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Cheltenham Baseball Club Inc, Kingston Heath Reserve, Farm Road, Cheltenham, 3192

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Summer season. I hope you all have fun and enjoy the experience.

It's been a busy start to the season and this weekend will also be hectic.

We have our Tee-ball comp kicking off this Saturday and four senior games in the afternoon. The canteen and bar will open and fine weather is forecast.

On Sunday we are hosting the U12 round robin day. This will kick off about 8am and finish about 2pm.

What's been happening: Saturday Baseball

This year we have half a dozen Saturdays where our senior teams will be playing at home. Games will start from 1pm.

We will be sending information out prior to these days. Please come along and support the players and make new friends. The kids will have a ball.

Committee

We need a few more members on the committee to spread the load a bit more. New members bring new ideas and help keep the club going in the right direction.

If you are interested please contact me by phone 0407 096 451, email carlilej@bigpond.net.au or when I am down at the club.

Fees

You may have noticed that player fees were not increased this year. This is despite a \$13 per player increase from Baseball Victoria. As a committee we believe that we can offset this increase with a bit more support from members.

Areas where assistance will be required is in the canteen, BBQ's, working bees etc.

Infrastructure

The present committee has a goal to keep on improving the infrastructure when we can. Over the last 18 months you should have noticed a few things have grown. We have extended the U12 back net, added another batting cage, new L Frames, new portable back nets, lockable cage in 2nd change room and the latest addition, a bigger practice area for pitchers. All up the estimated cost would be in excess of \$20,000 but due to the great work of Peter Katz and helpers we have spent about \$6,000.

We will continue to come up with ideas but will need your support to implement!

Sponsors

We are always looking for sponsors.

Current aim is to cover the area in front of the pavilion with an artificial surface as the drought has turned the area into a dust bowl. It is estimated that in excess of 30,000 people will walk past this area each year. If anyone can help please contact me.

Coaches

If anyone can help with coaching please contact Peter Leslie or myself.

The best way to enjoy the experience is to get involved. The club stands tall because it has a "can do" attitude. It can only do this with the support of its members – that's you guys.

Get involved.

John Carlile

Summer President

Coaches Corner

Coaches/Managers of both Senior and Junior teams are reminded that there is a meeting this Thursday evening at 7.45pm.

There are a few housekeeping items to address before the season gets into full swing.

Scorebooks and line-up books can be collected on the night.

Training Shirts for Seniors

Thanks to the sponsorship of Life Member, Michael Trevorah, each Senior player will be given a new Rustlers' training tee-shirt to begin the 2008/09 season. Any senior player who has not yet received their training shirt should see Marcella Lapa or John Carlile this Thursday night at training. We thank Michael for his ongoing support of our club and trust the senior players appreciate this gesture.

Congratulations

and

Best Wishes

to

Matt Coppens

and

Ty Limngeun

on their marriage this Saturday



Family Night this Saturday

This Saturday Night there will be a whole club family barbeque. Fine weather is planned, so why not come down a little earlier, enjoy a refreshment and watch our seniors compete against Ormond/Glenhuntly. The BBQ will be sizzling away from about 6pm. Meat, salads and desserts will be on offer at reasonable prices.

**Tee-ball
Our tee-ball season
kicks off this
Saturday**

*Don't forget Marcella
will be in the uniform
shop again this Thursday
from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.
Training tops are now
available.*



Cheltenham Baseball Club is a Family Club—and here is the proof!
The Campitelli trio—Yoshi (U16), Koji (U12) and gorgeous Hanami (Tee-ball) all in their baseball uniforms!



New Faces in the Canteen

There is no doubt we will all miss Tina's lovely, smiling face in the canteen this year, but we are lucky enough to have some equally friendly helpers in Adam, Connie, Rachel and Meg.

MAKING THE RESULTS COUNT

Scorers/Managers - please note that match results for home games must be instant messaged to Baseball Victoria directly after your game. Each team's SMS codes and instructions will be affixed to the back of the scorebook. Please also remember to place completed matchcards in the Committee Room chute just inside the clubrooms.

SENIORS FIXTURE FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 11/10/08 AND 12/10/08

Day	Date	Div	Team	Home	Away	Venue	Time
Saturday	11-10-2008	Div 2	2nds	Cheltenham	Ormond Glenhuntly	Cheltenham	1.00pm
Saturday	11-10-2008	Div 2	1sts	Cheltenham	Ormond Glenhuntly	Cheltenham	3.30pm
Saturday	11-10-2008	Div 2	3rds	Ormond Glenhuntly	Cheltenham	Cheltenham	1.00pm
Saturday	11-10-2008	Div 2	4ths	Ormond Glenhuntly	Cheltenham	Cheltenham	3.30pm
Sunday	12-10-2008	Div 4	5ths	Waverley	Cheltenham B	Waverley	1pm
Sunday	12-10-2008	Div 4	5ths	St Kilda	Cheltenham A	Footscray	1pm

5ths players - please note - fixture likely to change due to the introduction of another team to the competition.

Building up our Club Membership

This season we are keen to get all of our supporters onto our club database to boost our "on-paper" membership and to give the local council an accurate picture of just how many members are enjoying our facilities. It costs nothing to become a non-playing member of the club. Committee members will be doing the rounds throughout the season to sign up as many supporters as possible.

Working with Children Check

Next year it will be mandatory for baseball club volunteers to have completed a Working with Children Check. Volunteers, such as coaches, team managers, age-group coordinators, are asked to prepare for the implementation by filling out your application over the next few weeks. Forms are available from our canteen or from larger post offices.

Looking ahead on the Social Scene

Put aside the evening of Sunday 2nd November for some fun and games at our Melbourne Cup celebrations.

GOT ANY NEWS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE???

If you have something interesting you would like to share with the whole club, please send to rustlers@westnet.com.au or put on paper into the chute of the Committee Room door (please include your name). It could be an unusual occurrence during a game, some club trivia, a joke, some off-field news or even some club history.