

Member of the Moment!



Introducing John Ferguson, aka, Ferg! Ferg is a Life Member who has had a very long association with the Club. Season 2008-09 sees Ferg on the Committee, Chairman of Selectors, Manager of the Second Nine, Equipment Manager, as well as maintaining and marking the grounds. He is well respected by all that know him and is a wonderful mentor to our coaches and players. Thanks Ferg for all your hard work. We hope we can repay you by replacing your dessert spoon with something a bit bigger (maybe a shovel) to help with your grounds maintenance!!

Training Shirts for Seniors

By now all our seniors should have received their new training shirts. These should be worn for warm-ups/training on game-day. Leave your old tops for mid-week training!

Once again, many thanks for Michael Trevorah for his generosity in donating the tops.

Little League

Last Sunday we staged the Little League Round Robin at Cheltenham. A very big thank you to all of the people who pitched in to make the day a success. From coaching and scoring to grounds preparation, kitchen duty and barbecuing, the parents put in a great team effort. We are as always extremely grateful for the time and effort that John Ferguson contributed to produce some very classy diamonds.

Peter Leslie has an enormous job to do in coordinating the Little League age group as well as keeping an eye on all the juniors across the board up to Under 18's. We wish to point out that Peter is only the acting coordinator for the Little League group. We are still very keen to hear from anyone who might be able to step into the role on a more permanent basis, or at least give Peter a hand.

Registrations

By now, each player should have signed and submitted their current club membership form. If you have not done so, please contact Noel Davidson immediately at noelwd@optusnet.com.au Payment of fees is due by 31st October 2008.

SENIOR FIXTURE

	Date	Team			Venue	Time
Sunday	19-10-2008	2nds Cheltenham	v	Moorabbin	Cheltenham	1.00pm
Sunday	19-10-2008	1sts Cheltenham	v	Moorabbin	Cheltenham	3.30pm
Sunday	19-10-2008	3rds Moorabbin	v	Cheltenham	Moorabbin	1.00pm
Sunday	19-10-2008	4ths Moorabbin	v	Cheltenham	Moorabbin	3.30pm
Sunday	19-10-2008	5ths Doncaster B	v	Cheltenham B	Greenhills	1.00pm
Sunday	19-10-2008	5ths Blackburn B	v	Cheltenham A	Blackburn	1.00pm

JUNIOR FIXTURE

Junior Fixture for this weekend's games is attached with this newsletter

Tee-ball commenced last Saturday... read Michelle's report on the next page!

LADDER

SENIORS

	Position on Ladder	Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	Pts	For	Ag	Pct
Firsts	1	Cheltenham	2	2	0			4	14	0	1,000
Seconds	1	Cheltenham	2	2	0			4	12	6	667
Thirds	3	Cheltenham	1	1	0			2	10	2	833
Fourths	3	Cheltenham	1	1	0			2	7	4	636
Fifths		No results posted on BV's website									
JUNIORS											
No results posted on BV's website											

REPORTS

Tee-ball

Saturday morning was the big start to the Tee-ball season. Grounds marked out professionally, cones and flags in position (thanks Ferg), all awaiting the arrival of the players. Fifty or more eager Tee-ball players converged on the grounds, eagerly awaiting uniforms and the long anticipated call of PLAY BALL.

Brilliant weather, happy parents and enthusiastic players, lead to a great start to the season. What a fantastic response the club has had this year with the juniors.

As I believe many uniforms were worn long into the day and even perhaps to the next morning, which shows the excitement of these players. With the arrival of the Baseball Victoria backpacks, lots of parents got to endure the never ending sound of THUMP all day and strange noises in the night as these young players honed their skills.

Michelle Ogilvie

Under 12 Metro

Coach:

No report

Under 12 State

Coach:

No report

Under 14 Metro

Coach:

No report

Under 14 State

Coach:

No report

Under 16 Metro

Coach:

No report

REPORTS (continued)

Under 16 State 11 v Bonbeach 5

Coach: Trevor Hogben

Our Under 16 State side ventured to Bonbeach today for their first game of the season. We beat a spirited Bonbeach 11-5. Our team batting and base running was outstanding.

Led by Brett Curnow with 3 hits and 4 RBI's, Angus Macquire 3 hits and 2 RBI's and Matt Wilson with 2 hits and 2 RBI's. Nick Fitzgerald batted well in the lead off spot collecting 3 walks and 1 hit, a double over left field's head. Our pitchers struggled in the windy conditions but our defence was solid all day, making sure we stayed in front from start to finish.

Footnote: Bruce Fitzgerald and Kable Hogben have managed the side the last 2 weeks due to my unavailability and I would like to thank them both.

Under 18 Metro 9 v Mulgrave 9

Coach: Blake Cunningham

Both Mulgrave and Cheltenham were only able to field 8 players in what proved to be an exciting first game of the season. Adam Katz, our opening pitcher and Oliver Oxley who was relief, both did an outstanding job considering they hadn't pitched since last Summer. Highlight of the game was an outstanding flyball catch by James Murray. Will Felsenthal hit two doubles and a single and Tom Cotter hit a magnificent double. All eight players contributed to the game and played well. Thanks to Shayne Harvey for assisting and Karen Cotter for scoring.

Under 18 State 3 v Geelong 9

Assistant Coach: Russell Ferguson

First fixture of the season saw Cheltenham having to make the long journey to Geelong in search of their first win for the season. The game started off well enough with Cheltenham opening their account in the second innings care of some good team hitting. The third also saw Cheltenham score 2 more runs with Nathan Aron and Kyle Brookes coming up big with some two out hits. However Geelong also managed to score 3 runs to tie the game up in the bottom of the third with the help of a number of Cheltenham miscues on defense. The game sat at 3 all until the last innings when Geelong finally got on top of Cheltenham starter Kyle Brookes and piled on 6 runs to take the game 9 - 3. In the end Cheltenham rued not capitalizing on a number of scoring opportunities throughout the game, with Geelong making some exceptional defensive delays.

5th Nine

Manager: Steve Campitelli

No report

4th Nine

Manager: John Carlile

No report

3rd Nine

Manager: Pat O'Neill

No report

2nd Nine 4 v Ormond Glenhantly 3

Manager: John Ferguson

The Seconds snatched a thrilling 4-3 victory over Orm/Glen off their last strike in the bottom of the seventh innings when with 2 out and the scores tied, Michael Rizzi smashed a hard ground ball over third base that was not handled cleanly to score Tim Bail with the go ahead run.

The Rustlers scored the first 2 runs in the bottom of the first innings on Jarrad Hall's drive over shortstop to score Geoff Holland's who had doubled to left centre and Rizzi's who was safe on an infield error. Dale Ravesi controlled the mound for 5 innings well supported by a tight defence and Hall pitched well in relief.

Our pitchers kept us in the game long enough for us to find a way to win said Manager John Ferguson. Our speed was the difference between the sides, Hall as well as batting in 3 runs also stole 3 bases and Tim Bail beat out a bunt in the last innings to put too much pressure on the opposition.

Please send any team reports to rustlers@westnet.com.au before 9.00pm on Sunday evenings!