australian team that competed in the Cal Ripken World Series in the USA.

Thanks to Katherine Ashworth for scoring and Ralph D'Onise for assisting me all year along with Steve Klemm who coached our Div 2 side.

I'm having a break next season but have loved every minute of the many years I've coached this age group and I wish the next coach the best of luck.

Steve Yeatman



U13 -2

We had an amazing season. We started the season a little slim on playing numbers however with a little juggling we managed to put a team on the diamond every week. It was great to see some new faces join the club, Bailey & Tatum Froome, James Metaxas, Mia Rogers & Lawrence Vella were all welcomed to the ET family. This was my first year of coaching a junior team which I thoroughly enjoyed & to be honest I felt a little exposed however with help from Steve Yeatman from the 13-1s, I gained confidence & momentum as the season progressed.

I was blessed with an outstanding group of parents who gave me great support throughout the season which made coaching game day easy & enjoyable.

A big thank you to Jenna Froome for scoring, George Metaxas for pitch count & Andrew Gneil who took on the role of team manager for the season. It was also great to see all the other parents help out in the canteen when required – thank you very much.

Our record for the season was 9-6 where we finished 4th. This put us into the finals where we lost 15-7 to Glenelg in the first final. We then headed down to H & G to take on the minor premiers & take them on we did. In a rain soaked match we went down 10-7. This game was an epic battle where we just fell a little short but left H & G with our head held high. It was a gritty performance & one the whole playing group should be proud of. I would also like to thank Ralph Deniese, Andrew Couzner & Yeaty for all their experience & assistance on training nights.

Many of the guys will now venture to the U15s for the forth coming season – Good luck to you all & look forward to leading our next wave of club champions.
Roll on 2017/18 Season – Can't wait.

Cheers Klemmy



RED SOX U11

What a great season, my first at a junior coaching level. With the majority of players new to Baseball we focused on the basics and the team developed well in all areas, with the shared U11 coaching resources of Andrew Couzner, Kym Ashworth, and Darian King. A big thank you to them all but special thanks must go to Andrew for his tremendous help throughout the year. The continual help and support from parents, who were all rostered on to duties, throughout the weeks was very appreciated and made coaching much more enjoyable. We had a lot of fun throughout the year and at the last training session all parents and many siblings enjoyed having a hit off the tee and running the bases while the boys fielded. Some very funny moments.

The boys progressed their skills greatly as players, even in the trying wintery conditions of a supposedly summer season. This was evident in our last game where everything just clicked nicely. Some great plays, good hitting and base running with very little coaching required, saw us match it with the 2nd best team in our division.

More importantly to me, the boys have developed as teammates. They bonded together well and showed great care towards one another on and off the field and this has been very rewarding to see as a coach. The players were Liam Adey, Aiden Begg, Neypier Craig, Lachlan Braithwaite, Tyler Dunn, Ethan Hines, Joshua Larkin, Charlie Leask, Kaylan Nottage, Harper Manning, and Daniel Mosen.

Harper Manning and Lachlan Braithwaite took out the encouragement awards and all the boys collected trophies to cap off the season.

Team mates Neypier Craig and Tyler Dunn shared the Max Trengrove Junior Batting Award. Well done boys. I look forward to doing it all again next season and develop the boys further to prepare them for U13s.

Richard Begg



EAST TORRENS U11

In a season to remember our Under 11 boys went undefeated in taking out the Ron Chandler League Shield then went on to beat the best in the Southern Division Glenelg in a showcase game. This team was made up of 8 players staying down from the season before, 2 tee ball graduates and a first timer to baseball. Our goal as coaches of this team is to create baseball players and teach them the correct way to play the game. Junior baseball can be quite hard to watch sometimes if you don't have a vested interest in the game with some teams having a couple of kids who pitch every game and rest of the team don't get an opportunity to have a go or too many walks being thrown, errors being made and hitters not making much contact. Well these guys were the opposite! All our players pitched and threw strikes, we fielded well and know what to do once the ball is hit at us, with the bat we are aggressive looking to hit the ball hard and by doing this we had quite the crowd following by season end. This was achieved by working hard at practice, listening to the coach's instruction, being on time, watching the game, not being afraid to fail, having fun and enjoying the sport we love.

I cannot thank the players, parents and grand parents, coaches, assistant coaches, umpires, club volunteers, scorers and helpers enough for this past season.

To Brodie, Vinod, Noah, Hunter, Dylan, Alex, Kason, Damon and Will good luck with the move up to Under 13 we coaches feel you are well prepared and ready to tackle the next step.

To Lachie and Eli you guys have another season at this level and will continue to improve and become great ball players.

Andrew Couzner



SENIOR GAMES MILESTONES



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600 Games

Travis Underhill

400 Games

Darian King

350 Games

Paul Chandler

Ralph D'Onise

Troy Harrington

Steve Yeatman

200 Games

Josh Smith

100 Games

Charlie Ashcroft

Jarred Klemm

Angus McKinlay

Payne Sowter

Brad Torkington

50 Games

Justin Caskey

David Chapman

Steff Gratten

Dalton Probert

Michael Schillabeer



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