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Dear Member,

The 2015/16 Summer Season is now in full swing with all competitions now started. The Men's firsts continued their good start defeating local rivals Blackburn for the first leg of the Whitehorse cup 5-3 in a rain shortened game, while the seconds won their first game, the thirds drew and the fourths had another good win. The Division 4 teams reversed their results from the first week.

The Women's teams were not able to get a win but the seconds pulled off a draw against Sunshine. The Masters A 38+ team started their premiership defence with a big win while both the over 45 teams were defeated.

Most junior teams started over the weekend, with a new junior charter system in place, however there will still be some movement of players between teams.

There are a few social events being planned – keep an eye on the club calendar for upcoming events.

There was a minutes silence to recognise the passing of life member Peter Unwin in the off season. His contribution around the club since the 1980's has been immense.



Players line up as a mark of respect to Peter Unwin

Events

20/10/2015 Scorers clinic for beginners

14/11/2015 Aces vs Perth Heat Fundraiser

21/11/2015 Trivia Night

26/11/2015 Thanksgiving Dinner

Results

1st Nine		
Round 2 - Sun 11th October		
Men's Division 1	Blackburn	3
	Melbourne	5
Senior Grades – Round 2		
Men's Division 1 Reserves	Blackburn	3
	Melbourne	4
Men's Division 1 Thirds	Melbourne	5
	Blackburn	5
Men's Division 1 Fourths	Melbourne	10
	Blackburn	4
Men's Division 4 East	Melbourne	8
	St Kilda	11
Men's Division 4 South	Melbourne	13
	Waverley	5
Women's Division 2	Moorabbin	13
	Melbourne	3
Women's Division 3	Melbourne	10
	Sunshine	10
Masters A 38+	Research	1
	Melbourne	15
Masters B 45+	Melbourne	3
	Waverley	4
Masters C 45+	Melbourne	6
	Blackburn	17

Upcoming Games

17/10/2015 1sts and 2nds @ Doncaster

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Match Reports

Division 1

The first nine defeated Blackburn 5-3, after being outhit 7-6, in a rain affected game, bunching our hits in the third dig. Andy Mann was excellent on the mound again - coming back from an attacking first dig from Blackburn scoring 2-0 after the first half inning, we battled back to score one in the first and four in the third to secure a rain-shortened 5-3 win at home over Blackburn. Scotty Moore picked up a couple of hits, Tristen Field with a couple of RBI's. Evan Brisentine relieved in the 6th for the save.

Senior photos have been updated on the web site [here](#).

Division 1 Reserves

The 2's picked up their first win of the season 4-3 against Blackburn. Having got off to an early 2-0 lead we were never headed. In stark contrast to last week the boys hit with patience, but showed aggression when it was required, executing situationals very well.

Pitching and defence were on display again with Min throwing a solid 4 innings of no-no work. He was relieved by Al Hondo who worked through 2 before running into a bit of trouble in his 3rd dig, where Cal finished off the job for him. Notably Chuckles and Ollie turned numerous double plays up the middle finding their feet as a good up the middle combo.

We take on Doncaster this week hoping to add another win to the column.

Division 1 Thirds

Well those bats we were talking about last week were nowhere to be found yet again with the thirds only getting 1 hit by Bretty (a slow one snuck through the infield to get us 2 RBIs). At one point during the first innings we had loaded bases and no outs - then 2ks and 1 pop fly left 3 LOB - to not convert from this situation is a massive fail and cost us an awesome start.

Defensively Hicky took to the hill and was excellent for 4 innings only letting 1 player touch a base with a walk. The 5th innings is where things went a little pear shaped, a hit, and a K followed by 2 walks loaded up the bases. Hick walked off the mound putting a ton of pressure on the reliever Adam Pahos.

Unfortunately the story doesn't get better from here, 2 more walks saw us holding onto 1 run lead, a pop fly that somehow found the gap sealed the deal letting Blackburn tie it up. This goes to show that walks kill a game and quickly. A very disappointing draw with Blackburn 5/5

Division 1 Fourths

The fours are looking to be a very solid unit this season. Enoch started on the hill and did a great job for the first half. The second half a 4s rookie took to the hill, Welcome to the Prom show. Moving a ball faster than expected Prom was able to hold them to only 1 extra run. Hitting was excellent by all with everyone getting at least 1 hit, Jacob Rizio the standout yet again getting a couple of solid line drives. Highlights of the game were Prom missing 3 back to back signals for a steal (1st and 3rd situation) and then when nothing was on he proceeded to steal anyways, nice one bro !!

Welcome to Robbie who made a stand out diving play at centre field and looked very solid running bases. All in all a good win - 10/4

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Division 4 East

We took on a strong hitting team this week and Barks improved on his outing from Round 1 but the St Kilda bats were pretty hot early. Lachlan Clayton hit back with a big 2 RBI double to get us back in the game and then relieved Barks in the third dig and did a great job on the mound, quieting the St Kilda bats, we clawed back a couple of runs late but could not score heavily enough to really challenge and went down 11-8. Gu Zhang got his first game for Melbourne and some better defence this week was pleasing to see from Hudson at Shortstop and Julo scoping them up at first base, almost pulling off a nice ground ball PO1 - 2 tag double play that was close at the plate.

Women's Division 3

In the first game of the 2015/16 season, the Division 3 girls faced off against an easily beatable Sunshine team. On synthetic turf – which can only be described as foreign conditions for most of the ladies – we lost our grip in the last dig, to end up with a draw. Last year's Division 3 MVP Tori Elliot got the start on the mound reaching her pitch count late in the game and an injured Jess Wearne came on in relief and got us out of a jam.

Highlights from the game included Tori Elliot hitting her first Triple in Senior baseball – this, combined with her performance on the mound made her an easy choice for player of the match.

Uncharacteristic errors were costly in the last dig - we gave up a 5-run lead, and missed 3 chances for the final out of the game before the tying run crossed the plate. Luckily reliever Jess Wearne was able to get that final K at the plate and helped us avoid a loss. We brushed off the dust and blew out the cobwebs, so hopefully with a couple more training sessions under our belts we'll cut down on the errors and establish ourselves as a competitive side over the course of the season.

This week, we have a double header at home – hopefully the home ground advantage will help us across the line and see both women's sides secure their first wins of the season.

Masters A 38+

The reigning champions unveiled their 2014/15 flag in front of Club Coach Sticks who was obviously scouting for a few hidden gems. Not sure if he found any, however he did witness the A team pick up where they left off with a crushing 15-1 win over Research's A team.

We welcomed Ben and Jason from Monty winter, and two of Steve Gerwing's Glen Iris Fat Bastard mates Val and Mick along with Merle Arthur to the squad as the team's scorer. We scored consistently, with 3,3,2,3,0 and 4 runs over six innings via 14 hits, 4 walks, three HPB's and a couple of Sac's. Lardio and Chairman Dave kept Research to one run off four hits, one walk and one HPB. The pair threw 14 balls and 49 strikes which was mighty impressive over 6 innings (whereas the opposition threw 125 pitches). Solid start to the season with everyone making solid contact. With Bryce and Craig Mitchell to return from work commitments we should be in for a good year.

Masters C45+

With a few new faces in the 45's to replace some of our great club stalwarts, we came up against last year's grand finalists Blackburn in what will be a tough competition. Fair to say that our defence was a little rusty but we will get better with quite a few players out on the night and more time on the diamond. Our highlight was our batting through the night with everybody striking the ball really well against a very strong defensive team we still managed 6 runs. We welcomed Peter Ryan and Mike Bailey for their first Masters games for Melbourne. Steve Pahos had a couple of doubles and Mike Bailey managed a couple of extra base hits including a triple – obviously has not realised the unwritten rule – “there are no triples in Masters”.

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[Aces Club fundraiser night](#)

Keep the date – Saturday November 14th for the Melbourne Aces vs Perth Heat games at Melbourne Ball Park for a club fundraiser, tickets \$25. The price includes:

- Ground Entry – any age, reserved seats in a sectioned off area for our club
- Free Hot dog
- Free Soft drink
- Free souvenir

By purchasing the ticket through the club you go into the draw to throw out the first pitch of the game – drawn only from our club ticket buyers.

More details to follow.

[SCORERS Clinic for Beginners](#)

Ever wondered about the mysteries of the Baseball Score book? There is a scorers Clinic for Beginners on Tuesday 20th October from 5:30-7:00pm (during Little League Training).

[Registration and Payment](#)

Thankyou to all the players who have officially registered successfully through the IMG system – however the club component of your registration fees is now due, the BV payments only cover your insurance and BV costs so please make an effort to pay the club component ASAP.

To view a PDF for the Melbourne Baseball Club Fees and instructions go to the following link:

<https://sitedesq.imgstg.com/assets/siteDesq/19617/documents/Fee%20Schedule%202015-16.pdf>

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