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The Official Newsletter of the MCC Baseball Section

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Dear Member,

The MCC Section Dinner was held this week which celebrates the success of all 13 sporting sections of the MCC. The Baseball Section was well represented on the night and a big surprise was the awarding of the prestigious Hans Ebeling award to club legend Ross Arthur. The award perpetuates the memory of one of the MCC's greatest contributors as player and administrator, Hans Ebeling. The Award was introduced in 1981 to honour those who have given outstanding service to the MCC Sporting Sections. Ross is just the 33rd winner of the award, second only in prestige to MCC life membership. He joins past winners affiliated with the Baseball section:

- 1983 - Ian Huntington (Cricket, Baseball, Tennis and Hockey)
- 1990 - Jack Francis (Bowls and Baseball)
- 1993 - John Cavanagh (Baseball and Cricket)
- 1994 - Graeme Howarth (Cricket and Baseball)
- 2012 - David Went (Baseball)

On the field, the firsts returned to their winning ways with a 12-2 mercy result over Sunshine on Sunday and a 9-4 win at a windy Altona during the week, while the seconds and thirds also won well, with the fourths incurring a tight loss. Masters 38+ had a big win over last year's grand finalists Croydon.



Ross Arthur with his Hans Ebeling award

Events

01/12/2015 Junior Photos

20/12/2015 Xmas BBQ

Results

1st Nine		
Round 10 – Sun 22 nd November		
Men's Division 1	Sunshine	2
	Melbourne	12
Round 11 – Wed 25 th November		
Men's Division 1	Melbourne	9
	Sunshine	4
Senior Grades – Round 8		
Men's Division 1	Sunshine	3
Reserves	Melbourne	9
Men's Division 1	Melbourne	8
Thirds	Sunshine	3
Men's Division 1	Melbourne	2
Fourth	Sunshine	4
Men's Division 4	BYE	-
East	Melbourne	-
Men's Division 4	Cheltenham	11
South	Melbourne	4
Women's	Melbourne	18
Division 2	Essendon	7
Women's	Melbourne	-
Division 3	BYE	-
Masters A 38+	Melbourne	17
	Croydon	2
Masters B 45+	Blackburn	5
	Melbourne B	3
Masters C 45+	Melbourne C	1
	Springvale	7

Upcoming Games

29/11/2015 1sts and 2nds
@ Latrobe Uni

29/11/2015 3rds and 4ths @
Surrey Park

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Match Reports

Division 1

Struggling Sunshine was no match for mighty Melbourne on this day. Five runs in the first, two more in the second, single markers in the third and fourth, an additional two in the fifth and a final tally in the sixth for good measure earned the Demons a 12-2 mercy-rule victory. Both Eagles runs came in the second inning.

Melbourne continues to lead their division and is tied atop the overall ladder with Geelong. The loss clouds Sunshine's prospects, relegating them to 3-5 so far on the year.

Division 1 Reserves

The seconds jumped out to an early lead on Sunshine and captured a 9-3 victory on Sunday at Surrey Park, with six runs in the first three innings breaking the game open.

A three-run double by Rhys De Highden, an RBI single by Justin Limburg, and a two-run home run by Slade Squire during the second inning supplied the early offense. Slade racked up four RBIs on two hits and Alex Hondo got the win thanks to 10 strikeouts. Hondo allowed two earned runs, six hits and two walks over 5 2/3 innings.

Sunshine put up three runs in the sixth but an RBI single by Justin Limburg, and a two-run triple by Slade Squire help the 2s run away with the game 9-3.

Division 1 Thirds

A solid all the way win by the thirds 8-3.

Division 1 Fourths

A tough loss, a tight game throughout, scoreless through the first 4 frames, we had several chances but lost a lot of momentum through some average baserunning. Patrick Cotter got his first start of the season and kept the Sunshine hitters well under control. We took the lead late with back to back triples from Hudson and Harvey, but could not hold on and ended up going down 4-2.

Masters 38+

Grand final rematch didn't quite turn out to be the competition we were expecting with both teams missing a few players. Lard was once again on song throwing four scoreless innings for one hit and three k's. We were kept quiet in the first but the second was a different story with Sean getting on base by taking one on the elbow for a nasty seam mark, followed by hits to Mitch, Jason, walk to Jason Bulger, then hits to Potts, Murray, Lard and an in the park home run to the Jeweler Michael Hill (he's young and quick)! Third innings more of the same with hits to Sean, Mitch, Jason and Val. Rolling into the fourth we scored with hits to Lard, Michael, Sean and Jason and at 13-0 after four it was time for Lard to take a seat.

Jason Bulge pitched the fifth and let a couple of runs in off a few hits but we came back bottom five with another four with hits to Potts, Lard, Michael, Sean and Craig. 17-2 so Potts threw the top of the sixth cleanly and we decided it was time for a beer and a magnificent Malcolm cooked meal. Solid win, with 30 runs scored for in the last two games and two against keeping us in top spot.

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Little League

Sunday saw some great Little League action from the Cardinals as they played away against Upwey FTG. Although coming out of the game second best with a final score of 10-7, there was no shortage of highlights. Riley Spagnol was in great form and impressed everyone with his big hits, fast catches from the mound and steady pitching. We also saw some big hits from Blake Mitchell and Martin Stephenson, while Will Spagnol caught a spectacular flyball from right field. A special thanks also to Max Saggars who joined the team for the week and helped them play a close and engaging game.

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News

[North Balwyn Scouts Christmas trees delivered to your door](#)

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Christmas trees delivered to your door
5, 6 and 7 foot trees available with quality stands

[Summer shorts now available](#)

New shorts have arrived - available by pickup at the clubrooms or orderable online at the shop

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