Woodville District Baseball Club

Annual Report 2015-16



Div 3 go BACK-TO-BACK!

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From the Chairman.

At the completion of 2014/15 season I announced that I was moving to Melbourne and that I could not go on as Chairman. Unfortunately nobody put their hand up to take on the challenge. This was a huge disappointment to the Club, and so I offered to continue in the role from afar. Ultimately we underestimated the significance of the role and I could not put in the necessary time. It is now obvious and important that the Chairman is around the place a lot and involved in operations and discussions as they happen. Hopefully this will be addressed for 2016/17.

Last year the highlight of the year was seeing our Div 1 boys playing off in the Grand Final. This year they did well to get there, but the series itself was a disaster. The lads tried to put aside any issues and misgivings they had about the season but it didn't come together as we had all hoped. After a somewhat disjointed year they played a tough competitive series against Port the week before, but their effort against Glenelg was less than impressive. Congratulations to the Bays, they deserved their win.

My thanks go to the coaching group for pushing forward under difficult circumstances. These are all good guys, with their hearts in the right place, but like us all, you will be reassessing your situation and your contribution to the Club in the future. We have relieved James Henty of his responsibility as Head Coach as we search for stronger and more communicative leadership of our highly skilled group. Many of our players have rich and diverse experience in the game, and may require close mentoring with specific goals set for them as individuals to empower them and benefit the Club. I wish James very Good Luck, hopefully with a re-adjusted approach assisting this Club going forward.

Our American friends Gary Owens and Vinnie Fayard played extremely well again this year and were major contributors to the run at the Premiership. We may not have both players back next year and we will have to pull together and get everything right to fill the void. Many thanks Gary and Vinnie!

There were a couple of highlights on field for the Club this year. Winning the Ohlstrom Shield as the Senior Champion Club (back to back!) was a huge thing for the Club! The other was another Premiership for the Div 3 team. It was so good to see this group include some more young players, and ultimately achieve their goal AGAIN!

Of course as always may I please congratulation all the trophy winners and State reps that we nurtured along the way to their success this year! May you continue to enjoy the game and your Club! Particular congratulations to Troy Nicholson for his development over the course of the year.

We did not have a lot of success at the junior level this year, but I do know that there is a new ground swell of interest and input from parents and past players pushing toward bigger and better things in the near future. Please bring this together in conjunction with a formal Junior sub-committee of the Board.

This year, in my absence, the 'Baseball Management Group' failed to continue to operate and oversee the on-field efforts and performance of the club, examining both the coaching and playing stocks. This group was put together last year to **guide** the Board in managing the **on-field operations** of the Club. Not having this group in place

this last season has put the Board under unnecessary duress, having to confront difficult situations, forced into decisions resulting from issues that many of them were not willing to address, and were not qualified to assess. This 'operations' aspect of the Club needs to be reinstated, and respected for its role in the future of the Club. The vast majority of our powerful competitors have this as a high profile part of their make-up, because of the competitive nature and baseball knowledge that it's members 'bring to the table'. We have a wealth of these types of people and we need to respect them and let them help us.

Another challenge the 'Baseball Management Group' could help the Board with is to rectify the problem that the club has at the junior level in terms of numbers. Again, you only have to look at the lack of success in our junior ranks this year and the dwindling numbers of local players in our junior sides to understand that we have a lot of work to do in this area. This group should work in close liaison with a Junior **Committee** to co-ordinate contact with schools, the league and prospective coaches to recruit and develop players and co-ordinate a T-ball competition and the other junior sides.

The next paragraph is direct extract from my report from last year...

"The harsh facts of this situation (dwindling junior numbers) are that failure to make this concerted effort could easily see the demise of the club within as little as 3 years. If we don't have the numbers and teams at the junior level we risk losing Div 1 status and potentially some or all of our amazing young senior talent. We have to make a much larger effort in this area, and soon."

Establishing the Junior Committee to build the on-field operation and success of the Senators is imperative!

Off field there have been many positive stories to come out of the Club this year, and they include the successful running of the following special events:

- **Masters Series**
- Goodwill Series
- Finals Series
- Presentation Nights
- Social and Fundraising

We should NEVER underestimate the effort that is required to stage these and, on behalf of you the members, I would like to thank all the dedicated people involved!!!

The Club remains in a strong financial situation thanks to good week to week management, and much of this can be attributed to Jo and Dave Owen - well done!

To all of you, please remember that this is your club, and that it will only be as strong as you make it. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB in every way, including FINANCIALLY. Don't take hand-outs from the club... pay your way and be proud of

Finally, as I sign off, I still believe that Woodville will again be strong and have another successful season in 2016/17 and I urge you all to join together in working for the short, medium and long term future of the club, beginning now. Forever...

Go 'Nats!!

Baseball Report.

This season we welcomed new players, coaches and their families to the Club. I would like to welcome you all. Hopefully you enjoyed your season and this is the beginning of a long stay with Woodville.

It was a very exciting year with our Divisions 1 and 3 teams making it all the way to play in the Grand Final, sadly only Division 3 winning. Unfortunately Div 1 losing in 2 games to Glenelg.

I would like to thank everyone who supported the teams and the club with its functions and events during the season and finals. It was great to see so many past players, family and friends come out to the club. The finals had a great atmosphere with so many supporters..

I would like to congratulate our Australian and State representatives, Adelaide Bite Players, Club trophy and award winners. Well done.

The Club won the Senior Club award – The Ohlstrom Shield. The Club was very proud to win this prestigious award for the second year. Well done to all the senior teams.

Our Presentation nights were all well attended. During the season we held our Family Fun nights, which are always enjoyable. We held 'Night at the Dogs', which was also a lot of fun. Unfortunately not many people attended. We also held Ladies and Men's Health days, donating Cancer funds.

Thank you to all that helped, your support and attendance.

This season we had 5 senior teams, 5 junior teams and tee ball squad. We hosted the Goodwill series, which was very successful. Bob Williams brought 3 teams out from the USA, who played our U16 and U18 state teams. It's always a pleasure hosting the series and seeing Bob and his coaches, players and families. We would like to thank Bob and entourage for coming. Also a special thank you to Jennie Brunton for singing the Anthems at the opening and closing Ceremonies. Also a thank you to Mayor Angela Evans for presenting the Council's MVP awards.

We had a great start to the season with the Australian Masters Games. There were 3 games a day. It was a busy time with some great games played and teams coming from all over Australia. Making new friendships and renewing old ones.

I would like to thank everyone who throughout the season coached, scored, managed, counted pitches, umpired, equipment managers, did canteen and bar duties, maintained grounds and line marking. Thank you to Tash Hertel for being our Sports trainer and taking photos, Alyssa for media and John Russell for his entertaining game reports.

I would also like to acknowledge my fellow Board members for the tireless work that they have put in to their portfolios this year. Your work has not gone unnoticed.

Vale to Max Behrendt (Life Member, Klaebe Club Member, Board Member, Vice Patron, Team Manager and Equipment Manager.) 45 years service to the Club.

Enza Henty

Facilities Report.

Very little to report again this season in terms of "major projects" around the Club this year. It was business as usual for all involved and a big thank you to all that helped during the year.

A very special thanks to Garth Lodge for all the little odd jobs he does around the Club with little fuss, he truly has been a big asset to the ground crew.

To all the junior parents that helped with pulling down of the home run fence this year, your effort was very much appreciated as it was packed and put away well within 3 hours.

To Grant and Shane, your awards this year were well deserved and is a reflection of your tireless efforts with the grounds and the support you provide me year on year.

It has come time for me to not stand for re-election at the next AGM as after 13 years and with work becoming difficult to juggle, it's time for some fresh ideas and someone that can commit time to get the next phase completed.

I look back at some of the key projects achieved and the batting tunnels and the backstop would have to be the highlight over those years.

To the current and all previous Board Members, thank you all for allowing me to get involved with this great Club and in some little way being allowed to make a difference.

Good luck to all for the seasons ahead.

Jeff Doyle.

Club Report.

Season 2015-16 was business as usual around the Club.

A small but significant addition to the bar of an ice machine has meant a significant cost saving in ice and is much more convenient, always having ice on hand.

The big project we've been working on for some time has finally happened! At the end of last season the Council moved in and stripped the kitchen for a full re-fit. With better suited appliances and new surfaces all round, the canteen is more presentable, will be a nicer place to work and much easier to keep clean. Thanks for everyone's input and assistance, especially to Lacrosse, who had the unenviable task of working around the builders at the start of their season.

A big thanks to our colleagues at City of Charles Sturt for getting behind this project and delivering a huge improvement to the amenity of the Clubrooms at a minimal ongoing cost to the Club. Hopefully in the future there will be opportunities to spruce up the rest of the building, funding opportunities are always being explored, with a couple currently ongoing.

I can't stress enough the importance of this relationship with Council. We must continue to look after our facilities and make improvements where we can, get on with the neighbours and play a part in the community.

Canteen profits were down this year, mostly as a result of Baseball SA scheduling, a few Thursday nights were a dead loss to us. That will apparently not be continuing next season.

Bar sales were also down, though reasonable strong through the year, less finals participation really makes a dent. A new sponsorship agreement with the Seaton Hotel now delivers bonuses on all sales, without the need to hit targets. Remember to make any bookings at the Seaton in the name of the Club, so they recognise our support.

It's as important as ever we maintain these income streams, getting teams on the field and maintaining the facilities is a constant challenge to resources. Membership fees fall well short of covering the running costs of *our Club*.

To those who continue to roll up their sleeves in all areas, thank you all. We are always glad to have more helpers on the team!

We always have things we're trying to get done so the more sleeves are rolled up the more we can achieve!

A few new faces and new friends this year, thanks and please stick around!

Our participation in the Goodsports program is of continuing importance. RSA accreditation can be arranged at no cost for anyone wishing to assist with the bar. It is still not a requirement of our license but likely to be in the future, it's only one evening and pretty straightforward, let us know and we'll arrange it.

To ALL Members, new or old, please consider coming along to Thursday Club Nights for a meal after senior training and *support and be a part of your Club*.

Dave Owen.

Junior Report.

Firstly I would like to thank everyone that has helped the juniors this season from the Board Members running family nights and taking care of fees, uniforms, umpires, friday night BBQs and all the other stuff that goes on behind the scenes, as well as all the Coaches who gave up their time and the parents who helped at trainings and on game days and to the parents who just brought their children out every week. To all of the kids from T Ball all the way up to Under 17's the Club thanks you for your commitment and we hope to see everyone back next season and bring your friends.

I would like to make a special Thank You to Lawrie Moore who helped me enormously through the year, as well as coaching the u15's he was always willing to help others and is doing a lot of work behind the scenes to try to develop the junior players and Coaches and he has been a great help to me.

Season 2015/16 provided many challenges in the juniors as every season does but this season in particular has been one that has shown us some real problem areas in our junior program as well as some real positives also.

We had some good results with the U17's coached by Michael Doyle making the finals this season, the U15's after not winning a single game last season this year won 2 and drew 1 but unfortunately also had to forfeit one or two games due to lack of numbers. The U13's had to many numbers for 1 team but not quite enough for 2 so we decided to make 2 teams and play short when we were not able to share players and, whilst this caused some trouble initially, I believe that it was the best way to go and all kids got plenty of game time and had some real fun this season.

The U11's were coached by Vinnie Fayard, a Div 1 player and I think that the kids really enjoyed having Vinnie around but what was really great to see was the parents that were willing to step up and help out when Vinnie was unable to make it. The efforts of these parents didn't go unnoticed and it was really appreciated.

The T ball had good numbers and is looking like Scott Romain is doing a great job down there and this showed in the All Star games against West Torrens, Henley Grange and Glenelg.

I see that the juniors do have problems however with a lack of numbers, in the under 17's we had half the team from Mildura, as mentioned previously the under 15's had to forfeit some games due to lack of numbers. We really need to do some serious work in the area to try to encourage more kids to the Club. It would be great to get two teams in every junior grade within the next couple of years. Whilst we had some good numbers in the T ball with about 25 kids but most of the other clubs are running programs with between 50 and 200 kids in the T ball .This is a big problem for us and I believe that we should look at ways to increase numbers even if as a Club we spend money to do this.

With my position as Junior Director up for nomination I would like to thank everyone for their help during my term and if I am not re elected would like to say I have enjoyed my time on the Board.

Nathan Tape.

Marketing Report.

Another great year with 1 new Sponsor and some existing Sponsors coming along once again.

New One

Bronze Sponsor - Welland Waste & Recycle

Existing Sponsors

Seaton Hotel - Gold Sponsor
Terry Fitzgerald - Silver Sponsor
Yates - Silver Sponsor
Caprice - Silver Sponsor
Tonkin Consulting - Silver - Services
Keith Mortimore - Bronze Sponsor
Craigmore Golden Chickens - Bronze Sponsor
Cornes Toyota - Bronze Sponsor
Oasis Home Improvements - Bronze Sponsor
Robs Meats - Bronze Sponsor
Port Adelaide Garden Supplies - Bronze Sponsor - Goods

Garth Lodge Rob Fuels

Amount for the Season \$ 6250.00

We had some successful Events:

Starting with Life Member, Past Players & Sponsor Day, a few of the old and past players turned up for a chat and catch-up.

Lawrie Moore was given his Life Membership, the Board has decided to present this award on this day going forward.

Night at the Dogs - Really poor attendance of 42 people, food was excellent once again, sold raffle tickets and was an enjoyable night. We sold 5 Races for the night, Rosmech, Moore Maintenance & Electrical, Paz Stone and CNW Electrical **Raised \$1139.50**

Ladies Day @ the Club.

Sold off Pink Hats to the ladies, 10 Special hats were made with the Green WS on them, the rest were with the Pink WS. Good day overall was enjoyed by the ladies who attended. \$5.00 entry with Food and Drinks.

\$500.00 donated to Breast Cancer

Mouse Cup – Unfortunately timing of the date was not good with the organizer's so we were unable to lock in a date this year.

Men's Health Day

We held the Men' Health Day again with a gold coin donation and players wore yellow hats with yellow bases on the diamond.

Some past players attended and the amount raised was sent to Cancer Council – in memory of our late Life Member Max Behrendt

\$250.00 donated to Cancer Council

Christmas Raffle: Once again we sold Xmas raffle, dividing it up to 3 Prizes, very happy Members took home the goods.

Raised: \$487.00

Bunnings BBQ:

We have had 4 BBQ's this year at Bunning with Players and some Members attending for a few hours on the day. We have had great response from the Club and raised a great amount of money.

Raised \$3109.26

Entertainment Books to sell for \$65.00, Club makes \$13.00 per book sold. We sold 15 books to Members.

Raised \$195.00

Halloween Night at the Club.

Always a fun night with heaps of kids dressing up and enjoying the Meal and giveaways for the Best Dressed.

Christmas Night at the Club;

Having a Div 1 twilight game on Sat Night before Xmas, Santa Claus arrived at 7.30pm after over 90 people enjoyed a schnitzel and salad, all the juniors and kids enjoyed themselves.

Family Fun Nights on Friday Nights at the Club are a huge success with a good number of Families attending.

Hopefully we are able to have some New Ideas for Fund Raising next Year at the Club. We will be handing out People's Choice Lottery Books to sell during the off Season.

Many Thanks to everyone who assisted throughout the Year, especially the Players and Members attending the BBQs at Bunnings

Jo and Enza thanks again for your support with the Fund raising events.

Pattie Tucker.















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Finance Report.

The MYOB Accounting system has been used to record the finances of the Woodville District Baseball Club Inc. as at 30^{th} April, 2016

The following Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement have been prepared by Tonkin Accounting using the resources and information contained in the accounting system.

To my knowledge they are a true representation of the accounts of the club as audited by Kimani Nganga of Tonkin Accounting.

The Profit and Loss statement shows us as running at a loss \$5285 but please take into account the depreciation of \$11687.

Our Fundraising and Sponsorship areas are still down and we must as a club endeavour to increase both of these areas. All Players/Members are encouraged to gain sponsors which will also give them a discount on their fees.

The canteen continues to run at a great profit which bolsters the clubs finances considerably but we are down on last year's income mainly due to Thursday nights at Diamond sports with the subsequent lack of support for Club Nights. Also the fact we had only nine Sunday home games compared to 12 the previous season. I thank our volunteers that keep it running so well.

I would also like to thank Dave Owen who was instrumental in submitting to council a proposal which has now made funds available from Council to install a new kitchen without much of a financial hardship to our Club. It's been a long time coming.

I would also like to thank outgoing Board Members for all of their hard work and effort, some which have given many years of service to our club. I appreciate it.

Jo Owen.

Club Coach Report.

First of all, I need to thank the Board for again giving me the opportunity to be the Division 1 Coach. I also need to thank all the people who make the Club what it is, and that is the volunteers. In particular, to Jeff Doyle, Grant Weinert, Shane Nicholson, and to anybody else who gave up their time to work on the best ground in the state, and likewise to Jo and Dave Owen, and all of their helpers in the canteen and bar, thank you for everything you do to make the Club run the way it does, and we wouldn't be here without all of your hard work. From a Division 1 point of view, thank you to John Russell for being our Team Manager and Timmy Russell for being our Bat Boy. Also, thank you to our scorers for the season, Marie Mortimore, Enza Henty and Heather Turner.

To my playing group, thank you again for all your hard work and commitment, both at trainings and on game days. This season was particularly hard, with six extra games on the schedule for Division 1, including games on Thursday and Friday nights, as well as the usual Tuesday night twilights. I especially need to thank the players who played Division 2 for most of the season, as they spent a lot of these extra games giving up their time to sit on the bench, often getting very little training during some weeks, but continued to turn up for every game and to truly show what it means to be a squad.

My biggest thanks need to go to my coaching staff of Warwick Marks, Phill Hirschausen, Michael Doyle and Nathan Brougham. I certainly would not be able to do this job without all of your help and support, both at trainings and games.

To my right hand man Wal, thank you for all of your expertise and help with the management of this team, and thank you for always being there when I had a question or things weren't always going to plan and helping through the tough times. With Phill, Michael and Nathan, who all coached teams in their own right, the commitment that all of these men have shown over the past few seasons is second to none, and I know that all of them are capable of coaching Division 1 in their own right one day, proving that we do have the best coaching staff in the state, bar none.

I also need to thank our Division 3 and 4 coaches Darren Annear and Ben Murton. Every Thursday night we all sit in the selection room and go through all our players and put together 4 teams, and it would be easy for Phill, Darren or Ben to worry about themselves and complain that they are having players sent in or out of their teams, but for two straight seasons, nobody has complained. Everybody who sits in that room for selection is only worried about one thing, and that is the overall success of this Club. The selflessness of these guys shows the true meaning of being a squad and a club, and it has come to fruition the past two years, and we are the back to back winners of the Senior Club of the Year Award.

Whilst some people will look at Division 1 losing the last two Grand Finals and looking at the seasons as failures, the overall success of the Club cannot be overlooked, and the coaching staff is a major reason why, so to all of you, thank you.

This season we welcomed back almost the exact same team as last season, with Shane Allen and Drew Brougham joining our squad. After last year, expectations were high and we all set out with one goal in mind, and that was to go one step further than last year. We started the season playing some fantastic baseball, with the group winning some close games that in past years we would have let get away. However, as the season wore on, we got into the heavy part of our schedule, sometimes playing 3 games a week, and our performances started to go up and down, sometimes continuing our fantastic baseball, but also mixing in some average baseball which cost us a few games in the middle part of the year. Despite the inconstant baseball, we were able to right the ship towards the end of the season and get some momentum going into the

finals. We ended the season in fourth place, and with a new finals format, we had to play defending champion Kensington at Kensington. Despite losing the series 2-0, we played some good baseball, and had chances to come back and win both games, but we were unable to finish the job, losing both games by 1 run. However, we were still a chance to advance to the next week with other results, and with everything working out for us, we earned the right to play Port in the semi-finals.

After a fantastic season series against Port, in which we won 2 out of 3 games, all of which were decided by 1 run, we went into the series full of confidence that we could advance to a second consecutive Grand Final. The series went all 3 games, and we played an extremely good series, doing all the little things and making all the plays on offence and defence when we needed them most, and advanced through. I need to make special mention of our two rookies, Jordy Grose and Troy Nicholson, who were introduced to Division 1 baseball this season, and stood up when we needed them most in this series. In particular in game 3, when Jordy Grose went 5 shut-out innings in relief to earn the win, and Troy driving in the go ahead runs late in the game.

We moved on to the Grand Final, once again full of confidence that we were good enough to win the series and claim the Premiership. However, we did not play well in the series, and Glenelg were able to make the most out of the opportunities we gave them.

Despite the series defeat, I could not have been prouder of the group, who overcame a lot during the season, and had to beat the top team on their field just to make the Grand Final. I know it is easy to get caught up in losing our 3rd Grand Final in 4 years, but the success of this group cannot be forgotten, as it is an extremely hard thing to earn the right to play in 1 Grand Final, let alone 3 out of 4. I know that if this group stays together and keeps working hard and getting better, we will finally reach the ultimate goal that we are all chasing.

Individually we had some players receive some league awards, recognising their seasons. Jackson Lodge received the Pitcher of the Year award with an ERA of 1.39. Both Vinnie Fayard and Gary Owens were named to the All Star team at 3rd Base and the outfield respectively. Josh Tols was also named to the ABL All-Star team for the 2nd straight year, and was also selected to the Australian team for the World Baseball Qualifiers, setting himself up for a chance to make the team going to the World Baseball Classic in Japan next year. Nathan Nicholson also won the Division 2 Medal for the League. As stated earlier, we were also named the Senior Club of the Year for the 2nd straight year.

Finally, we all know that this group has lost 3 out of the 4 Grand Finals. It will be spoken about in our Club, it will be spoken about throughout the league and it will be used against us until we do win it. However, as a Club, and more importantly as players and Coaches, we need to make a decision about how we deal with it. We can let it define us, and accept that we are that team that can't get over the final hurdle, and we can let it destroy us, by not mentioning it and pretending it didn't happen, whilst in the back of our mind it eats away at us. Or we can face it head on and accept that it is now a part of who we are and we use it to become a better group, because championship teams don't fall to the top of the mountain, and whilst it might be easy to walk away, make excuses and point fingers, when faced with adversity championship teams stay together, they pull together and they push each other day in, day out, until we can finally reach that ultimate goal. I know that this group is good enough to win the whole thing, but we need to stay together as a group and continue to work hard, and we will finally reach the top of the mountain.

Division 2.

Thanks go to my assistant coaches Nathan Brougham and Michael Doyle. Nathan took on the U19 Head Coach role this season which made Tuesday and Thursday trainings difficult to attend, along with his wedding plans in the last part of the season, Nathan became my game day assistant. Nathan has a lot to offer the Woodville Baseball Club and I hope that he decides to stick around for the years that follow to help the Club reach its full potential. Michael also took on a junior side this year and continues to develop as a long term coach for the Club. I really hope that he continues to Head Coach at a junior level for the Club into the future and furthers his knowledge and understanding of the game, as well as involving himself with the senior teams. Thank you to you both for looking after the team during my absence with the state team. I look forward to working with you both again and wish you both every success in the future.

Coming off of the back of a very successful year as a team, a squad and a Club, the boys had some very big expectations to live up to....and went to work early, with a good pre-season put in by most including a trip to the Riverland to get some game time in and to help build the bonds that are required for a good team to become a great one.

We had a couple of new players with us this season, one of them being a German National by the name of Robyn Schmich. Robyn brought an injection of passion, athleticism and hardness to our team and without a doubt, could've played in our Div 1 team very successfully. I wish Robyn all the best in his future and would love to see him play in the green and gold again one day.

Shane Allen also joined us this year from Pt Adelaide. Shane became a big part of our defensive structure in the outfield and always did what was asked of him for the better of the team. With the Bite guys coming back in to the squad, Shane found himself in Div 3 for the finals, a very tough decision to make as a Coach, but Shane took it like the professional he is and helped those guys to another premiership.

We had a fantastic year as a team, and the mateship and enthusiasm that earned us a Premiership last year returned with the group, and it looked threatening that they would repeat the previous year's efforts and take out the big one all over again...but it wouldn't be. However, I am proud of their achievements....Minor Premiers and part of another Senior Club Shield.

I'm privileged to have watched this team of boys become men and have thoroughly enjoyed seeing them grow as baseballers over the years, not just as a Senior Coach, but as a Junior Coach, a parent and mentor. The tenacity that was shown this season in a difficult situation and the ability to play at the best level throughout, should serve these young men well in the future, in baseball and in life and I wish you all every success.

Our season was near flawless, and title of Minor Premiers was the least our season deserved. We played a very young Sturt team in our first final at home and proved too strong for the developing Sturt side. Our second final and last game of the year was one too remember and forget. The guys played their hearts out, but just couldn't catch a break on the day.

We pushed Kensington to their breaking limits but they stood tall and to their credit found a way to do what we couldn't....score 1 run. That would be the way our season finished. A 0-1 loss to the team that owed us one from last year. Will this fuel the guys to go harder next season??? I hope so. Will it make the guys stronger for years to come??? I know it will.

The importance of The Club.... (The Club being **ALL OF US**)

- Lead from the front.
- To support those around us.
- Encourage and facilitate learning.
- Communicate effectively.

It is so easy to become complacent. It's easy to let others do all of the work. It's easy to point the finger and lay blame.....BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION... If you don't like what's happening, CHANGE IT. If you need help, ASK FOR IT. If you want something bad enough, MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Award Winners MVP: N Nicholson Batting: R Schmich

Runner up MVP: W Moore

Thanks go to The Board, the grounds crew, all the other volunteers. Tim Russell, John Russell. All of the supporters that supported us week in week out. The scorers. The Senior Group has an opportunity that only a few ever have a chance to be a part of. If they stick together, work hard and aspire to achieve, they will be successful at the top level for years to come.

Thanks.

Phill Hirschausen.

Division 3.

After winning the Grand Final last year, it was going to be hard to back it up and go again, but we were up for a challenge.

The standard of Division 3 this year had risen again with some more quality players from other clubs retiring from division 1 to play 3's or coming back to play again.

We didn't have the same squad from last year losing our best hitter Telmo & our best pitcher Doggy to injuries and family commitments, but we were able to recruit Drew Brougham & Todd Height to help cover our pitching.

We used 24 players overall from the year, which ranged from players from Div 2 & Div 4, due to the depth of the club it made it hard at selection every week. We started with a loss to Souths, but then got back on track, we only lost 3 games and drew 1 game for the year finishing 3rd overall.

Finals time, the format had changed from last year with a highest rank loser getting a wildcard second chance, which left us playing elimination games from then onwards.

First final v Glenelg, Brougham started and went as long as he could giving up 3 runs but then succumbed to a hamstring injury, allowing Ben Murton to relieve, this was his first start in div 3 this year, he really stood up shutting the Bays bats down, with our bats coming alive late to steal the win 4-3, setting up a semi-final battle against Golden Grove.

Due to Drews injury we started Ben Murton, he stood up to the challenge and pitched an outstanding game, throwing 7 innings, holding a quality line up to 3 runs, with the final score being 14-1. A special mention to Nick Kuhn who hit the cycle, a very unique and outstanding effort, we were off to the big dance once again against Glenelg at home.

Drew had tried everything possible to get his chance to pitch again, which he earned the right to do, so it was a hard decision but we decided to start him. Things didn't go to plan early with the bays scoring 7 runs in the first 6 innings, and our bats not really firing it looked like a long day, but like all year we weren't about to give up.

With Drew done we gave the reins to Fanta, a move that proved decisive with him pitching outstandingly again only allowing them to score 1 run for rest of the game & Toddy Height coming in to close it out. Our bats then really came alive as we piled on 10 runs, finally winning 14-7 to claim the ultimate prize and go back to back.

Special mentions also for good efforts were myself with 4 hits, Jesse Toepfer & Shane Allen both with 3 hits and all other players for their outstanding contribution's on the day, it was a total team effort!

In capping the year – Drew Brougham was outstanding for us all year pitching in nearly all our games winning our MVP award.

Toddy won the runner up MVP is his comeback year he was able to be used in multiple positions and as a relief pitcher.

Batting award was Vic Bentvelzen batting .432 for the year.

A big thank you to Nick Kuhn for making the special effort every weekend traveling from the Riverland.

Thanks to the other squads above and below that were able to help to help out during the year.

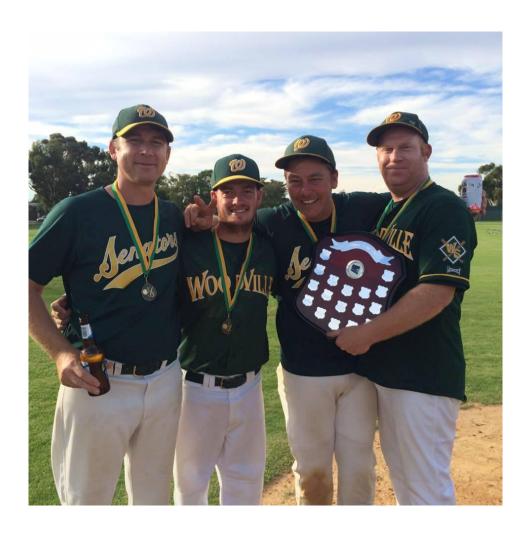
A special thanks to all the wives, parents, partners and children that were able to help in the canteen and other duties during the year. Thank you to Bec for scoring every game all year, Noel for being the team manager again without any fuss.

To Phil for being my assistant coach, super help and has so much to offer, thank you for all your support, to Fanta for also helping out when available.

To the other Senior Coaches from grades above and below, thanks for their support.

Lastly thanks to all the boys for the great year we had, it was a great ride, Back2Back Premier's we will remember that special day forever! Thanks,

Darren Annear.



Division 4

Division 4 had a few big changes for the 15/16 season with myself taking over as Coach but losing the likes of Jobby, Muegge, Razis, Carroll and Zac definitely put a bit of a dent in our side. We had a mixture of young and old which was great. It took some time to come together as a group but when we did we played some good baseball.

Unfortunately it wasn't enough to make the finals but I hope we can work together again next year and take it to the next step. We had some good wins, most memorably against Goodwood who ended up winning the Div. 4 flag this season. We had some close games but just couldn't hold on at times. Errors our biggest issue. amongst us. Other wins against Norths and Gawler were expected.....

Kym Bridger had a hell of a year. Probably the best I've seen him have since I met him in U14's. He hit just under .400 and pitched really well when on the mound. I awarded him the coach's trophy.

Joe Papps took home the batting trophy hitting .427 which is a solid effort. He was also my rock in the infield when he had to be. Hope Dee doesn't steal him for the 3's next season!

A special mention must also go out to Bernie, while not having the best year average wise he batted in a team high 19 rbi's which is a great effort. But don't tell him that.

Lodgey also hit over .700 but didn't have as many at bats as most of us....

Then there was my MVP. I made my decision half way through the year. Emmanuel (*I've been asked to call him*) also had the season of his career in my eyes. Hit just over .400 in the lead off role and caught every single game of the season without a whisper. Fantastic effort MANNY!!

Big thanks to the other boys for their efforts this year too. Hope to see you all out again next season so we can make our move up the ladder!!

Lastly thanks to all those who helped out behind the scenes. Barb for scoring, grounds crew for making our ground the best ground in SA. Nathan's mum for bringing out the lollies every week (even though Phil and Dee ate most of them) and all the parents and partners for coming out and supporting us. See you all again soon!!

Ben Murton.

Division 6.

All the old faces were back for another season, with a couple of new ones. Chris Papps, Derek Milne, Casey Moore and Jesse Whinnen, who soon moved up to play division 4 and 3's. We also welcomed back our scorer Judie Currie who continues to come out and do the job week after week.

This season we started off very slowly in a similar way to last season, only getting one draw at the halfway mark of the season. This year was a season of players breaking down, not a game went by without someone breaking down. We had Garth Lodge missing 7 games due to injury, Shane Lodge missed 8 games, Chris Papps missing 12 games and then we had Derek Milne who would hurt his hamstring nearly every game.

Despite these injuries we ended up winning a few games. Aaron Petros has improved this year in the outfield, he also did a lot of umpiring this year for the Club. You could not ask more from Shane Nicholson, he played in any position I asked of him from catcher to left field. Keith Mortimore had a good season on the mound, at the age of 75. Keith won all three of our games and drew two of them. Garth Lodge, even though he missed 7 games, had a great year with the bat and at first base.

A big thankyou goes out to Judie Currie for scoring. I don't know how you put up with us week after week, hope to see you next season. Jane Nicholson, thank you for working the canteen at our home games and scoring when Judie was away. It was a very enjoyable season and I am look forward to seeing everybody come back next season and go again.

Awards

M.V.P Keith Mortimore

Shane Nicholson

Batting Garth Lodge

Shane Lodge.

Under 19.

No report submitted.

Under 17.

With a low number of Adelaide-based players, the team was lucky enough to be supported on game day by four boys from Mildura. With the whole team not being able to train together during the week, the season started inconsistently, going 2-2 over the first four rounds. Also another factor was that this was my first Head Coaching position and I was still learning the roles and responsibilities that come with the job.

From round 5 onwards, we saw some massive improvements. The team went on to win many games, some by the mercy rule, or some close, hard fought losses. Apart from being more comfortable in my coaching role, the team was more settled and the boys were really gelling well together.

After the minor rounds, we qualified for finals by finishing in 6th position. This saw us play the top team, West Torrens. Unfortunately with too many basic errors and a strong West Torrens team, we went down 5-1. Although we were unsuccessful, I believe playing in the finals was an excellent experience for the players, many of whom are only first year U17's.

I would like to thank:

- The families from Mildura for bringing the boys down every Sunday to represent Woodville.
- Chris Papps for his support as Assistant Coach.

And congratulations to:

- Morgan Ruchel & Will Kortekaas for making the SA U16 State Team.
- Joe Papps for coming 2nd in the SABL U17 League Medal.

Michael Doyle

Under 15.

Again I would like to thank Woodville Baseball Club for the opportunity to Coach U15's. A big Thank you to the Ground Crew for preparing the ground every weekend, canteen volunteers and last to all the Umpires. Thanks for all your time and tireless work at the Club.

This Year was again a challenge to attract and also retain players. With 6 plus first year players at the level of U15's is frustrating and needs to be addressed, a bigger flow on from U13's needs to be looked at. But as to the new players, their commitment and improvement throughout the season was both excellent & rewarding.

Losing Thomas Llamas to a soccer injury three weeks into the season was a setback, Angus Ashcroft from Mildura only played 5 games for the season, due to the 3pm time of Game. Angus is a promising junior and pitched 2 winning games for Woodville.

For a 4th Season U15's finished 10th. three wins, and a draw, much better than the season before - going winless.

Unfortunately, 6 times we played with 8 or less players and also forfeited a game due to only having 5 Players available.

I have to mention some players who showed good character both at trainings & on game day.

Tyrone Engels played short stop and outfield and his hitting improved during the Season with a 3 for 4 in a win against Sturt.

John O'Neill a first year player with an amazing desire to play the game and enjoyed it. To watch him take fly balls on game day was outstanding.

Joel Benham played 3rd base for me, then pitched late in the Season, worked hard and always had a smile on his face.

Ben Murdoch came over to baseball this year from cricket, good call, Ben turned a double play on his first game and was a regular 2nd baseman for us, worked hard on his hitting, tough not to "Drive" the ball through mid off.

Harry Graham, 1st Year player who did struggle with the skills for playing baseball, but never missed trainings and also worked extra hard to improve his skills. Harry picked up 4 hits through the season which was fantastic to see, but when he caught a fly ball in the outfield and turned & then bowed to the crowd was **SPECIAL**. Well Done.

Jack Clark was a focal point in our team, short stop, catching & pitching, also leadoff hitter. Jack put in a solid year in the field.

Tahlea Tape came to me after Game 1 and told me she would play for us in U15's. What a great move this turned out to be. Tahlea played 1st base & pitched and played with good intensity. It wasn't too late in the season pop flies are catchable.

Jack Higginbotham would have to be one of the better players, good all rounder at the moment. Big and strong, must be the water in Mildura! Jack could hit & catching was his preferred position. Jack pitched 8 games for us.

Also like to thank the Parents & Carers of the players, Thank you for letting me work with the children & teaching them how to play "This Great Game".

A big thank you to the Scorers & Pitch Count Person throughout the season.

Special thanks to Lee Tape & Nathan for their support at trainings & game day, Lauren Rogers for coaching a winning Game. Well Done.

Gary Owens & Wade Moore for helping me out at trainings, "a big thanks".

If I have missed anyone out - sorry.

To Sarah Ashcroft, a big thank you for your commitment again to Woodville driving down every weekend from Mildura with 4 players on board to play at Woodville. Also to Nick Kuhn for bringing some young lads down to play.

Special thanks to Pattie of the support again throughout the season..

Congratulation to the Trophy Winners

Coaches Award - Tahlea Tape Batting - Jack Higginbotham MVP - Jack Higginbotham

Cheers, Lawrie (China) Good Luck for 2016 / 2017

Lawrie Moore.

U13 Division 1.

What a season that was! As a Coach there have been many moments in games & also training that have been both exhilarating & frustrating. From the outset, with one training session left before the first game, six players were training for under 13. That problem was solved and another presented with Friday night & fifteen players in attendance!

For the first round we attempted to squeeze fiteen players into nine positions in 110 minutes of baseball. Not ideal to say the least and a determined push to field two teams was put into place. Fortunately, sanity prevailed and it was decided that Woodville would field two teams in Under 13. As a result, some players played two games a weekend and, with some extra recruiting throughout the season, we fielded an improving side each week.

We hit the diamond running with a good first up win against Port but unfortunately couldn't back it up the following two weeks against quality opposition. Round 4 v Adelaide we were looking good, in front, needing two outs to close it out but the red pencil appeared and we went down 12-14. The next six games showed what we as Coaches had been hoping for: hustle, team work, communication and more attacking baseball both in the batters' box and in the field with some long ball hitting starting to shine through. Also some determination to make the play and/or get on base by swinging that bat that had, at times, been left resting on the shoulder, but, unfortunately, not for the whole six innings which often proved costly. Round 9 confirmed what the Coaches knew was coming, 2 HRs to the 'rookie' of the team, Ashlin, against GGCD. The look on his face and his attitude is what you enjoy seeing as a Coach.

Round 12 v Kensies saw us with seven players, some minor adjustments to the fielding positionsone outfielder & a deep second base! The bats were on fire that day, as were the seven players and no errors in sight which pleased the Coaches even more. One play from that game that we really enjoyed was a 4-1 put out (Connor deep second/shallow right field to Cody covering first), some doubles, triples and an In the Park HR (nice hitting Sam). They looked sharp and it was great to see them gel as a team winning 20-12.

The score book doesn't reflect the next two games properly (H&G and the Saints) 16-2 down to H&G with the red pencil needing a rest after 7 scorebook visits. The same with the Saints with multiple errors in the 1st & 2nd innings allowing five runs to cross the plate. There were some good plays that were pleasing in these games (Damien behind the dish improving all the time and some good catches by Nick) which is something we can build on as a playing group.

Then came North, three spots above us on the ladder but not prepared for the 'heat' on the mound. With Ash having his first trip to the mound, a little hesitantly, he gave us a great start throwing half pace but whizzing them by the batters. Anthony coming in to shut them down, wasn't he pumped about it. Everyone played great that game and we took the win 8-5. More pleasing was the leadership shown by some players (Jayden, nice work assisting your starting pitcher), hitting and some plays that we had gone through at training coming off and being able to say to some players quietly "have a look over there at the smiles on their faces" ie: the green and gold 'army' on the hill.

Last round was against Port where we scraped in for a 7-5 win.

They fought hard and worked well as a team. Thanks to Barry, Blake, Cooper and Harrison for filling in when we needed them.

Hopefully all players have enjoyed their season in the green and gold and are ready get out on the diamond next season with more determination, team work, aggression in the batters' box and plenty of support for their team-mates and now know the Club song so we can all sing it together. As a Coach, playing baseball is about attitude, preparation, teamwork, dedication, (yes) talent, persistence, recovering from failures/errors/strikeouts, improving. Not getting down on yourself, your teammates or the umpires (who are always right even when we think they are wrong) & MOST of all listening to your Coaches who want your undivided attention and to see your baseball skills improve.

I'd also like to thank Brett for being my assistant all year. He keeps reminding me how good he was at 3rd. Unlike myself he doesn't have kids out here so for him to come out each week to help was great.

Also my scorers, Andrew Frangiskos and Larry Ierace, who I could rely on all year without hesitation. Without all your help these boys can't play. THANKS GUYS!!

3...2....1....WOOOOODIES.

Sean Conlon



U13 Division 2.

After the first round the under 13's were split into two teams as we clearly had too many players for one, although for most of the season it was a struggle to get full teams, the plus side was no one saw much bench time.

The other outstanding move was to coach both teams together at practice, Sean Conlon recruited his brother Brett to help and the players were the winners receiving the knowledge and experience of two former division one players.

The U13/2 side had more first year players than they had experienced players so in games struggled but steadily improved throughout the year, I'm sure that the players are now better placed for seasons to come and will be a lot more competitive in the future. The players seemed to enjoy themselves and have indicated they will be playing on.

Congratulations to my Trophy winners Cooper Newbound (MVP), Cameron Fraser (Batting) and Sam Graham (Coaches Trophy) and to all the players for their improvement and efforts.

Thanks to Mel for Scoring and to all the other Parents for helping particularly on game days, once again Thanks to Sean and Brett who not only helped the players but me as well.

Graham Newbound.



Under 11

First off I wanted to say how honoured and how much fun I had coaching each player of the under 11 squad and I hope that each player continues to work hard and pursue baseball in the future.

I found out that I would be coaching the under 11 team the day before our first training. I didn't know what to expect and as each week went on it was so encouraging to see each individual improve in one way or another while also never giving up when things didn't go quite our way.

I would also like to give out a special thanks to Dave and Brad and all the other parents who gave their time to help with coaching and other team needs throughout the season I couldn't have done it without you all.

One highlight of the year and my favourite moments would be beating East Torrens away for the first win of the season that wasn't a forfeit. Everyone on the team got on base at least one time and we went ahead and won 10-5. It was a great team win and really showed what the boys were capable of and how far they had come along throughout the course of the year. Another highlight would be Conner hitting a homerun against Port Adelaide's top pitcher and player that was almost big enough to play division 1.

One of the most courageous points of the season was when Beau was hit in the face with a pitch accumulating to a bloody nose and instead of taking the rest of the game off he cleaned himself up and ran straight back on the field to play defence the next inning.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to coach this team and again I encourage each player to continue their baseball career's and fall in love with the game that has given so much to me.

Vinnie Fayard



Tee-Ball

The 2015/16 t-ball season was very successful, with another Coach in Shane Brown on board with his vast knowledge and help from Aaron and Brad made it very easy to split up into 4 groups on training nights and give the t-ballers drills to suit their age, as we had once again kids range from four up to eight years we needed to have different groups to accommodate them as well as making it fun and challenging.

This season we were able to have 2 All-Star carnivals and the one before Christmas we didn't keep a proper score but we were very impressed as everyone came out and everyone got a safe hit!! The second All-Star games we kept score and we didn't lose a game!! We were very impressed as the kids worked as a team to keep the opposition teams runs down while we piled on the runs!!

All in all I think every kid was impressed in their own improvement during the season and I'm confident they will all be back and we will have more fun activities to introduce the kids into baseball with live pitching, crazy catching activities and throwing targets to improve the kids as they transition through to baseball.

Many thanks to Shane and the other dads that helped out as I couldn't do it on my own!!

Looking forward to holding our own All-Star event and the new season,

Cheers, Scotty.

Scott Romain.



SEASON 2015-2016 TROPHY WINNERS WOODVILLE BASEBALL CLUB

DIVISION 1

Keith Mortimore Perpetual MVP	Gary Owens
Batting Champion	Vinnie Fayard (.432)
Golden Glove	Troy Weinert
PlayersAward	Gary Owens

DIVISION 2

Les Behrendt Perpetual MVP	Nathan Nicholson
Batting Champion	Robin Schmich
Runner Up MVP	Wade Moore

DIVISION 3

Mark Peters Perpetual MVP	Drew Brougham
Batting Champion	Vic Bentvelzen
Runner-up MVP	Todd Height

DIVISION 4

Most Valuable Player	Emmanuel Hirschausen
Batting Champion	Joseph Papps
Coaches Award/Best Team Man	Kim Bridger

DIVISION 6

Most Valuable Player	Keith Mortimore
Most Valuable Player	Shane Nicholson
Batting Champion	Garth Lodge

DON RICE LEAGUE

Adam Lodge Perpetual MVP	Troy Nicholson
Batting Champion	Troy Nicholson
Coaches Award	Liam Mullen

UNDER 17

Grant Behrendt Perpetual MVP	Joseph Papps
Batting Champion	Will Kortekaas
Coaches Award	Brodie Usher

UNDER 15

Don Klaebe Perpetual MVP	Jack Higginbotham
Batting Champion	Jack Higginbotham
Coaches Award	Tahlea Tape

UNDER 13/1

Ian Marsland Perpetual MVP	Sam Conlon
Batting Champion	Cody Tape
Coaches Award	Anthony lerace

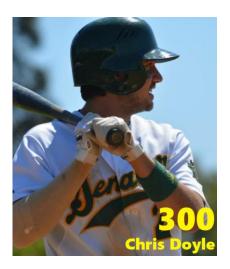
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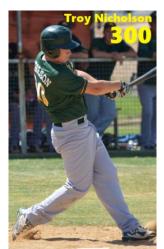
Lawrie Moore Perpetual MVP	Cooper Newbound
Batting Champion	Cameron Fraser
Coaches Award	Sam Graham

UNDER 11

Batting Champion	Kobi Talbot
Coaches Award	Beau Brownhill
Most Improved	Zane O'Brien

GAME MILESTONES











300 Games	Chris Doyle Troy Nicholson Rhys Owen Troy Weinert
400 Games	Ben Lodge

GEOFF ROGERS AWARD	Shane Nicholson
MARK BIGGINS AWARD	Gary Owens
KLAEBE CLUB INDUCTEE	Shane Nicholson
	Grantley Weinert
TONY HARRIS MOST PROMISING JUNIOR	Joseph Papps
MAX BEHRENDT JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	Jack Higginbotham

BASEBALL AUSTRALIA

	Australian All-Star Team selection	Josh Tols
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BASEBALL SA

The Ohlstrom Shield	Woodville Baseball Club
Ron Sharpe Medal – Div 2 MVP	Nathan Nicholson
Baseball SA All Star Selection	Vinnie Fayard - Utility Gary Owens - Outfield Enza Henty - Scorer
Pitcher of the Year	Jackson Lodge - ERA 1.39

State Representatives and Australian Representatives

Under 16 Will Kortekaas

Morgan Ruchel

Under 23 James Henty

Liam Mullen

Adelaide Bite Ben Lodge

Wilson Lee Josh Tols Gary Owens

FINAL STANDINGS SEASON 2014-2015

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	DRAW	MINOR PLACING	FINALS
Div 1	26	7	2	3rd	Lost Grand Final
Div 2	13	2	1	1st	Lost Round 2 Final
Div 3	12	3	1	3rd	Premiers
Div 4	5	11	0	10 th	Did Not Qualify
Div 6	3	11	3	11 th	Did Not Qualify
Don Rice League	4	4	0	4th	Did Not Qualify
Under 17	10	4	0	6th	Lost Round 1 Final
Under 15	3	11	1	10 th	Did Not Qualify
Under 13/1	4	11	0	12 th	Did Not Qualify
Under 13/2	1	11	1	11 th	Did Not Qualify
Under 11	2	11	0	7th	Do not play finals