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March 2010

Summer wrap 6 Grand Final Winners

The summer season is over and we hope everyone — players, coaches, managers, umpires, scorers, parents and fans — had a very enjoyable season.

In particular, congratulations to our Grand Final winning teams

- U8
- U12B
- U14C
- U19B
- F2
- B1

Both the U12B and F2 teams won their games in extra time. Some of the match reports are inside. Congratulations also go to the other 2 teams which made it through to the Grand

Finals

- U16C
- G2

This year we had 14 junior teams of which 8 went on to the semi-finals and 5 went on to the Grand Finals. This was a great result for the Club.

Thank you to all the coaches (both senior and junior) managers, umpires (especially our junior umpires), scorers, canteen coordinators and helpers, and other volunteers and supporters who have contributed to the success of the summer season. The junior umpires program has been very successful and are

looking to build upon it next year.

Thank you to our outgoing President, Mark Harris, after 8 years serving on the Executive and working for the Club. Thank you also to Chris Guilieri and Gavin Martin for their work on the Committee. Thanks also go to Sylvia Guilieri and Kerry Sieper for their work in the canteen and to Jen Rubie for looking after uniforms.

The senior winter season lies ahead and we look forwards to seeing everyone again next summer.





Juniors Season Wrap-up 2010



Well it's been a great season in 2009 / 2010 and my many thanks to all our co-ordinators, coaches, managers, scorers, umpires and parents associated with our Junior teams.

This year the club established 14 junior teams, covering every age group offered in the Ryde Hornsby Baseball League (RHBL). This represented over 160 junior players and was a significant increase of 3 teams over the 2008 / 2009 season. All this achieved in a very tough financial and social environment. This is a credit to all our volunteers and the effort they make in supporting the club.

Key areas of our growth were in retaining our eldest juniors in the newly created RHBL U19's competition (which they subsequently won!) and our newest recruits in U7's Lightning League.

Of the Lightning League program special mention must go out to Sue Nicholl (Tee Ball Co-ordinator), Nicole Hansel (Blue team Coach), Kathie Greenland (Red Team Coach), Cheryn Vlazny

(Blue Team Manager) & Glen Jeffery (Red Team Manager) for making this program a success. Often our Lightning Leaguers and their parents are first time baseball teams and it takes a lot of extra personal effort to develop these squads & teams. To see the growth in this area of our club is terrific.

Another new development this season was our Junior Blue Program and our goal of developing junior umpires within our club is now well & truly underway. The participation of our Junior Blues was outstanding and they have clearly demonstrated their leadership skills amongst our most junior players. Well done to the following 'Junior Blues' for 2009 / 2010 season, we look forward to continuing the program next year.

Taylor Holling
Forrest Johson-Fischer
Jun Kamiaraiso
Zachary McAlister
Latham McGrath
Ross Trodden
Sebastian Giulieri
Sean McCrohan
Lachlan Bush

Special thanks also to

Program Mentor, Rob Wells and our Program Co-ordinator, Sue Nicoll for supporting this initiative. Thanks also to the many other team umpires, committee members and parents that have fulfilled the role of supervising adult at each game, without which we could not have run this program successfully.

Finally we had a lot of success on the field of play, with 8 out of 12 competition based teams making the semi-finals, a fantastic achievement! So to the U8's, U10 Wells, U11 Fischer, U12 McAlister, U12 Nicholl, U14 Russell, U16 Nicholson and U19 Wells, well done on that achievement, one of the largest qualifying semi's in the club's history.

Of these teams, 5 went on to represent Macquarie in Grand Finals, with 4 bringing home the silverware. So to the U19 Wells, U14 Russell, U12 McAlister and mighty U8 Martin teams'..... well done! A great result for your teams and our club.

With the season at an end, Saints has nominated Rachel Nicholl and Rachel Dismorr for se-

Under 9's Season

Our U9's had a great season this year and we've all had a lot of fun.

We only just missed making the semi-final play-off's by the smallest of margins, with several rained out games and the top side going down in an upset that caused our demise.

Overall the kids improved tremendously, with great enthusiasm demonstrated at each game and at practise. For a first time Zooka team, our recorded batting stats were excellent, with particular standout performances by Mitchell & Adrian (as our leading hitters) and continued improvement shown by Jacqueline, Maddelyn & Lachlan in achieving vital team RBI's.

Our stand out run scorers over the season were Alison, Ethan & Marcus, who between them accounted for over 42% of our team

runs.

Our fielding specialists were Gabriel, Georgia & Nicholas, who achieved a high number of at base fielding plays, with Nicholas rounding out with the highest representation in our all important catchers job. A position he took on with gusto and he excelled at.

For our team awards this year, congratulations to Mitchell Hill, for winning the 'U9 Team Award', with great team work all season! Congratulations also to Jacqueline Albert, for winning the coaches & managers 'Most Improved Award', well done Jacqueline.

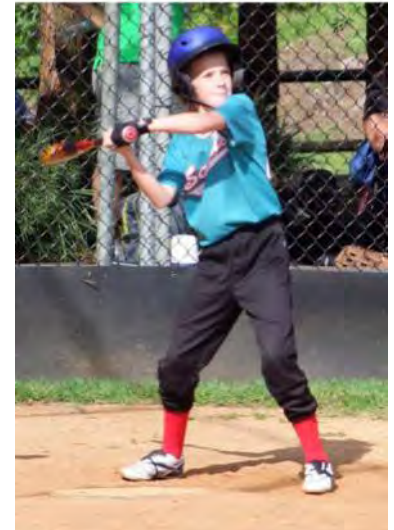
A big thank you to our team co-ordinators and helpers this season.

Firstly to our team managers, Jo & Rob Manning, who have been terrific in their assistance for us all. Often being banished

during training afternoonsfar away to a distant diamond for additional Zooka practise. It was a great assistance for our team batting & showed in our team stats. To our scorers, Alison De Araujo & Melinda Albert, many thanks for your tireless hours behind home plate. To our team umpires, Ken Albert & Wayne Baptist, thank you for your time & your calls, particularly Ken in his first year as umpire.

To all the parents & supporters thank you for your help at training, during & before game time and especially at our famous Parent versus Kids practise games....where you continually lost against the kids with utter-most dignity.

Hope you enjoyed it as much as I did and look forward to seeing everyone back next season



Juniors Season Wrap-up 2010

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lection in the Children's Baseball Foundation tournament in Tokyo, Japan. Good luck girls!

A big thank you to all our juniors and our club parents, hope you had fun and look forward to

seeing you back for next season.

Dave Rubie
Juniors VP



Under 8 Finals

U8S Semi Final Saints
Vs Concord 1
13th March



After a slightly slow and nervy start, the score after one innings was 4-2 to the Saints. But the boys soon hit their stride with a triple play in the 2nd innings after a brilliant catch and two run outs from the same ball, allowing Concord 1 just 1 run.

This was followed up by a repeat performance in the 3rd inning with another triple play off another great catch, with Concord 1 getting no runs that innings. Our whole team batted well, averaging over 5 runs per innings, ending with a 26-11 win to advance them to the Grand Final.

U8S Grand Final Saints
Vs North Ryde
20th March

North Ryde were slight favourites to win, after finishing top of the table, but it was destined to be a close game after the previous results had been a draw, a 1-run loss, a 1-run win and a 2-run loss. However the boys were keen and well-prepared, decked out in team colours war paint, and started the game strongly.

The first innings was close, with 4-3 our way, but from there the boys surged ahead and never looked back. The whole team put in a fabulous effort in both batting and fielding - we got through our batting lineup in every innings

whilst North Ryde didn't make it once.

The final result was 21-9, which was astounding considering the closeness of the previous games. Our boys were there to win and there was nothing North Ryde could do to stop them.

Congratulations to the whole team - Liam Delaney, Jack Sellar, Luke Harris, Nicholas Pegum, Jayesh Wadvani, James Kardachi, Sam Mackenzie, Oliver Marsh, Alex Papadopoulos, Oscar Elwin and Beau Henderson.

Also well done to James Kardachi for being named Most Valuable Player of the Grand Final.



Under 19B Grand Final

U19B's Grand Final vs Thornleigh
20th March

What a cracker of a Grand Final (9-5 to Macquarie). A game that could have gone either way throughout.

First on the mound was Kento Kamairaiso who held Thornleigh to one run over four digs. The first dig was tight and held scoreless.

Jason Condon put Macquarie on the board in the 2nd dig with a lead off, out of the park home run. Wow.

Next to follow in the fourth dig was Andrew Luczynski with another home run.

Jack Rungie took the mound in the fifth to close the game and did a fantastic job.

Capitalising on a few errors Macquarie took the lead into the 7th dig and had to contain Thornleigh's runs.

Great plays throughout the game by Jason Condon, Matt Hollings, Michael Bond, Robbie Williams, Craig Botha, Nick Macfarlane, Jack Rungie, Martin Alexander, and Kento Kamairaiso.

A wonderful year for the Strikerz and a great way to end the season as well as the junior career for most of the

team. An added comment is that Thornleigh and Macquarie played the game in great spirit. At the end of the day it was a great tribute to both teams as each supported the values of building self confidence and self esteem through baseball.

Jason Condon received the MVP. He batted 1000, one out of the park home run, two putouts and two assists.

A special thanks to Bernie and Doug who umpired the game and all the people who came down to support us in the game.

Go Strikerz.....





Saints

Under 10 -1's Season



Our very first game was at Concord, being led by Coach Sean McCrohan, and umpiring the game, Kevin McCrohan the boys and girls started on a learning curve with new rules.

Since that game, the players could not keep still. They listened, batted, fielded, laughed and had fun in digs and training all season long.

team. We only had seven players and, thanks to the commitment of Sean in his first season as coach, his dad Kevin, the players and parents we had 100 per cent commitment to every game but one (due to holidays!!).



When the realisation came from the seasoned players (Justin Murray, Laura Mobini-Kesheh, Hugh Collyer and Joshua Dyball) that they can steal bases, the grins on their faces ignited sparks - there was pure excitement.

We had three new players - Matthew Allen, Riley Kenyon and Allen Guo - who brought so much enthusiasm to the game of baseball.

We look forward to seeing everyone back next year for another fun season.

It was a pleasure to watch the team improve throughout the season. I am so proud of this

Under 11 B's Season



The U11B's had a good season and we ended up in the finals, missing out in a closely fought game for a place in the grand final.

10 when Jacob moved to Melbourne over Christmas.

nor and Forrest were a great help throughout the season and what can we say about Tom, our coach – fabulous sums it up I think.

We started the season with eleven players, four girls (Maddie, Claire, Lotus and Sophie) and seven boys (Nick, Jacob, Jack, Dom, Ben, Carlin and Matt) and went down to

The team was ably supported by parents and siblings. Thanks to Pauline and Lyn for their help in scoring, Bruce for coaching when Tom was not available and to all the other parents for their help and support throughout the season. The assistant coaches, Ross, Con-

The kids appeared to have a great time and enjoyed the coaching sessions and the games.

We look forward to next season



Under 7 Blue's Season

Under 7 Lightning League Blue Team

What a wonderful season the U7's Blue team had this year.

Our team had some players from last year Leo, Eloise & Reuben along with a bunch of new players, Alex, Marco, Matthew S, Liam, Ben, Matthew V, Bella, Donna, Ashley & Jackson.

For me to coach these children in a sport which I was new to as well was one of the most enjoyable things I have done. I can genuinely say I had a great time with these fantastic kids. Thank you for all the support and help I received from Macquarie Saints and from the parents in all different ways, I would not have been able to do it otherwise!

The kids started off the season with most of them never having played the game of Tee Ball before and quickly learnt to become great batters and fielders.

As the season pro-

gressed their skills improved immensely and they even started to win some of their games which gave them an absolute boost!

Towards the end of the season their batting was fantastic and there were some huge hits off the tee. Their fielding was coming together with the kids getting some great outs, we even had a double play in one game – not bad for 5 & 6 year olds!

Our season came to an end with a Fantastic Gala Day at Magdala Park with North Ryde RSL and Greenway Giants.

It was a super hot day and the kids played their first game against North Ryde White, which they only lost by a few points. Their next game was against Greenway which we won, their fielding was amazing with kids getting more confident with where to throw and try and get the outs. Their batting resulted in a lot of 2 bag runs and all the kids getting home at least once. In

the end though it was a North Ryde Gold v North Ryde White Grand Final, however both the North Ryde teams were short of players so some of our Mac Saints kids stepped in to fill in for them (thank you Alex, Leo, Liam, Marco, Matthew S and Matthew V) - what a show of great sportsmanship and spirit!

All the kids received a certificate and the children who played in the Grand Final also got a great medal to celebrate and what a nice reward after a long, hot & tiring day!

All in all it was a great, fun season and we look forward to next season where we will be U8's Tee Ball and continue to enjoy the great game of Baseball! Well done kids – super proud of all of you!

Nicole Hansl (Coach)





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Junior 2010 / 2011 summer season dates

To be advised

2010/2011 Summer Season starts

Senior 2010 / 2011 summer season dates

17/18 September

2010/2011 Summer Season starts

Senior 2010 winter season dates

6 April

Team nominations due

17/18 April

First game of season

7/8 August

Last game of season

21/22 August

Grand finals

Coaches and Managers can send game reports (approx 200 words typed) to david.lawrence@optusnet.com.au or delawrence@optusnet.com.au

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