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Annual Report**

2009/2010

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Chairmans' Report

2009/10 proved to be moderately successful both on the field and off the field. Only one premiership, albeit at the important U18 level, and an A grade side that finished in the bottom half of the ladder can attest to the fact that we have a long way to go before we can call ourselves a premier club.

It was very encouraging to have the Div 2 side participate in the finals and for the U18 boys to take out the flag. It is also fair to suggest that if Chris Doyle had stayed with the side and Troy Wienert had played right through, the A grade would have made the playoffs too. This of course is what we are really wanting and we must not lose sight of this.

Congratulations to Tony Harris who led the club brilliantly. He stayed in touch with the whole club and it was a pleasure to watch him work, from his training program and teaching of the game to his player and coach management. As you are probably aware Tony will continue to manage the SA team in the new ABL next season. As a consequence he will not be our senior coach next year, but he has committed to being intrinsically involved as our Director of Coaching and Player Management, a role that I hope he will take on for many years to come. He is a true professional and we are lucky to have him. Thank you, Tony.

Congratulations also to the outstanding young players that have excelled themselves this year and brought pride to the club. Chris Doyle has done very well in college as has the now estranged Josh Tols. Wilson Lee is of course another talent who has signed a professional contract, and there are others on the horizon including Dayle Child, who along with his brother Dylan and Matt Smith and Jackson Lodge are all currently in harness at the MLB Academy in Queensland. The immediate challenge for the club at this level is to remain competitive and continue to grow despite the possible/probable loss of these and other stars in the next few years. The positive news is that with our facilities, great coaching and strong infrastructure we are attractive to other good young players around the country and along with our incumbent good young stock we still have much to look forward to. Naturally we hope that all the guys mentioned come back to the club after their overseas experiences and that will be very exciting!

Finally, on the field, the other senior sides performed well with the thirds and fourths making the finals and the sixes just missing out. Well done to the coaches involved and all the trophy winners. On the junior side, it was a real coup for the club to win the U18s, and a personal thrill for me.

The U16s and U14s did very well and the U12s made the grand final. The T-ball program continues to develop and we will keep this as a major focus in

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the future. Recruitment at all levels is crucial for us and this younger group is the most important... each and every year.

Once again congratulations to the boys who made State teams and won trophies. Never lose sight of the fact that winning is the real joy in competition and this comes from fierce determination, hard work from a tight, hungry team.

It is possible for us to become a really strong club, but we must continue to strive and focus. We must 'raise the bar', expect more from ourselves and be willing to go the 'extra yard'. Don't take anything for granted, be determined and continually improve... to stand still is go backward in this competitive environment!

We did quite well financially introducing some new fund raising tools and congratulations must go to all the members for their much better performance in paying their fees on time. We will be putting even more effort into this next year, so please, don't wait to be asked!

Of course we owe a huge debt to Don Klæbe and we must never underestimate or forget the importance of the work that Don did for many years, and also the magnificent legacy that that he has left us.

We will carefully evaluate each opportunity before us and ensure that we spend money wisely with a view to our long term prosperity. We made mistakes in the year just gone and will work hard in the future, not make hasty decisions and remember how difficult it is to make the money that we so desperately need to run the club. Congratulations to Jo and Dave and all the helpers in the canteen – it continues to grow and be the cornerstone of the financial stability of the club. Many thanks, to Geoff and John, for running the bar so efficiently. As a group we are very fortunate that these two critical areas are so well managed and, as a consequence, profitable.

The Goodwill series proved to be another enormous success in 2009/10 and is on again for the 15th time in 2010/11! I saw what goes into this week for the first time this year and it is amazing! Once again many thanks to all those involved especially the ground crew, Jeff Doyle, Grantley Weinert, Shane Nicholson, Adam, Shane and Garth Lodge and Morty. An incredible effort.

Other good news is that we will again be hosting a section of the Australian Masters games in October 2011, which will be of great financial assistance to the club.

Further, we have applied for various grants with Council and the SA Government and hope these funds will be made available for a new backstop for the main diamond and a new verandah and new paving in the spectator

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area. Hopefully we will have some further good news to announce at the AGM in July.

Finally, I would like to thank the members again for their commitment and attendance at the Senior Presentation Night at the Riverside Golf Club. It was a great night and with your support it will be bigger and better next year. I would also like to thank the Mayor, Mr. Harold Anderson, for being there and engendering the sense of urgency in our fund raising efforts. It would be remiss of me also to not thank Enza Henty for her assistance and patience in helping me personally throughout the year. My thanks also to the other otherwise unmentioned Board members, Karen, Stacey and Shane.

Borne out of my love for the game generally and the Woodville Baseball Club specifically I take the role of Chairman or President to heart, and it is with a lot of enthusiasm and desire that I hope to lead and assist the club successfully into the future. I believe that we have all the basic essentials for long term success. We are sound financially, we have a strong Board of Management, a host of dedicated helpers, a high level of talent and particularly good playing facilities. This however can all be lost in the short term and it is up to all of us to be diligent, work hard on and off the field and never lose sight of how important recruiting and fund raising is, each and every year.

Terry Fitzgerald

Baseball Report

We welcomed a lot of new players to our club this season. Players joined us from NSW and NT and from local clubs to experience a higher standard of coaching and the opportunities we offered them.

We had 6 teams in finals this season; Little League (U12) and Under 18 played off in Grand Finals, Under 16 and Divisions 2, 3 and 4. Unfortunately the U14's just missed out on the finals by a handful of runs.

However the Under 18's were the only team to win a Premiership...congratulations to Terry, Craig and all the players.

I would like to congratulate all our Australian and State representatives, signed players, Club trophy and award winners. Special congratulations to Tony Harris for taking the Claxton Shield team to the Grand Final. What a great effort!!

We had three successful Presentation Nights - senior, junior and T-ball – all of which were well attended. This year we took our senior presentation night outside the Club for the first time so that we could cater for more people and what a great success it was.

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We hosted another successful Goodwill Series with four American teams playing our junior State teams and the SA Claxton team.

We had a very successful Quiz night organized by Shane Lodge and a 'Flashies' night, which was also well attended. Our junior Fun nights on Fridays were always very well attended by players and parents alike.

I would like to thank everyone who, throughout the season coached, scored, managed, counted pitches, umpired, did canteen or bar duties or maintained the grounds.

Your work has not gone unnoticed.

Thanks also to Garth Lodge and Max Behrendt for being Equipment Managers, and to Geoff Rogers and John Russell for working in the Bar and canteen.

I would also like to acknowledge our new Chairman, Terry Fitzgerald and all my fellow Board members for the tireless work they put into their portfolios this year.

Lastly, the Findon Reserve was finally renamed The Don Klæbe Reserve. What a great way to honour the memory of Don Klæbe.

See you all next season.

Enza Henty

Facilities Report

The season for us started in August with the upgrade of the mound, batters' box and bullpens. The mound was totally rebuilt and shaped with clay to allow for a much more solid platform than previous and it was encouraging to get great feedback from not only our team, but opposition teams as well. Many thanks to Grant Weinert who designed and built the mound from scratch and was then asked to do the same for Norwood Oval for the upcoming Claxton Shield series. Also, Lawrie, Adam, Garth (retiring?), Shane and all the others that had a hand in helping to get the grounds ready for the start of the season, a big thank you.

The trailer for the scoreboard was built in the off season and Dave Owen is the guy who spent many weekends designing and building a true work of art. Thanks Dave for all the "little extras" you do around the club.

Our club is in for some exciting times in the coming couple of years and if all goes to plan, we should see some upgrades around a new backstop on the

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main diamond and a new and improved outdoor viewing and entertaining section for all Members, so say tuned as we update this progress.

Finally, to Grant Weinert on the awards he received this year. A true Club person and well deserved and myself and the Club appreciate the many hours he puts in each week.

To all the other helpers who assisted with grounds and other areas around the club, thank you, and I look forward to working with you all in season 10/11.

Jeff Doyle

Club Report

Another year has passed, time again to thank all our Volunteers. Those who carry the load in the Clubrooms, bar, canteen and Special Events.

The playing facilities we enjoy are second to none in this State, thanks to a committed group in 'The shed' (who are still recruiting, by the way).

Our Clubrooms are gradually improving, the purchase of new tables and a paint-through (thanks to those who gave up their time to wield a roller) have made a difference, some work has gone into the kitchen, though a major upgrade is something we'll continue to strive for as funding becomes available.

The canteen continues to be an important source of revenue, also generating a lot of work through the season. Thanks to Geoff Rogers for giving so much of his time. Thanks to Jo for bargain-hunting stock (Don would be impressed!) and for a big effort behind the counter or in front of the hotplate. There is a core group who are always willing to lend a hand and although it gets a bit hectic at times, we manage to enjoy it, I hope. Thank you to all.

Where we do sometimes lack participation is with some of the Senior games, creating problems some weekends. Anyone who can assist at these times would be very welcome.

Thank you to John Russell behind the Bar and to those who take time to help out back there with another important asset to the Club.

Club night Thursday remains well patronized and a big part of the culture of the Club.

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Some Members may not be aware of the amount of effort going into the Junior area. We all appreciate the importance of a strong Junior program underpinning our on-field endeavours, this needs to be backed up by providing an enjoyable environment not just for the kids, but their families also. To that end we have the sausage sizzle every Friday evening, followed up with the Family Fun Nights each month. These nights have become popular with many families bringing extras back for meals.

Numbers have grown steadily over the last couple of seasons, to the point where we again split the T-Ball and Junior Presentations. Thanks specially to those who stepped in on the BBQ and in the kitchen on those big nights.

Senior presentation has outgrown our building, prompting a move to the Riverside Golf Club for this year. The evening was a great success and a pleasant change of surroundings for us to review the past season. Nice to have a night off!

A very gratifying public response was had to our Clubs' request to honour Don Klæbe by re-naming Findon Reserve. Thanks to our Ward Councillors John Pinto and Raffaele Angelino and Council staff for their direction and support in achieving this outcome.

Finally I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the 'on-field' people at the Club. This can be a difficult area to administer, not without its challenges this past season and we're fortunate to have a dedicated group willing to take responsibility for the tough decisions as we move forward.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Family Club next season.

Dave Owen

Junior Report

This was a great year for all the juniors with under 16's making the finals, under 14's just missing by percentage and under 12's played off in the Grand Final. Well done and congratulations to all.

T-ball continues to grow and develop under the Stewardship of Graham Newbound. Such an important area for the future of the Club. Graham is always happy to accept a hand with coaching. As numbers increase there is a need for more to step up and help out. Thanks Graham for your continued efforts and your enthusiasm.

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Big thanks go out to all of the parents for bringing their children out to training and to each game and for staying around after for a sausage or two and support their new Club.

Presentation night was split again this year with the T-Ballers having theirs first. Great to see the Club so full for both events and a big thank you to all the canteen helpers for their efforts right through the season.

I hope all coaches along with the players enjoyed themselves this season and will be back next season.

Look forward to seeing you then!

Shane Lodge

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Please help us to retain our sponsors by using their services wherever possible.

While we have gained some new sponsors this past season we have unfortunately seen some fall away.

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We would like to secure more whether they be Corporate or Community to help keep our Club financial and to help *keep your fees reasonable*.

This is an area where all Members can assist.

Players bringing new sponsors to the Club will receive a discount on their playing fees, so if paying fees is a struggle, get a sponsor or two and that will reduce the amount you need to pay and assist the Club at the same time.

If you know of anyone who may be interested please get hold of a sponsors' pack for them.

Financial Report

For a copy of the Financial Report please contact Jo Owen

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Jo Owen

Club Coach

Firstly I would like to thank Terry Fitzgerald and all the WDBC board members for their unwavering support of me, my thoughts, demands, and wishes throughout my tenure as Club Coach.

Season 2009/10 was certainly not without its challenges. Having said that I believe strongly in the 'on field' direction and achievements. Next season will definitely be an exciting one with our young playing squad another year older and more experienced, they will no doubt be ready to compete at the business end of the season in my opinion.

The retention of our quality senior leadership players is imperative for this to become a reality.

In my opinion players that need special recognition for their outstanding performance and production this season are as follows. Chris Doyle for his College scholarship, congrats mate for realising one of your long awaited dreams. Make us all proud and don't forget us upon your return. Ben and Jackson Lodge, Matt Smith, Dylan and Dale Child all had awesome seasons. Wilson Lee for his signing a professional contract with Pittsburgh Pirates, you too will make us all proud I'm sure when its time to go o/s.

Div 1 utilised over 20 plus players this season, the future appears very bright.

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Div 2 need to be congratulated on another finals berth. This is a testament to our depth at the senior level.

Congratulations must also go to our under 18 Champions. Well done boys. Several of these players will advance to senior levels next season and further solidify our depth for our top 3 teams in the season ahead.

Congratulations also to all our Junior State representatives, Troy Nicholson, Troy Weinert, Dayle Child, Jackson Lodge. It's an amazing achievement and all have exciting prosperous careers ahead of them.

Unfortunately for the forthcoming season I will be stepping down as Club Coach, due to my coaching commitment with the new ABL. I will remain at the club in a mentoring role for Josh and his staff, who have my utmost support.

Personally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the coaching staff for their tireless work and unconditional support and loyalty. Also to all our support and ancillary staff for their hard work.

I must also thank the players for they have never questioned nor waived in their commitment to our common goal, good luck guys as I'm sure we are not far from achieving them.

Finally, I have to thank the supporters and members of the WDBC for without you all, the club does not exist or survive.

Thank you all once again and look forward to seeing you at the club next season.

Tony Harris

Division 2

The 09/10 season for Woodville B Grade should be considered as a step in the right direction to a successful era at the Baseball Club. In order for there to be success at the highest level there must also be success at development levels with players putting pressure on those players above them. This season we have seen strong development in all teams resulting in players needing to earn their positions every week.

We went through the minor round with a record of 14 wins, 8 losses and 2 draws to finish the season sitting in 5th position. We then met East Torrens in the first final to win 9-5 taking us to the preliminary final where we came up against eventual premiers, Glenelg losing 7-2. Although it was disappointing to be knocked out the season was still a massive improvement on the previous year. It could have been said after the 08/09 preliminary final that we were lucky to make finals. However this year we proved that we deserved to

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be there. We will only improve in the upcoming years with continued strong training programs and the development of our younger players.

Throughout the season we had 24 different players appear in the B grade team, many of whom were still eligible for under 18's so we still have improvement to come, the club is in a great position and is going to continue to get stronger. We had some outstanding individual performances this year particularly in our three award winners Jye Height (Batting Award), Troy Weinert (Coaches Award) and Matt Muegge (MVP).

It is important to note that unfortunately due to other commitments Les Behrendt could not continue as the Head Coach of B Grade after Christmas but I would like to thank him for his help throughout the season (as Head Coach prior to Christmas and as assistant after). I would also like to thank Robert Henty, Adam Lodge, Lawrie Moore and Tony Harris for their coaching expertise during the year. These guys certainly make the coaching job much easier. Thanks must also go to Enza Henty (Scorer), John Russell (Drinks) and Tim Russell (Batboy) along with all club committee members for giving up their time each weekend and for all the work that they do behind the scenes.

Josh Frick

Division 3

This season marked the fourth successive season the division 3 team has been back in the competition at Woodville and has also been the most successful to date with the team finishing in 3rd spot on the ladder at the end of the minor round.

The evolution of the division 3 team has centered on a core group of past division 1 and 2 players being headed by myself as the coach. This season Phil Hirschausen offered his help as an assistant coach.

James Byrne and Ryan Marsland chose not to return this season and young Yuma was elevated up to the Div 1-2 squad.

Fortunately we were able to replace them with new players, with Sam Kuhne, and later in the season Thomas Grills from the N.T. who both slotted in nicely in various roles. Together with the few players from the 1s and 2s that were dropped from week to week the team was consistent enough to achieve a 75% win loss average for the year which was up from 65% the previous season. Our success was based on the fact that we had one of the best defenses in the comp and the domination shown by our pitchers Shane Brown and Ben Murton.

The team was sitting in a fantastic position come the Christmas break. However the sudden loss of Brett Hidson, one of our strongest offensive and defensive players, to Melbourne and Andrew Sullivan with the onset of his new business saw the team weaken in depth. These loses were of some concern at the time, fortunately the unity of our group and timely recruitment of Grills at short stop, helped us to remain extremely competitive.

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During the break at Christmas the Div 1-2 squad were in need of some help with the young guns off at various tournaments around Australia so 3 of the Div 3 squad were called up to help out. Doggy, Lodgey and Phil all stepped up to lend a hand. 2 weeks later the Div 3 squad found its numbers very low and called on the Div 2 players to repay the favor, who on this occasion due to Claxton Shield found themselves without a game. The response was poor which was very disappointing from a Club perspective.

Also, throughout the year we were asked to take on some of the out of form Div 2 players to help them get some game time and regain some confidence. We were always happy to help out and made them feel more than welcome and part of the team. However, I can't help but think that the players from the higher grade were somewhat disheartened and at times blasé about the exercise, and often performed poorly, Yet the following week were back in the Div 2 team despite their performance.

Training throughout the year was most times very difficult due to the lack of numbers, room to train and the "we don't train" stance of the 4's. On reflection we could have attempted to run the 3s and 4s as a squad but, as it was, the numbers were thin. This made it difficult to do specific training drills and trade players on a weekly and performance based system. At times we were forced to play some players that were struggling for form. A cultural change is needed if the Club truly wants to taste success at all levels.

The second half of the season became an uphill battle due to the slowly failing arm of number one pitcher Shane and the loss of Brett's bat. We hung in there and finished the season off in 3rd place.

Finals time.....

Our first final at home against Kensington was a marathon. Down 8 runs after the first 2 innings and with Shane done all our seasons hopes turned to Ben Murton, who didn't disappoint, giving his best performance of the season. Our defense kicked in and the bats started to work. The rain didn't stop the entire day and neither did the spirit of the team tying the game in the bottom of the ninth to go into extra innings. We finished the game off with a win in front of some very proud supporters and sung the club song for the first time in a couple of years in Div 3. The game would prove to be our "grand final" with our Prelim final loss to Goodwood the following week 5-2. We had our chances but it seemed nothing went our way on the day, and the stand out efforts from Pratt (5for 5) and a complete game from Coxon on the mound, our season was over.

In conclusion from my perspective, with all things said and done, Phil and I were most pleased with the way the Div 3 team performed on the field and participated around the Club throughout the year and look forward to being around in the years to come and help the Club taste the success it deserves.....

Paul Linkevics - Coach

Phil Hirschausen - Assistant Coach

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Division 4

After a memorable grand final win last season against Flinders, we returned for another crack at winning back to back premierships. Unfortunately, this was going to take a huge effort following the league's decision to promote us oldies back to division four.

The start of the season saw us up against Adelaide and after a consistent effort for the seven innings, we were victorious 4-2. Little did we know that moving up a division, meant we had to play nine innings if we finished before the allotted 120 minutes. We eventually got started again, however a change of pitcher (no names mentioned!!) had Adelaide slam 6 in the last to take it out 8-4.

After the first seven rounds, team harmony was quite low (2 wins & a last minute draw) – including a belting from Glenelg where they scored 12 runs in the 1st) we decided to make the tough decision and stop what was getting in our way – “Training”.

Our decision looked like it was working with rounds 8 -10 securing 3 good wins and amassing 45 runs to only 2 against – “The boys were back in town” and the others were starting to shake in their boots.

Unfortunately our last game before Christmas brought about our 2nd loss to the bays and we went to the break 5 wins & a draw from the 11 games – a better outlook compared to the first six weeks and time to rest our weary bodies for the run home.

The start to the new year had us up against our local rival H & G, where an all-round team performance secured a memorable win against the eventual premiers – Woodville being the only team to account for them in both minor round games.

With the season on the line and positions getting tight in the top four, a win against North was a must as they were pretty well entrenched at the top of the table. With the game tied at 8 all going into the last, North edged ahead with a couple of runs at the top of the innings. With our backs against the wall and the lower order up to bat, we loaded the bases with none out. Then with our illustrious top order now up, a win was within our sights until the dreaded K2 & KC made their way into the score book. Things were looking even worse with our number 3 hitter (no names mentioned!!) now up & having struck out 3 times and ready to bring in the bases, he came to the party and belted his counterpart for a single to tie the game.

Next up was a fight against the fourth side in Kensington, where a win would put us even closer to a spot in the finals – and a great fight we had!!! A sensational win saw us victors 8-6 where yet another change in pitcher (no names mentioned!!!) almost bringing us undone. Thanks to a Kensington brain meltdown, the game was called in our favour after adjudication from the umpire due to an unruly collision play.

Things were now looking tight with 4 games to go, and after a solid win against Goodwood, we bounced back from an early season WT defeat to

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record a solid 13-3 win. We were now needing a miracle to claim 4th spot due to Kensington having smashed North the same day to remain in the top 4. What a difference a week makes in baseball with the gods smiling upon us as we had heard WT who were languishing near the bottom had risen from the grave and belted Kensington to now give us a slim chance. We had a tight encounter with Port who had played above themselves in recent weeks against other top sides and finally got over the line 3-0.

We were now back to where we belong in the four with a final game to play against Sturt. A solid 9-0 win was the icing on the cake and we could now set our sights on the mightier prize.

The knockout semi against North was a closer encounter with scores tied at 1 all going into the 7th. Three runs in the 8th looked like getting us over the line until it was time for Woodville to have our brain meltdown (no names mentioned!!!). North eventually got up 9-5 and that was it – time to drown our sorrows (which we did so well).

Some memorable highlights from the year.....

- Behr supposedly earning his first ever KC (“I never KC”) in game 1 and never being allowed back on the mound after game 2.
- Marso also banished from the hill after some not so glorious efforts in game 1 & the rumble in the jungle at Kensington.
- Soary for his all-round efforts on the mound and in the batting box (oops, we should not have mentioned his hitting display!!).
- Frog for almost taking out the batting trophy (lucky he did not play enough games).
- Morty & Smurf waiting until round 15 to secure memorable hits to open their account.
- Morty again – this time for not setting the alarm clock.
- Rev for the Zorro award – strike 3 you’re out and again and again.....
- Bernie for finally making a commitment and also not locking up his beloved Harley.
- Soary for also making a commitment and for being Daryl – perhaps tennis is more your game.
- Mags – very business like, comes to play in the big games.
- Frank – needed to spend more time in the gym (Goodwood game) – warning track power.
- Cam & Marty – UFC cage fighters who will be sorely missed in game 1 next season due to hosting a Luv-aware Party.

Special thanks to our scorers throughout the year Anne Symons and our reliable fill-in Marie Mortimore

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Our loyal band of supporters who followed our progress both home & away games – too many to name, special thanks to Waldorf (Bruce) & Statler (Geoff).

Congratulations to the trophy winners; Rev (MVP), Mags (Hitting) & Marty (Coaches Trophy). Also to Rev for winning the Div 4 Association Medal. Milestone games for the season:- Behr (600), Rev & Marso (both 500). Apologies to Cam & Knuckles for 200 & 300 games respectively last season. Thanks to all Div 4 players who contributed throughout the season (17 in total):- Bernie, Frank, Behr, Mags, Marso, Rev, Cam, Marty, Morty, Smurf, Pornstar, Big Jack, Frog, Mick, Soary, Gwylim, Nathan Nicholson

Special mention to the big fella – Jack Spruzen. Continue your fight with love and best wishes to you and Tonia for the months ahead. We all look forward to playing with you again in the future.

Ian Reval & Garry Marsland

Division 6

Well another season has gone by. We had a good year finishing fifth on the ladder, a game and a half out of the finals. I believe were we finished on the ladder is no reflection of how good the team actually was, a few things just did not go our way. I think the team had fun and I hope they come out again next season to play. Well done to Stuart Yorston coming second again in the Div 6 Medal count. Many thanks go to Keith Mortimore for being there as an assistant coach. A big thank you goes out to Judie Curie for coming out and looking after scoring and putting up with the div 6 boys.

Awards

M.V.P	Stuart Yorston
Batting Trophy	Ash White
Coaches Award	Aaron Petros

Shane Lodge

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Under 18

PREMIERS 2009/10! You Bloody Bewdy!

This was a remarkable effort from a bunch of young men that became a very good team, took on the challenge of success, had a red-hot go, and won!

As is usual with most junior teams we began the season with the bare bones of a team with players of varying experience and ability. We had unproven pitching, a fair bit of self doubt but loads of enthusiasm. To help out Tony Harris agreed to allow three guys who were destined to play Div 1 or 2 to play in the U18 team as well, and this added some much needed strength and talent to the group. Although they may have been a little reluctant early on, Dayle Child, Troy Weinert and Jamie Nikoletos proved crucial to the ultimate success of the team. Thankfully assistant coach Craig Mortimore knew quite a bit about the younger lads so we put them out there, let them play, moved them around some and won quite a few games early!

Initially we relied on Sori Sawada and Nathan Nicholson to do the pitching, but we gave a lot of the guys a go and they all gave their best and showed a lot of promise. All of the boys had hot streaks offensively during the year and Nathan and Leon Shaw were prominent before Christmas. Josh Gniadek, Tim Sankey and Kevin Raison had their moments and Liam Huppatz, Dayle, Troy and Jamie carried us through when the chips were down. Mitch Harris swung the bat pretty well from time to time and showed resilience and desire behind the dish, while Jarrod Marsland made the most of his opportunities. Defensively we were generally very solid committing only 28 errors for the whole year, which was surprising considering the way we trained some times.

After Christmas we realized that if we got everybody qualified and organized ourselves properly we had a real chance of 'goin' to the 'ship'. To the boys credit they took it on and it was exhilarating to watch them become a tight, committed, hungry team. They helped each other and cheered each other on, became very determined and beat a couple of very good teams. As the finals rolled around the level of the whole group rose dramatically, and behind the great pitching of Josh and Dayle, they fought back in every finals game and proved by winning the flag that, despite some minor disappointments along the way, they were the best in the competition.

My congratulations go to every single one of the boys, all of them having made a significant contribution to the team, and I urge them all to pursue the game in the future. I also acknowledge the extra special performances of the trophy winners Dayle, Troy, Nathan and Liam.

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My thanks go to Craig, Jane Nicholson who did the scoring, Lawrie Moore who conducted the training sessions and Tony Harris for his guidance and support. I would also like to thank the ground crew, all the helpers around the place including Johnny Russell and the parents and supporters particularly at the grand final. Finally without the support of my wife Helen I would not be able to quench my baseball thirst. Thanks Helen!

Terry Fitzgerald

Under 16

The U 16's year this season was full of Peaks & Troughs..
The start of the Season went well winning 2 out of 4 Games, and then H & G dropped out of the Div 1 leaving only Seven Teams in Div 1.
From there on things started to get tough, hit with injuries. U16's Players going up to U18's. Wednesday night training's being rushed, because of the Claxton Shield Training using the field from 6.30pm.

For me I thought this was ok, because the players could see how to go about the drills required for making the plays in game situations.
The pitchers & catchers could watch how smoothly the State players worked.
Only winning two more games for the season wasn't a true result of the effort the players put into the trainings and game day.
Once again the Xmas break turned things around, with some position changes and picking up Thomas Grills from Darwin. We gave West Torrens & East Torrens a good run and then winning against Golden Grove in the last minor round game was a good high for the Players.

So finishing Sixth with *4 Wins, 7 Losses, 1 Draw*
We managed to make the Finals, but had a bad day losing 13- 6 to East Torrens.

Some Special mentions for the 2010 Season:

Josh Atkinson hit a quality home run.

Thomas Grills' effort for the 5 games since arriving at the club

Rhys Owen making top 5 in votes

Callum Robinson: efforts pitching, short stop and then catching.

Dushan Sofanic: not sure always there, mostly injured. Didn't train a lot, however never missed a training or game day.

Tyson Reid: got hit in the face with a batted ball during warm up, didn't play after that.

Josh Lochiel & Troy Nicolson for helping out throughout the year.

Big Congratulations to the Trophy Winners

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Ben Ingham – Coaches Award
Callum Robinson – Batting Award – 468
Callum Robinson – M.V.P Award

I would like to thank the parents & carers for dropping off the kids for training & the game days

We had several different time slots this year for the games!

Many Thanks again to Jo Owen and Karen Robinson for scoring & all the other work done during the season.

To Derek Milne, Marty Ingham and Craig Robinson for their assistance with training and game day's during the season, Thank You Very Much.

Five player's are moving up into U18's, good luck and I hope we have set you up to carry on with your goals in baseball.

Final Thanks to Terry Fitzgerald and all the Committee for their hard work to run the Woodville Baseball Club.

Lawrie Moore

Under 14

Pre-season looked promising with 3 new players enrolling. We were very lucky they did as we ended up with only nine players in the squad. It was terrific to welcome Matt, Shawn and Sam K to the club. I hope the boys and their families enjoyed their first year at Woodville and stay with the club for many years to come.

Having only nine players made it difficult in some respects but meant the boys got 100% game time when they were available. I would really like to thank the under 12 boys, and their parents, who helped out on several occasions. Hopefully it gave them a taste of what is to come in the year or two ahead. While I'm saying my thank yous I would like to thank Wayne Dienhoff, Anne Williams and Nathan Nicholson who assisted with coaching either on game day or at practice; Deanna Jones and Wayne Cunningham for doing the scoring and the parents who helped with pitch counts.

To all the under 14 parents I say thanks for getting the boys to training and to games and for supporting Club functions (which are vital to the Club, while providing a different setting for the boys to bond). I hope that your boys learned a bit more about the game and they enjoyed their season and, in turn, so did you. We'd love to see all of you again next year.

Our season was a story of two halves. We won only 2 of our first 8 games, and then of the last 7 games we won 4, drew 1 and lost only 2. At the end of the minor round we were locked away in 6th place with Adelaide, whom we

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had beaten twice, and only missed out on playing finals by runs for and against percentage (only 12 runs behind). It was disappointing to miss out on playing finals, which is always a great experience for the boys, but we finished off the season with a stirring win over Glenelg in very difficult conditions. As Brayden said in the last innings, this was our grand final. I was stoked to see three of our boys, Josh (Lockie), Ryan and Troy make the Adelaide Northern Little League team who played a 3 day tournament at West Beach against the Adelaide Southern side as well as teams from Mt Gambier and the Riverland. Troy also made the under 14 State side. It is reward for their efforts and should give them plenty of confidence going into their second year of under 14s next year.

Zeb Cunningham-Brown – One of our 2nd year players, and one of the team entertainers, was very solid in defence at 3rd base in particular.

Ryan Dienhoff – Ryan was versatile in the field. He was very solid on the left side of the infield with his strong arm. He caught, pitched a couple of times and played outfield. Congratulations Ryan on making your first representative side (Adelaide Northern Little League).

Matt Durlinger – Matt was a new recruit fresh from the United States who, frustratingly for all, started slowly with the bat before getting hot near the end of the season to finish with a .393 batting average. Matt, being a lefty, was our main first baseman and also caught fly balls in the outfield with confidence.

Shawn Jones – Shawn was another of the new recruits who joined us after playing with success in the Mt Gambier little league side. A quiet guy, Shawn hits a long ball when he gets onto them and he pulled off some amazing plays at short stop. Shawn's consistency will improve with his confidence.

Sam Keneally – Sam who, along with our other Sam, dwarfed most of the team, was our 3rd new recruit. Sam was in his first year at the Seaton High baseball program. He ran the bases well and scrambled to a .321 batting average.

Joshua Loechel-Baker (Lockie) – Lockie did a great job as our regular lead off hitter and our main catcher. He was our highest run scorer (19) and had a batting average of .319. Lockie is the team comedian who matured this year into a team leader with an ever improving knowledge of the game and a greater focus. He received our Best Team Man award and made the Northern little league side.

Brayden Marchioro – Brayden is one of a few intense guys we have in the side. A team motivator. When he crosses the line it's down to business and he's in the business of hitting, finishing with the 3rd highest hit tally of the team (16) and a .327 average. He was versatile in the field, pitching, catching and playing both infield and outfield.

Troy Nicholson – Troy, the winner of our MVP & Batting trophies, batted .595 with 25 hits and an on base % of .642. He was the 2nd highest run scorer with 18 and had the least strike outs in the side. He was our main pitcher finishing with 54 strike outs and only 27 walks. He finished 4th in the

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medal count and made the state side as well as the Northern Little League side.

Sam Williams – Sam was the winner of the Runner-up MVP award. Sam, a second year player, got 22 hits for the season to finish with a batting average of .468 and an on base % of .500. He got the most extra base hits (6) and hit our only home run for the year. Sam was very solid in the field and really shone as a pitcher as the year went by. His complete game shut out against Adelaide was a highlight.

As reflected above there were some terrific individual performances and great team success in the latter part of the year when everything clicked. But this was an impressive group from a behavioural perspective and in regards to their work ethic. Attendance at training was high week in week out for most of the team and I hope this was a reflection on how much they enjoyed playing together. There is a good nucleus of players here who will all play together over seasons to come. If we can pick up another couple of players and have a consistent year these boys are definitely a competitive finals unit.

With some quality players coming through from under 12s and a core of guys from this years team we can be hopeful of good results next year.

I can not go without thanking the people who helped us get to the field; the Board; the ground crew; those who umpired home games and of course the many other volunteers who help run our successful Club. Thanks to you all. But mostly thanks to the under 14 boys who gave me such enjoyment and to the parents for your support. Best wishes to all for next year.

Shane Nicholson

Little League

The 2009 / 2010 Under 12 playing group had a fantastic season. The boys worked really hard throughout the year and played some good baseball. This continued through to the finals series where the guys again played well, and enjoyed some success. A brilliant semi final win against Port Adelaide, where the lead changed two or three times throughout the game, resulted in a grand final birth against an undefeated Golden Grove.

We ended up losing the grand final, but one pleasing aspect for the coaching staff was to see the boys fight it out all the way to end. At one stage we had the opposition panicking a little, which was for the first time Golden Grove had been put in that situation throughout the entire season.

It was a great achievement and wonderful experience for such a young playing group and they should be very proud of their achievements.

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The improvement and commitment shown by all the guys was fantastic. Every player improved as the season went on, and more importantly they seemed to have a lot of fun along the way.

Everyone had a chance to play in a variety of positions, and our fielding, pitching and catching was excellent. Our hitting was also good, with four players hitting above .500 for the season.

The coaching staff would like to congratulate each player on their achievements throughout the year. Everyone associated with the boys should feel very proud of the way they represented the Woodville Baseball Club, both on and off the diamond.

Congratulations to Emmanuel Hirschausen and Nathan Behrendt for finishing in the top five in the Association medal count.

I would like to thank the coaching staff of Phil Hirschausen and Steve Saunders for their help throughout the year. Also many thanks to Chris Papps for taking on scoring duties for the first time.

The coaching staff would also like to thank all the parents and carers who helped throughout the year, and also for getting the boys out to training and games.

We have the nucleus of a very good Little League baseball team, and I'm sure we will continue to be successful if we can get everyone out again next year. It should be another exciting year, and look forward to seeing everyone at the start of the 2010/2011 season.

Wayne Dienhoff

Tee-Ball

This season we were lucky with the weather missing only one night due to heat and the nights were well attended throughout. Once again our numbers remained static around 35 kids and there was a full cross-section of ages which made it hard with the advanced kids in with the beginners.

The Committee is keen to increase numbers to broaden our Clubs player base, if successful this will allow us to split the players into groups more aligned to their talents, which will in turn allow the kids to advance and enjoy the game more.

Once again we had our own Presentation night which was well attended; we would love to see these numbers at our Family Fun Nights.

Thanks to Adam Newbound who helped me most nights and the cast of senior players that helped throughout. Thanks to Jo and Dave, Enza, Karen

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and all those who worked the canteen and Family Fun Nights, also the Committee who always support us.

Graham Newbound

Woodville Junior Development Squad 2009 (Junior Senators)

The Woodville Junior Development squad was again very successful in 2009. We had approximately 22 participants ranging from U12's through to U16's. This year's winter program was held at Seaton High school, this was great as it enabled us to cover a variety of skills due to their excellent indoor facilities. The focus this year was divided between hitting, throwing, pitching & catching. The players must be congratulated for their participation and attention during the sessions. Thanks to Lawrie Moore as the head coach and also to the coaching panel of Shane Nicholson, James Henty, Phil Hirschhausen, Wayne Dienoff & Steve Saunders. Also I would like to thank the other coaches who willingly gave up their time to help with the group's skills development.

The winter program has established itself as an important facet in promoting and building our Junior ranks. This program has become a trendsetter, with other clubs now conducting similar program. Our program provides our young playing group a solid foundation to build & reinforce skill development. This is evident as some of the players who have participated over the last 8 years are now playing at state level, overseas or in our division 1 team. While I encourage our players to aspire to these levels, an aim of our program is also to promote teamwork, fun and life long friendships through the game of baseball. I would like to thank everybody who have supported the junior program in the past and the hopefully in the future. I would to thank the Board for their ongoing support as well as Shane Lodge & Dave Owen for organizing the gear. Finally I would like to quote Don Klæbe who said,

“Our juniors are the most vital & important asset our club has and we must continue to support them by putting our money into this vital area”.

Grant Behrendt

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FINALS STANDINGS – SEASON 2009/10

TEAM	STANDING AFTER MINOR ROUND	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	FINAL RESULT
DIVISION 1	10 th	9	14	0	NO FINALS APPEARANCE
DIVISION 2	5 TH	14	8	2	LOST PRELIMINARY FINAL
DIVISION 3	3 RD	13	4	1	LOST PRELIMINARY FINAL
DIVISION 4	4 TH	11	5	2	LOST SEMI FINAL
DIVISION 6	5 TH	11	6	1	NO FINALS APPEARANCE
UNDER 18S	3 RD	10	3	1	PREMIERS
UNDER 16S	6 TH	4	8	1	LOST SEMI FINAL
UNDER 14S	7 TH	6	8	1	NO FINALS APPEARANCE
LITTLE LEAGUE	2 ND	6	5	1	LOST GRAND FINAL

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SEASON 2009-2010 TROPHY WINNERS

DIVISION 1

Keith Mortimore Perpetual MVP	Mathew Smith
Batting Award	Dylan Child
Coaches Best Rookie Award	Jackson Lodge
Golden Glove	Ben Lodge

DIVISION 2

Les Behrendt Perpetual MVP	Matthew Muegge
Batting Award	Jye Height
Best Team Man	Troy Weinert

DIVISION 3

Mark Peters Perpetual MVP	David Lodge
Batting Award	Phil Hirschausen
X Factor	Michael Doyle

DIVISION 4

Perpetual MVP	Ian Reval
Batting Award	Brenton Magor
Coaches Award	Martin Couzner

DIVISION 6

MVP	Stuart Yorston
Batting Award	Ashley White
Coaches Award	Aaron Petros

UNDER 18

Adam Lodge Perpetual MVP	Dayle Child
Batting Award	Troy Weinert
Best Team Man	Nathan Nicholson
Best Finals Player	Liam Huppatz

UNDER 16

Mt. Gambier MVP	Callum Robinson
Batting award	Callum Robinson
Best team Man	Ben Ingham

UNDER 14

Tony Harris Perpetual MVP	Troy Nicholson
MVP Runner-Up	Sam Williams

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Batting Award	Troy Nicholson
Best Team man	Josh Locheal-Baker

LITTLE LEAGUE U12's

Ian Marsland Perpetual – Batting Award	Alex Dienhoff
Coaches Award	Zac Esca
Most Improved	Toby Saunders

GAME MILESTONES

200 Games	Brodie Wyatt
200 Games	Jamie Nikoletos
400 Games	David Lodge
500 Games	Ian Reval
500 Games	Garry Marsland
600 Games	Grant Behrendt

ARTHUR SEWELL AWARD	Grantley Weinert
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MARK BIGGINS AWARD	Troy Weinert
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KLAEBE CLUB AWARD	Lawrie Moore
	Bob Williams

DON KLAEBE AWARD	Sean Farrelly
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MAX BEHRENDT JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	Ethan Marchioro
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State Representatives and Australian Representatives

Little League All star Team:		Joshua Loechel-Baker Troy Nicholson Ryan Dienhoff
Under 14		Troy Nicholson
Under 18		Troy Weinert Dayle Child Jackson Lodge
Under 23	James Henty Wilson Lee Craig Abbott	Mat Smith Adam Newbound Yuma Mitsuhta
Claxton		Mat Smith Chris Doyle Jackson Lodge Ben Lodge Dylan Child
Schoolboys		Troy Weinert Dayle Child Wilson Lee
World Baseball Fair		Troy Nicholson
AA Australian Team		Jackson Lodge
MLBAAP Academy		Ben Lodge Chris Doyle Dylan Child
College		Chris Doyle
Signed Players		Dylan Child (Pirates) Wilson Lee (Pirates)
State Coaches		U14 James Henty (Assistant) U16 Josh Frick (Assistant) Claxton Tony Harris
AA Australian Coach /World Baseball Classic Coach/ MLBAAP Academy Coach		Tony Harris

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