

EAST TORRENS BASEBALL CLUB

HISTORY

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Minor League

The Minor League delegate reported that the Minor League State Team wishes to purchase a new set of uniforms at a cost of £120. The Minor League suggests that each Club be levied £1 per minor league team which should bring in £87 and the Minor League will find the balance. It was resolved that the delegate vote in support of the suggestion.

Teams

The secretary reported that he has nominated the following teams for the 1960 Season:

Major A & B.

Minor A, D, G, & Colts.

Social Committee

This committee organized the following Social functions:

1. Cabaret.
2. A Miniature Tattersalls Competition expecting to raise £153.
3. Club Picnic.
4. Windup Cabaret with a Turkey Raffle.
5. October Long Weekend trip to Mt. Gambier.

1961

The Club was quite successful on the whole by winning premierships in two teams and finishing fourth in another.

Major League A

Dave Roberts was the playing coach of this team. Although this team finished seventh on the premiership list it was not disgraced and, up until very near the finals, they had every chance of making the final four. The loss of Ron Biddell to a career in the R.A.A.F. could have made the difference in the last two minor round games.

Major League B

Bob Edmeades was elected Captain and this very young team was outclassed in the competition winning only three games out of twenty.

Minor League B

Brian Hayley captained this team to fourth position but was defeated by Goodwood in the Semi-final.

Minor League C

This team was captained by Keith Hedger but unfortunately nominated in a grade too high and winning only 3 games and drawing 1 out of 22 games.

Minor League G

Under the leadership of Dave Edmeades this team played 15 games, won 13, drew 1 and lost 1. This is indeed an outstanding performance and thoroughly deserved their premiership, which they secured by defeating Glenelg 11 – 3.

Minor Colts

This team was captained by Dean Hedger and won 14 games out of 16 played, and thoroughly deserved their premiership. The Minor Colts have won three premierships over the past four years.

Social Committee

This committee organized the following Social functions:

1. Cabaret at the Marryatville Hotel – approx. £45 profit.
2. Approx. 315 persons participating in the Mini Tats.

New Ground

1961 – 1968 – The Club used an area just north of Police East, for training only, where there was a galvanised shed used as a Clubroom.



New Ground

The Committee was advised that work had not been commenced on the new ground due to a Government grant to the St. Peters Council not being approved at this stage.

1962

The Club experienced a very successful year with teams entered in 7 grades with five of them playing in the finals and two winning premierships.

Major League A

This team was again captained by the Club Coach Dave Roberts, and at the end of the minor round were in fourth position and were defeated by Glenelg 6 – 2 in the semi-final. During the season 20 games were played of which they won 11, lost 7 and drew 2. There were 97 runs scored by the team and 58 against them.

Although he played Minor B for the first few games, Ron Russ pitched the major part of the season for the “A”'s and proved his worth by being defeated by only ½ vote for the Capps Medallion.

Major League B

This team finished in 7th position, just three points out of the final four.

Minor League B

Returning to the Club after a few years absence, Bob Rutter capably captained this team which appeared to be the happiest team in the Club. They lost only 1 game during the minor round finishing minor premiers 6 points ahead of second position. Unfortunately for the team, the State Schoolboys selectors chose the battery, Peter Keen and Roger Prime, to go to Melbourne which meant that they were unavailable for the final. The results of the finals were:

Semi-final – defeated 13 – 8 by Glenelg.

Preliminary final – defeating Henley & Grange 11 – 7.

Grand final - defeated 12 – 11 by Glenelg.



B. Hayley, K. Pitt, B. Williams, A. McDougall, T. Taylor, R. Kennealy
R. Northey, A. Buckett, R. Prime, R. Rutter (C), P. Keen

Minor League D

In the minor round 18 games were played of which this team won 16 and lost 2.

Unfortunately, they lost the grand final to Woodville.

Minor League F

Under the leadership of Bill Chesson this team was successful in winning the premiership after winning the 1961 Minor G premiership and being promoted to Minor F. They played 18 games in the minor round losing only 2 of them with scoring 275 runs and 81 runs against.

Minor Colts

They have done it again, winning their fourth premiership in five years. Peter Roberts looked after this team whenever games did not clash with his "A" grade commitments.

Little League

This new team consisted of players under 14 years of age and Ray Gilbert was appointed captain. They finished the season in sixth place with 5 wins and 9 losses.

Club Practices.

A Special Committee Meeting was held, and the Club Coach was invited to attend, to discuss the reason why senior players were not attending practices.

The Coach advised the meeting that A grade players play and practice for 12 months of the year and compulsory attendance would cause them to become fed up with the game. When the A Grade starts to lose games then practices will be called. In his opinion Sunday practices are not worthwhile. He suggested that a roster be drawn up with compulsory practices for 4 teams one week and 3 teams the other week. An exemption being the Colts and Little League who should attend each week.

These suggestions were accepted by the Committee.

American Coach

Tentative arrangements were made for a special training session with a visiting American prior to the commencement of the 1963 season.

Social Committee

This committee organized the following Social functions:

1. End of season trip to Mildura – Tom Hocker (Manager) – Arthur Tilley (Ass. Manager)
2. Barbecue held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Tilley
3. Annual Picnic at National Park
4. Mini Tats
5. Several Cabarets

1963

This Season has been even more outstanding than 1962. Again 7 teams were entered and 6 teams played in the finals with two winning their Grand Final and the Club finishing 2nd overall in the S.A.B.L Club Competition.

Major League A

This team was again captained by the Club Coach Dave Roberts, and at the end of the minor round were in second position. They were defeated 7 – 1 by top team West Torrens in the 1st Semi-final, but making the most of the double chance by defeating University 2 – 1 in the Preliminary final. West Torrens proved the better team in the Grand-final defeating us 5 – 1.

Major League B

This team was quite young and under the experience guidance of Bob Edmeades. They finished in 6th position, and would have finished clear third if they had won 2 more games, which gives some idea of just how close the competition was.

Minor League A

This was basically the same team which was narrowly defeated for the Minor B premiership in 1962, and they showed that their promotion to Minor A was warranted. After finishing in third position at the end of the minor round, they were defeated 9 – 4 by West Torrens in the Semi-final. The captaincy of Bob Rutter was a major contributing factor to the performance of the team. Peter Keen, having won the Graham Fisher Medal in Minor B during 1962, proceeded to win the Ron Sharpe Medal for the best and fairest in Minor A.

Minor League C

This team was initially captained by Ken Williams, but on his transfer to Woomera for business reasons, Roger Wells took over the role. Everyone was of the opinion that they had missed making the final four, but an error had apparently been made in the records of the S.A.B.L and they played in the major round. They finished the season in fourth position, being defeated by Prospect in the Semi-final.

Minor League E

Under the leadership of Geoff Duhne this team was successful in winning the premiership after finishing second at the end of the minor round. They defeated Glenelg in the first Semi-final 9 – 3 and again in the Grand-final 4 – 3.



Minor Colts

Jack Anders offered his services as Manager – Coach of this team. After finishing the minor round in second position they defeated West Torrens 26 – 12 in the semi- final, only to lose 5 – 3 to Adelaide in the Grand-final.

Little League

Bruce Dutton was appointed captain and this team was successful in winning the premiership trophy.

Club Practices

It was resolved that practice commence at the Police Grounds on Saturday 16th March unless either the Secretary or the Equipment Manager could obtain a better ground closer to the Club's district.

At the May meeting held at the home of John Towill at Adelaide Street Maylands, the Club Coach, Dave Roberts, was invited to attend to discuss practices for the current season.

After much discussion it was decided "That the Coach be instructed to have the Major A and Major B grade players attend practice more often as a whole".

Club Ground

During the May meeting the issue of trying to find a new Ground was raised. The Club Coach, Dave Roberts, reported that there was a suitable vacant block adjoining the Payneham Primary School and stated that he would make further enquiries and report back to a representative of the committee.

Secretary's Resignation

Owing to the fact that the Secretary, John Merkel, had been advised of his transfer in employment it, was resolved that Laurie Williams be appointed Acting Secretary in the Secretary's absence.

S.A.B.L. Report

Baseball in future to be played in Summer providing grounds are available. This matter at present is being investigated by a sub-committee of the S.A.B.L.

Club Coach

Committee members were asked to consider the automatic inclusion of the Coach at future Management Committee meetings.

Social Committee

This committee organized the following Social functions:

1. End of season trip to Mildura.
2. Mini Tats.
3. Four Cabarets (3 at the Norwood R.S.L. and 1 at the Oriental Hotel).
4. Picnic at National Park redirected to the Coo-ee Club Hall at Payneham due to bad weather.

1964

Due to the changing of employment the secretary found himself unable to make a report, so the Acting Secretary Bob Edmeades reported on the years' activities.

Major League A

During the early part of the season this team looked set to win a premiership and was holding a clear lead in points when the S.A.B.L. invoked an unforgettable severe penalty and crushed our hopes of coming any other place than last.

At the July meeting it was moved, seconded and passed that the actions of the President in calling a meeting of the senior players and releasing a statement to the press concerning Ron Russ, be sanctioned.

The President commented on the Russ matter by telling the Committee that the Goodwood Club in May 1964 believed Russ was living in their district. When they learnt that he was actually living in the Adelaide District they were dismayed at the thought of causing trouble for nothing. If Arthur Radbone had not made his press statements this matter may have been dropped by the Permit Committee.

The President then read the constitution rulings and believed that this Club was in an impossible position according to the rulings.

After further discussions the President, Patron and a Committee member were appointed to get together with Ron Russ to discuss his residential qualifications, so that an explanation could be given to the Permit Committee of the S.A.B.L.

At the August Committee Meeting of the Club it was reported that the matter was put to a vote at the S.A.B.L. meeting of Club delegates. The decision was that all points be lost for games in which Russ participated. An application was immediately made for permission to play Russ in Minor A. This application was subsequently refused.

It was resolved that the President make application to the S.A.B.L. Secretary for permission to consult the Leagues Solicitor.

At the September Committee Meeting of the Club the President read the letter written to the S.A.B.L. regarding permission to consult the League Solicitor on the matter of Ron Russ' district qualifications and the penalty of 20 premiership points and £5.0.0 fine. The President then read the reply which refused permission on the grounds that the League Solicitor was for advice to the League only when the dispute was between Clubs and the S.A.B.L.

Congratulations to Dave Roberts who batted splendidly throughout the season to win the S.A.B.L. Major A batting trophy with a .400 average.

Major League B

This team unfortunately was unable to combine well enough to win many games and was captained by Laurie Williams.

Minor League A

This team was captained by Kelvin Pitt and managed to keep within touch of the four for most of the season and finally finished in seventh position.

Minor League C

Under the captaincy of Ken Williams this team held top position for most of the season and with a very exciting Grand-final won a well deserved premiership.

Minor League D

This team was captained by Neville Smith and finished in fourth position after losing the second Semi-final.

Minor Colts

Jack Anders again coached this team to another Grand-final win.

Little League

Brian Hayley was a real father to these boys and it was only the fact that they were so young that they did not do better.

Club Ground

The Secretary was instructed to write to the following Councils enquiring about the possibility of grounds being available: Payneham, Enfield, Campbelltown and St. Peters.

Owing to a lack of volunteers it was resolved that all teams from Major A to Minor D be rostered to mark the diamonds at Police East and Adelaide Grounds.

1965

From the Annual General Meeting

Life Member Geoff Draper asked if an explanation could be made in reference to the Building Fund.

The President answered by saying that approximately seven years ago the St. Peters Council advised the Club that that if it could raise £300 in the next three years, we could have a chance to have as our home ground a portion , or share with another sporting club of the proposed new sporting ground which was scheduled to be built on the River Torrens at the end of St. Peters Street. However time has passed by without any work being carried out in the construction of this ground, so that as a result our Building Fund has grown to the amount of £719.17.5.

League Committees

A letter was received from the S.A.B.L. advising that its constitution stated that Clubs must nominate at least one member for the various League Committees. Keith Hedger was nominated for the Activities Committee and John Towill was nominated for the Activities Committee and the Permit Committee. They were both elected to the Activities Committee at the March Council Meeting.

Social Committee

This committee organized the following Social functions:

1. Four Cabarets.
2. Annual Picnic at Pines Oval National Park.
3. Mini Tatts.

Coach's Report

The Club teams finished in the following positions at the end of the minor round:

Major A	Finished in 10 th position.
Major B	Finished in 10 th position.
Minor A	Finished the minor round in 2 nd position. Defeated the Minor Premiers Henley & Grange 7- 5 in the semi-final and Marion 4-3 in the Grand-final.
Minor C	Finished the minor round in 2 nd position but were defeated in both major round games.
Minor E	Finished in 6 th position.
Colts	Finished in 5 th position.
Little League	Finished in 7 th position.

1966

S.A.B.L. Report

At the March meeting it was reported that the sons of any player completing ten years with a club could play for his father's Club regardless of district qualifications.

At the Club's September meeting the Club Secretary was instructed to query the Central Districts diamond at the next Council Meeting. (The entire infield was a mound and was constructed prior to mounds being introduced to South Australia).

At the Club's October meeting it was reported that:

1. Inquiries would be made into the correct dimensions of American pitching mounds to see if Central Districts ground was correct.
2. A sub-committee of the S.A.B.L. was formed for the promotion of baseball. The Committee consisted of Roy Page, A. Branstrom, Bruce Harris, Arthur Radbone and Kingsley Wellington.

New Club Ground

At the March meeting the Secretary reported that the Club may be granted the use of the T.K. Shutter Reserve in Fourth Avenue Klemzig. It was recommended that a written application be sent and if a sympathetic reply was received then a committee be formed to meet with representatives of the Ground.

At the October meeting discussions on the playing area behind the Payneham Civic Centre took place. It was decided not to become financially involved as the property was controlled by the Education Department.

Incorporation The President volunteered to obtain information about the procedure to become Incorporated.

Police Grounds At the June Committee Meeting it was decided that all material belonging to the Club be removed from the shed in the parklands.

Social Club

This committee organized the following Social activities:

1. Two Cabarets held at the Payneham Civic Centre.
2. Final Cabaret for the season held at the Norwood R.S.L.
3. Social Night for the Club Juniors
4. Annual Picnic at Pines Oval National Park.
5. Mini Tatts.

The Club teams finished in the following positions:

Major League A Equal 5th position. W 9 – L 10 - D 1. **Major League B.** 9th position. W 6 – L 14.

Minor League A 2nd position. W 13 – L 5. Lost the Grand-final 6 – 5 to Central Districts who were then promoted to the Major League.

Minor League C. 3rd position. W 14 – L 4. Finished in 2nd position at the end of the Minor round and were defeated by Goodwood 9 – 8 in the Preliminary final.

Minor League E. 3rd position. W 7 – L 4 – D 1. Lost 9 – 2 to Goodwood in the Preliminary final. **Minor Colts.** 8th position. W 4 – L 13 – D 1.

Little League. 8th position. W 7 – L 10 – D 1.

Sacred Heart College Competition. Won by East Torrens 12 – 10 Woodville.

1967

League Committees

The Club's League Delegate reported that the Central Districts' mound was not to specifications and would not be used for Major A games.

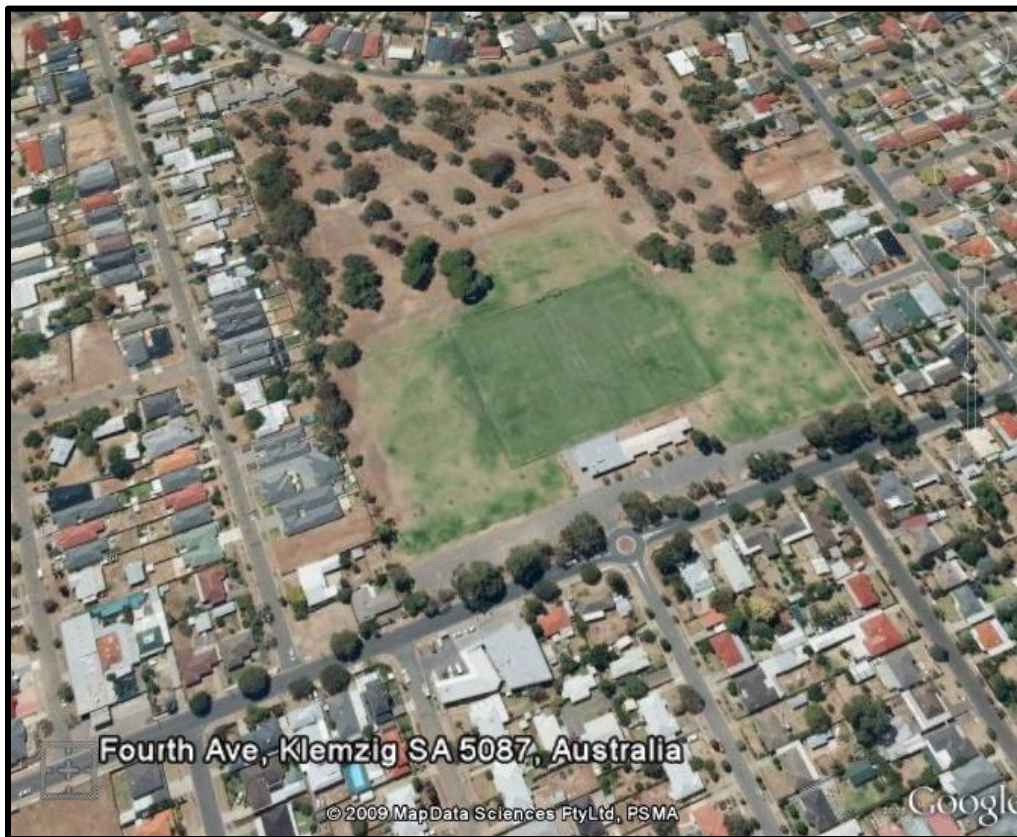
Batting Helmets

The Equipment Manager was asked to look into the price of batting helmets with the view of introducing them to junior players.

Training Ground

T.K. Shutter Reserve 4th AVE., Klemzig was used for training only. A Stepney Laundry van was used as a Clubroom.

T. K. Shutter Reserve



Payneham Ground

At the June meeting the Secretary was told to make an application to the Payneham Council for the use of the adjacent sports ground.

Campbelltown Ground

The Secretary was told to inquire from the Campbelltown Progress and Sports Association into the possibility of our Club obtaining the use of the Reserve situated in Botanic Grove Campbelltown.

At the last Committee meeting for 1967 it was reported that Dave Roberts and John Towill had met with the Campbelltown Council and that the choice of two grounds would be offered to the Club. Members of the Committee would inspect the sites on the following Sunday morning.

Premier of S.A

Also at the June meeting the Secretary was told to send a letter of congratulations to one of the Club's Patrons, Don Dunstan, on his election as Premier.

Incorporation

The Treasurer was appointed the Club's Officer to arrange the Incorporation of the Club and to be known as East Torrens Baseball Club Incorporated. The first notice of the Club's intention to be incorporated was placed in a daily newspaper prior to the August Committee Meeting.

Summer Baseball

At the October Committee meeting the Secretary was told to inform the League that the Club would probably have a ground for Summer Baseball.

Parklands Shed

Notice received that the shed, once used as the Club's Clubroom, alongside the Police Grounds is to be demolished.

Social Committee

This committee organized the following Social activities:

1. Pre-season Barbecue at the home of Bob Edmeades.
2. Three Cabarets, one held at the Waverley Hotel.
3. Annual Picnic.
4. Juniors Social Night.
5. Mini Tatts.

The Club teams finished in the following positions at the end of the minor round:

Major League A 6th position. W 10 – L 8.

Major League B 8th position. W 7 – L 10 D 1.

Minor League A 8th position. W 7 – L 10 D 1.

Minor League B 12th (bottom). W 2 – L 16.

Minor Colts 6th position. W 6 – L 9.

Little League 1st position. W 16 – L 1 – D 1. Finished top at the end of the Minor round. Defeated Sturt 4 – 3 in the Second Semi-final and 10 – 4 in the Grand-final.

Chrysler Cup. Norwood Primary School was defeated by Central Districts in the Grand-final 1 – 0 in the 10th innings.

1968

S.A.B.L.'s Promotions Committee

At the Club's A.G.M. the Secretary read out the proposal for Summer Baseball. The Committee decided at its March meeting to vote for Summer Baseball.

Payneham Ground

Pre-season practices are being carried out at the Payneham School Ground. An application to the Payneham Council to use the ground for the remainder of the season was approved.

At the June Committee meeting, Dave Roberts reported that he and John Towill had a meeting with the Town Clerk of the Payneham Council regarding the leasing of the Ground next to the Civic Centre. The proposal that the Council has given to the Club is a lease of five(5) years, with the right of renewal for a further five(5) years at a fee of approximately \$250.00 a year. The Secretary was told to write to the Council about the lease and its conditions.

At the August meeting a letter was received from the Payneham Council arranging a meeting between the Council, School, Lacrosse and Baseball Clubs regarding conditions of use for the Ground.

The President reported to the September Committee meeting that at last the Club has its own Ground between the Payneham Civic Centre and the Payneham Demonstration School and that a Clubroom is to be constructed in the near future.

Primary School Baseball

Six schools participated in the Eastern Districts Junior Baseball Competition.

Athelstone defeated Payneham 17 – 6 in the Final.

Incorporation

The Club became incorporated under the provisions of the Association Incorporation Act, 1956 – 1965 on 15th March 1968.

Parklands Shed

As the shed alongside the Police Grounds has been demolished, the Committee feels that the Club has no responsibility to mark out the diamonds on Police East and Adelaide Grounds. It was decided to write a letter to the Match and Grounds Committee about this matter.

Social Committee

This committee organized the following Social activities:

1. Pre-season Barbecue at the home of Mrs. Kirkman.
2. Three Cabaret's, the first one held at the Payneham R.S.L.
3. Annual Picnic.
4. Mini Tatts.
5. Windup/Presentation Night.

Summer Baseball

A Special Meeting of the Committee was held on 3rd July to make arrangements for the introduction of Summer Baseball.

Summer Baseball Season 1968 – 69.

Name of Club:- East Torrens Baseball Club Inc. Name requested for teams:- East Torrens redsox.

Alternative name:- East Torrens Redlegs.

Uniform:- White with blue pin stripe (if available).

Red lettering, REDSOX on front and number on back. Royal blue sweatshirt.

Royal blue cap with red E. T. Red cut away socks.

Cost of changeover:- Approx. \$1,500 for three teams – includes warm up jackets.

Teams:- A Grade, Colts and Little League.

The Summer Baseball Committee approved the name and uniform except for the sweatshirt which they consider should be red.

An appeal by the Committee for blue coloured sweatshirt sleeves was successful.

The following comments were made by the Club Coach at the July Committee meeting:

Major League A

Finished in the top 6 and therefore made the first division for the coming Summer Season.

Major League B

Had a good year.

Minor League A

Finished half way up the ladder.

Minor League C

Finished down the ladder.

Minor Colts

Finished in 3rd position and lost the Preliminary Final 2 – 1 to Sturt.

Little League

Finished in 2nd position and then went on to win the Premiership.

1968/69 Summer Season

Annual General Meetings

With the changeover to Summer Baseball there were two Annual General Meetings in 1968, the first on 1st March and the second on September 13th September.

Clubhouse

Plans of the Clubhouse were presented to the October meeting.

Committee Meetings

Rather than meetings being held at Committee members homes the Kings Head Hotel became a regular Committee meeting venue.

Social Committee

This committee organized the following Social activities:

1. Barbecue Night.
2. Cabaret at the St. Peters R.S.L. 26th April.
3. Picnic at Pines Oval National Park.
4. Mini Tatts.
5. Colts Breakup at the home of their coach.

S.A.J.B.L. Report

Delegate reported that Dave Roberts was Appointed Chairman and Brian Addison Treasurer.

Coach's Report

The following comment were made at the July Committee meeting:

Majors Finished in last position.

Colts Finished just outside the final four.

Little League Finished outside the final four, winning 5 games, losing 5 and drawing 1.

1969 – Winter Season

Practices

With no ground available Payneham Oval was used for one week. The Lacrosse Club gave permission for the Club to use the northern end of the Civic Centre Ground. A letter was sent to the Payneham Council requesting the use of Payneham Oval for the remainder of the season as well as the Lacrosse Club for the use of the northern end of the Civic Centre Ground.

Permission was refused by the Council but granted by the Lacrosse Club.

Little League Camp

Trevor Jarrett, Coach of the Little League team sought to run a Baseball Camp during the May school holidays at Kuipito.

Social Committee

This committee organized the following Social activities:

1. Two Cabarets including the Windup Presentation Night.

Coach's Report

The following comment were made at the July Committee meeting:

Majors Finished in 7th position.

Minor A Finished well down the ladder with only one win.

Minor D Finished in the finals winning 6 and losing 4 in the minor round.

Little League After winning 10 games and losing only 1 in the minor round this team went through the finals to win the Grand-final.

1969/70

Boundary Changes

Due to the Club's Ground being on the boundary, the Club applied to the S.A.B.L. for a change in the boundaries. It was agreed to by the S.A.B.L., Kensington and East Torrens for the areas of Payneham, South Payneham, Firle and Glynde to go to East Torrens and the area of Norwood and Rose Park go to Kensington.

Social Committee

This committee organized the following Social activities:

1. Cabarets including a "Back to E.T.".
2. Picnic at Williamstown Oval.
3. Christmas Barbecue Function at the home of Chris Blucher.
4. Mini Tatts.
5. Walkathon with a barbecue at the home of Tom Maddison. Approx. \$200 raised.
6. Back to East Torrens – 14th March.
7. Presentation Night Cabaret – 11th April.

Junior Baseball

A letter was sent to all Primary Schools in the E.T.B.C. District to find out which ones were interested in participating in a Saturday morning competition.

The following points were mentioned:

- 1 Competition to start in Feb. 1970.
- 2 All games played at Payneham.
- 3 Coaching clinics prior to matches.
- 4 Club will provide coaches.

A Club Junior Baseball Committee was formed with the role of organizing and promoting baseball. The Sub-committee consisted of the following Committee members:

Bob Edmeades, Brian Addison, Allan Smith, Ron Kennealy and Dennis Burke.

It was reported at the October Committee Meeting that the following four teams will contest the major round: Payneham, Rose Park, Norwood and Athelstone A. The winner of the grand-final will then play the winner of the Goodwood District in the first round of the Chrysler Cup.

The best players at the end of the minor round were: S. Roberts (Payneham) 13 votes, Gary Maddison (Payneham) 9 votes, B. Burn (Norwood) 7 votes.

Payneham won the grand – final.

1970 Primary School Competition consisted of the following 10 teams: Athelstone 1 & 2, East Adelaide, Hope Valley, Klemzig, Modbury, Payneham, Strathmont, Vale Park and Walkerville.

It was considered by many that the quality of the Juniors, together with the strength of the Primary School Competition was unequalled by any other Club in the State at this time.

A Japanese Little League Team arrived on 31st December and prior to their game against the S.A. Little League Team will be a replay of the Chrysler Cup Final between Payneham and Elizabeth South.

Coach's Report

The position of each team was as follows:-

A Grade	4 th place
B Grade	5 th place
C Grade	2 nd place
D Grade	6 th place
Colts	6 th place
Little League West	1 st place
Little League East.	5 th place

The Little League West team created a record for Little League with 19 consecutive wins.

Little League Trip

A Little League trip was arranged for the Long Weekend in June. The team played two games against the Sanderingham Baseball Club in Melbourne.