

**2010-2011**

# Woodville District Baseball Club



**Annual Report**

*WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB*

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### **From the Chairman.**

2010/11 proved to be quite a satisfying year both on and off the field. Nine out of ten teams in finals, one premiership in Div. 5 (well done boys!) and an A grade side that had a Win/Loss percentage of over .500 and finished sixth and played finals for the first time in twelve years was very exciting! I believe this year we have taken a long stride toward attaining our goal of becoming a premier Club in SA.

It is again fair to suggest that if Jackson Lodge and Wilson Lee had stayed with the side the A grade would have won the elimination final series and given the next round a good shake as well! Of course, I could also mention Troy Weinert, and then there's Dylan Child and Chris Doyle.....

I must mention the extraordinary performance of Josh Tols in the finals and his efforts during the year – outstanding Josh! I look forward to your return from college in the States mate and I am delighted to hear that you are glad you came back to your 'home' Club. Also, a real solid year from Ben Lodge who lived up to his father's rhetoric and then some! It is only going to get better for you Ben, and I believe that many of the lads at the senior level grew markedly in stature, both physically and in mental toughness. A little more patience at the plate.....

Anyway I feel we have a lot to look forward to from this group. (Eat your heart out Craigy)

Congratulations to Josh Frick who, as a first year Senior Coach, did remarkably well and should be extremely proud of the way he conducted himself and lead the Club. Working well with his assistants Lawrie Moore, Adam Lodge and Darren Annear, he continued the kind of program that his predecessor, Tony Harris, had implemented and the team and the whole Senior Club gelled enthusiastically under his leadership. As you are probably aware Josh is pursuing a career in the SA Police Force and we may lose him to our country cousins next summer. Nevertheless he has committed to being intrinsically involved off season and will take his place in the coaching panel if he is not seconded to the bush.

Congratulations also to the outstanding young players who have excelled themselves this year and brought pride to the Club. Jackson Lodge is the latest Pittsburgh Pirates signing and he is currently enjoying extended spring training along with Wilson Lee and Dylan Child. The continuing challenge for the Club remains to develop and grow despite the possible absence 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 the future looks bright.

Finally on the field, the other senior sides performed well with Div. 7 also making the Grand Final. Well done to all the coaches and players involved and all the trophy winners. On the junior side, it was another good year with all the sides making the finals. The T-ball program continues to develop and we have assembled a Junior Committee to oversee and nurture the whole group and ramp up the sub-junior recruiting process. This younger group is the most important... each and every year. Finally, congratulations to the two medallists in the Club this

year, namely Stuart Yorston in Div. 7 and Rhys Owen in the U16s, and also to the boys that made State teams.

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We did really well financially this year with record profits in the canteen (well done Jo, Dave, Enza and all of their helpers), good results over the bar (many thanks Geoff and John), and some excellent new fund raising events including the Mouse Cup, which was an outstanding success. Special thanks to Josh for this and the ladies who helped organize this and all the regular Friday Night functions – an enormous job well done! We had a lot less pressure on us this past year in terms of not having an import player to fund and a first year Senior Coach, but we should all be very proud and grateful of the year's profit of over \$20k!

**Remember the collection of playing fees is vital to the running of the Club and we thank the Members for their improved performance in paying their fees, and we look forward to an even better result next year!**

The Goodwill series proved to be another success in 2010/11 and is on again for the 15<sup>th</sup> time in 2011/12! 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! Remember we will again be hosting a section of the Australian Masters Games in October and this will be of great financial assistance to the Club.

As I am sure you are aware, we have been successful in obtaining a grant from the Office of Recreation and Sport, and have secured financial assistance from the City of Charles Sturt to install the new and improved backnet. There is a lot of peripheral work involved and a special effort is being put in by Grantley, Dave, Jeff and the boys to ensure that this facility continues to be the envy of other clubs. Well done guys, many thanks.

I must praise the efforts of the Board for their time and energy throughout the year. A lot was achieved and the Club ran smoothly without too many glitches. Special mention must be made of the ground crew, the equipment guys and those who assisted. Thanks to the Members again for their commitment and attendance at the Senior Presentation Night at the Cyprian Community Centre – it was an excellent venue, the food was great and consequently everyone had a good night.

At this point I am going to repeat verbatim my conclusion from last year's report:

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 this can all be short lived 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.*

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### **Baseball Report.**

This season Josh Frick stepped up to be the Coach of the Division 1 squad. Josh did a great job for his first year as Coach with such a young group. Congratulations to Josh and his team of players and coaches in making the finals after 11 years. Joining Josh were Adam Lodge, Lawrie Moore and Darren Annear (Div 2 Coach) as his assistants.

Eight teams made it to finals this season: Little League (U12), Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 and Divisions 2, 3, 5 and 7. Of all those though, only Division 5 won a Premiership. Congratulations to everyone involved.

I would like to congratulate all our Australian and State representatives, Club trophy and Award winners. Congratulations to Dylan Child, Wilson Lee and Jackson Lodge for their signings with the Pirates.

Congratulations go to Stuart Yorston for winning the Baseball SA Div 7 medal, Phil Hirschhausen for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> for Div 3 medal count, Josh Tols for making the Baseball SA All Star team as relief pitcher and Jackson Lodge as SASI Athlete of the Year.

We had three successful Presentation Nights, all of which were well attended. The Cyprian Club did a great job. Thanks to all that attended.

Once again we hosted a successful Goodwill Series. Bob Williams brought out three teams from the US, which played our U16, U18 and U23 state teams. This year we had a dinner for Bob, his coaches and the parents, which was well attended and enjoyed by all. We presented Bob with his Klaebe Award (from 2009), which he appreciated. This year two games were played at Norwood Oval on very hot days. Hopefully we can persuade Baseball SA to keep all future games at Woodville.

We held a Mouse Cup which was very well attended, very successful and a lot of fun. We also held a steak night which was also very successful.

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

Your work has not gone unnoticed.

Thanks also to Shane Lodge and Stacy Gogos (and Max Behrendt for helping out) for being Equipment Managers and to Geoff Rogers and John Russell for working in the Bar and canteen.

I would also like to acknowledge my fellow Board members for the tireless work that they have put in to their portfolios this year.

*Enza Henty*

### **Facilities Report.**

Season 10/11 was again a busy time for all concerned re facilities. While it might not be a visual thing, a lot of work has been going on behind the scenes re our wonderful neighbor and how we can work together.

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Without going into all the details, the outcome for us as a Club is that we will have vastly improved facilities that will be the envy of all Clubs.

Our batting tunnels will be fully sound proof, and this project is currently underway at a cost of \$16k in materials only. We are completing this project ourselves (saving \$20k) and as I write this, the project is at the half way stage.

Our biggest upgrade will be the removal and setup of the backstop on the main diamond. With all the little extras added in, this is a huge cost of around \$120k but will see something that will last for the next 40 years.

These funds are being covered by local grants, Council support and the hard work in fundraising that many members have conducted over the past few years. It is important that events like the Goodwill series and the up and coming Australian Masters are held at the club as they generate funds to assist future programs.

We are very lucky to have some of the most passionate and dedicated members within our club. It's the same group that I have mentioned in my previous reports and they are the ones that are recognized at our presentation night. Your efforts year in and year out are very much appreciated and we all have the Club at heart.

In closing, we have some exciting times ahead and more are planned in the coming years but we need to make sure that everybody in the Club is contributing in some way or another.

*Jeff Doyle.*

### **Club Report.**

It's been another busy year at the Club, as the years go on they seem to get busier!

October was a shocker, with a couple of break-ins (and a couple more unsuccessful attempts) resulting in the loss of most of our chocolate fundraising stock, fortunately were able to recover the loss with insurance.

A new alarm system was fitted in November as after many years service the original blew a gasket! That was closely followed by the oven. Unfortunately a lot of equipment seems to be wearing out along with the rest of us.

*Thank you again to all the helpers throughout the Clubrooms - Bar, Canteen etc. Week-in and week-out we are lucky to have great back-up in so much of the work involved in running a successful Club.*

As I mentioned last year Friday nights for juniors has enjoyed strong growth, with numbers hopefully continuing to rise in Tee-ball with the subsequent flow-on effect through the other ranks. This is where the future of the Club lies so it has been heartening to see more getting involved to help with the monthly Family Fun Nights. There are some big sittings for meals on these nights and help with

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the barby and serving are much appreciated. They are a great way to welcome new families to the Club as they show the Clubs' social side in its best light.

Fundraisers and social functions through the season were well supported and successful. Thanks to all members of the Social Committee who not only organised events but rolled up their sleeves on the night.

It's important to stress *all these people are volunteers*.

So thank you all again for your efforts. See you next season!

*Dave Owen.*

### **Junior Report.**

The 2010/11 season was a very successful year for the juniors, with every junior side making the finals. A big thank you must go out to all the Coaches who coached this year, it was much appreciated.

I would like to thank all the girls (Jo, Jane, Enza, Pattie) who run the canteen on Friday night plus two men behind the bar (Geoff & John) and a special mention to Dave who does all of the cooking on a Friday night, without each of you the Club would not be able to run on a Friday.

#### T-Ball

Thanks to Graham and Adam Newbound who trained the T-Ballers every Friday night and did a fantastic job and hope to see them out there next year.

#### 12's

We had a couple of new coaches in under 12's Steve Saunders and Andrew Lodge. They had a good year, playing children in different positions. The kid's had a ball. They made the finals but unfortunately were knocked out first round.

#### 14's

The under 14's did a great job making the finals but could not go all the way. A thank you goes out to Shane Nicholson, Phil Hirschhausen and Wayne Dienhoff who did a great job and we would love to see them in some sort of coaching role for the future.

#### 16's

Lawrie's boys had a slow start to the year but finished strongly to make the finals. Like the junior sides unfortunately they were unable to make a dent in the finals.

Congratulations also go to Nathan Nicholson, Callum Robinson, Sori Sawada, Rhys Owen, Troy Nicholson, Josh Loechel, Joseph Papps and Zac Esca who all made the top 5 in the SABL medal count. Well done to Rhys Owen who won the Under 16 medal.

It was a great year for all junior teams. I look forward to next season to see how much they have improved over the winter, so all teams can go on to take that next step forward in the summer season.

Shane Lodge.

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## **Marketing Report.**

Well after a very successful year on the field I would like to congratulate all those teams for making finals and the Division 5 team for succeeding. Well done to all the people who were involved. Congratulations go out to Troy Weinert and Chris Doyle. For a successful year in the College system and also to Jackson Lodge, Will Lee for being signed with the pirates and the ongoing success for Dylan Child who is still improving on the diamond for the Pirates as well.

We must not forget those players who made their respective age State teams including Rhys and Jesse from the Under 16s who were over looked for their own State and played well for the Territory team. Well done to all.

Sponsorship this past year has been a lot harder than I thought with the added pressure of not knowing anything about it. The Sponsor's day attendance was low, but with hard work within the next year I am hoping this area of the Club will improve.

Thankyou to all the 2010/2011 sponsors and look forward to your continuing support for the coming season of 2011/2012 season, hopefully with support from some new sponsors. The senior teams and I encourage all Members to support our Club in the coming season and to encourage the repeated success of this season on to next season. Thank you again for allowing me to be the Marketing Director for this season and hope we all can stand together for the coming season and very exciting times at Woodville Baseball Club.

**Craig Robinson.**

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*We wish to acknowledge these sponsors for their valuable support during the 2010/11 season.*

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

*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.*

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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<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.

For a copy of the Financial Report please contact Jo Owen.  
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### **Club Coach Report.**

This year we went into the season with a goal to make finals. In order to do this it was important that we went in with the knowledge that although we did still have a young side we had the ability and experience required to compete with the top sides in the competition.

We knew that it was going to be difficult for us to perform consistently well as we would be losing players week to week to the ABL with their extended season. Pitchers would become more important to manage. We were blessed with the return of Josh Tols for the season who performed above and beyond during the season and became a real work horse for us notching up some outstanding numbers in the process. We also obtained the services of Greg Mosel from Darwin/Glenelg who was a big contributor in the latter part of the year. In the off season the club also obtained 2 overseas players who arrived early in the year. However unfortunately we lost both these players to Canberra for the ABL.

Even with the unpredictability of our team during the year we ended the season with 13 wins, 10 losses and 1 draw, which saw us sneak into 6<sup>th</sup> spot and the finals on percentage. We visited Port for our round of finals where we won game 1 5-4 but lost the next 2 games 2-3 and 14-8. Although we were knocked out in the first round of finals this experience will only benefit the players in the future and they can look forward to achieving bigger things in the years to come.

All players that contributed to the team throughout the year should be commended on their efforts. We asked a lot of players this year and to their credit they took it upon themselves to show the maturity, resolve and work ethic that it took for the team to succeed during the season. With attitudes like this group and players who may be returning from overseas in the coming years the future of Woodville is nothing if not exciting.

Congratulations to all state representatives in all grades in particular our Bite representatives. Congratulations must also go to Troy Weinert who decided to attend college in the USA and to Jackson Lodge who signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates during the season. We wish both these guys the best of luck with their endeavours and know they will represent Woodville well. We also wish continued success to those people who were already involved overseas including Wilson Lee, Chris Doyle and Dylan Child.

I would like to thank all those people who helped out this year particularly coaches Lawrie Moore, Adam Lodge and Darren Annear, everyone who scored this year, Marie Mortimer, Enza Henty and Linda Frick. Batboy Tim Russell and Managers John Russell and Noel Annear. Also a big thanks to the grounds staff

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who work tirelessly to maintain the field as the best surface in the competition, all committee members and volunteers in the canteen and bar. Having such quality people around the club giving their own time is what makes the club successful and a pleasure to be involved with and I look forward to next season.

*Josh Frick.*

### **Division 2.**

Firstly I would like to congratulate all Senior and Junior teams on successful seasons.

I would like to thank the WDBC board for giving me the opportunity to coach this year.

Thanks to all the volunteers from the Grounds Crew, Scorers, Canteen Staff, and many others that help this Club run.

This was my first year coaching and with help from Adam, Josh, Lawrie and Phil, it made it a lot easier to do. My job was also made easier with the help of John Russell, Noel Annear and our legendary Bat Boy Timmy.

We had a reasonable year, we used a total of 31 players from a range of Div 3, Div 1, and under 18 teams.

As a team we played some really good games of baseball, but at times our inexperience showed.

We were able to make the finals again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year, but versus West Torrens we bowed out after controlling the majority of the game.

Due to the lack of numbers we struggled with our depth all year, we lost players to injury, and lost players with promotion to Div 1, due to the Bite and players leaving for their overseas gain.

We promoted under 18 players, who got to see the standard of Baseball that they need to achieve to be consistent Div 2 and Div 1 players. Well done to Nathan Nicholson, Liam Huppatz, Kevin Raison, and Marc Pellizzer, who I believe are a strong part of the Clubs' future.

Also thanks to the Div 3 boys and Nick Kuhn who all helped out.

Congratulations to Todd Height (MVP), and Liam Huppatz (most improved), and myself (batting).

Last of all, I truly would like to thank all the players who were able to make my job easier, and make it the season it was.

*Darren Annear.*

### **Division 3.**

This year was my first year as a senior coach with Division 3 and I have to say it was a very rewarding and enjoyable year. Coming off a good year last year, where we were beaten by a better team in Goodwood in the semi final, we were looking to continue our good form and push to make the finals again with the aim of reaching the Grand Final for the first time since we started back in the competition 5 years ago.

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The club decided to fill an additional team this year, with Division 4 being added and coached by Terry. The aim was to give an opportunity to some of the younger players either just out, or still in juniors, and to those players that weren't getting the opportunity to play at a level where they best fit. This opened a door for a few players this year to move up a grade or cement a position. Training as a squad with Division 4, a few guys from Division 5 and some U16 and 18's on a Thursday night was quite challenging at times and it wasn't uncommon to have 30 guys trying to squeeze onto the back diamond but we managed the best we could. Thanks to the Division 7 team for sharing week on week off.

We welcomed back a couple of familiar faces, in Telmo and Scott Kessner and enjoyed having an injection of youth into the side with Thomas Watson and Nathan Nicholson getting regular game time. We also had some Division 2 guys spend some time in the 3's. Some new guys joined the club also, Craig Langley and Arno Ziervogel come to mind with Arno starting in the 4's and ending up being a regular in the Division 3 side after a game winning at bat against Goodwood mid season. In all we had over 20 players that had game time in Division 3.

We started the season well and with some good efforts from Michael Doyle behind the plate and Murts and Telmo combining on the mound we were 6 and 4 and looking good for the finals come Christmas time. Our defence proved to be our strength this year again with our offense struggling at times and failed to score a run on more than one occasion. We had a couple of standout efforts with the bat for the year. After a slow start back, Scott Kessner turned up the heat at the midway mark and ended up with a .352 average. David Lodge was consistent again with a .300 average and played some great defence at 1<sup>st</sup> base. Doyle worked relentlessly all year behind the plate and was also consistent with the bat hitting .300 also.

We finished the year in 4<sup>th</sup> place with a record of 11 and 7. We faced our nemesis West Torrens in the 1<sup>st</sup> final, which we hadn't beaten in 5 years and smashed them out of the park with an impressive 11-3 win, with Murts throwing an awesome game and young Nathan Nicholson playing some great defence. We faced Goodwood in the semi final for the second year running at Goodwood and went there knowing we could beat them after beating them in the regular season. Once again Murts was throwing a great game and we were up 2-0 going into the eighth. Goodwood scored to make it 2-1. Murts came out and in the 8<sup>th</sup> and Goodwood scored 3 more due to some clutch hitting and we were chasing 2 to stay in the game in the 9<sup>th</sup>. We managed to score only 1 and our season was over. A disappointing end to a good season.

From a coach's perspective, we had a fantastic year and I look forward to seeing all of the youngsters coming through next year.

Thanks to Paul for his help through the season. It was Ozzie that got this team up and running 5 years ago and I'm sure that he has enjoyed watching the team grow each year. A big thank you to Lawrie Moore for his mentoring and advice in my first year as a senior coach, his experience is invaluable to the Club and I hope he continues to share his knowledge of the game for years to come. Thanks to Barbra Murton for scoring all year for us, and a big thank you to all the supporters that came out to cheer us on...

*Phil Hirschausen.*

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### **Division 4.**

Prior to the beginning of the season it was apparent that we, as a Club, had too many players to field just five senior teams in 2010/11. The logical spot to put the new team was in Div 4 where I thought we could field a blend of experience and youth and benefit the Club, the team and, importantly, the players.

Well, we did have the numbers, but they didn't come from the anticipated sources, with the experienced guys more inclined to stay with their usual groups and the better young players, just out of U18s, going into Div 2 and 3. Fortunately there were some new players to the Club and a small handful of U16 & U18 lads that were keen enough to help us field a team without too much trouble, each and every week. Having said that it is fair to say it was difficult to get a solid group together consistently with pitching being a headache early in the season.

There was a core of loyal followers and out of them emerged a guy who was making his return to the club. Kym Bridger played with enthusiasm and, blended with his experience, was an honest contributor to the team, particularly defensively. It wasn't until he put his hand up to pitch one day when we were a little short, that his true worth began to emerge. Now Kym has more challenges to play than most of us and to see him pitch nearly every week from that point on was really an amazing thing. Whilst not blessed with a blazing fastball, his consistency and accuracy was something to behold. He threw nearly 1100 pitches, 700 of them strikes and very often threw as many as 7 or 8 innings. Well done and thank you Kym!

Through Kym's determined efforts and those of Rhys Owen and Callum Robinson the team steadily built up some resistance and compiled a handful of wins finishing seventh on the ladder. Not surprisingly these three players took out the trophies – well done guys! I have to mention that the biggest single facet of the game that hurt Div 4 this season was our defensive frailty. We made way too many errors, more than 4 per game, and consequently nearly half the runs that were scored against us were unearned. Only practice and pride will fix this guys!

My thanks nevertheless go to every single player that took the field during the season, over 30 of them, and particular congratulations to those already mentioned as well as Arno Ziervogel, Jake Wilson, Steve Carr, and Craig Mortimore, all of whom made a significant contribution to the team. I urge all the players, particularly those that were new to the Club, to pursue the game in the future. I wish you all well.

Finally, my thanks go to Craig who took the reins several times during the year, and Jo Owen who did the scoring. I would, once again, like to thank the ground crew, all the helpers around the place and the family, friends and supporters of the players. Cheers!

*Terry Fitzgerald.*

### ***Division 5.***

After a disappointing 4<sup>th</sup> place last year in Division 4, thankfully the club realised we needed to inject some youth back into the 4's leaving us older blokes to return to div 5. We were thinking our training nights would take a similar look to

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previous years observing the A's to ensure they were up to scratch, however things changed thanks to Marty introducing his brother Steve from his UFC cage fighting gym to handle the fitness work. Along with another newcomer in Craig "Inkman" Langley, these 2 new boys on the block were out to impress.

A good start to the season was needed as we were to lose 7 players to the Brewers after round 3 for 2 games and did not want to be far off the pace.

The 1<sup>st</sup> game of the season saw us get off the mark with a tight 2 run win against ET. After spending a long pre-season in maximum security and having removed the home detention bracelets, Couzy & his cuz Cam joined the team for game 2 against Golden Grove where a great team effort gave us a 7-2 win.

A 19-3 win over H&G gave us the start we were after with the Brewers heading to the sun on the Gold Coast.

Game 4 against the Indians was not looking too good being down 7-2 going into the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup>. A sensational team hitting display over the next 2 innings where we put on 10 runs, enabled us to eventually take the game 12-8.

Our first loss for the season in game 5 against Port (our eventual GF opponent) where we lost by 1 run in the final innings – a great game in the end. Thanks to the guys who helped us out.

After tanning themselves in Qld, the Brewers were back and we journeyed out north to take on Playford City. A brilliant 7 run win against a tough opponent.

Going into game 7 in top position with Goodwood (along with Port & Playford), we had to get on top early – a 4 run 1<sup>st</sup> innings set us on our way and with another 4 runs in the 4<sup>th</sup>, we were able to take the game 9-4.

Playing Flinders away is always a good trip as they have the cheapest grog prices in town (before & after the game). They did not seem to be the force of a couple of years ago when we met in the GF and ended up winning 11-3.

Next came our nemesis in Adelaide (lucky they did not make the finals). Cruising along at 6-0 after a solid effort on the mound by Shars, the Adelaide bats began taking charge after we gave Shars a rest and luckily escaped with a draw.

The final game before the Christmas break against ET had us back in the winners circle with a 7-0 win (that was a better pitching effort!!!).

Going into the break, we held top spot by half a game over Goodwood, with Port & Playford another game behind.

An excellent 5-3 win over Golden Grove on our return game after the break followed by another convincing win over H&G by 14 runs, set us up for the challenge of taking on the other potential finalists in the next 4 games.

We definitely come to play in the big games – wins against Indians 7-1, Port 3-1, Playford 11-1 and Goodwood 11-1 set us up nicely for a crack at the title and consolidated our position on top of the ladder and unable to be overtaken, A great team effort both offensively & defensively.

A five run win over Flinders in game 17 continued our momentum in readiness for another shot at Adelaide. Oh well, the return bus ticket provided to Darryl (or Daryl) for a chance to take the mound and pick up a win against

Adelaide in our last minor round game did not work too well. The ball hit the bat really well resulting in a 6-9 loss and left Adelaide being the only team we were unable to defeat all year.

Now to the business end of the season.....

A home semi-final win and the right to have a two week break for a shot at the GF was what we had been playing for all year. As we had done all year against Goodwood, a great start was required and we were well on our way with 3

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runs in the 1<sup>st</sup>. After scoring one run each in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, we continued to rack em up over the next 3 innings scoring another 5. We held on to our 8-1 lead till the end for a well deserved break. Another great all round team performance.

The final day had arrived for a chance to hold up the shield once again. This time, a different opponent in Port who was too strong for Goodwood in the preliminary. With a win each during the minor round, we were going to have to be on our game to take the prize. With both pitchers dominant, no one knew what it was going to take to break the game open. With no score entering the bottom of the fifth, a good rendition of "Sweet Caroline" relaxed the body & mind enabling the Senators to open the game up with 3 runs. Highlight of the innings, was Cam hitting a double (which he turned into a single) bringing in 2 rbi's. Defensively, we were able to close out Port over the final 2 innings for a well deserved win.

The effort of Rev on the mound throughout the year cannot go unnoticed. The ability to give up only 1 run over 14 innings in the final series is really quite an effort. Backed up by a quality defence on top of an outstanding offensive unit is the reason we are again – NUMBER 1.

Special thanks to our scorer throughout the year, Anne Symons – another fantastic effort and greatly appreciated by all the team for giving up your time.

Our loyal band of supporters who followed our weekly progress both home & away.

Thanks also to Tim Russell for saving himself for the big grand final day – luckily the clearance papers from the A grade arrived in time.

Congratulations to the trophy winners;

MVP – Ian Reval

Batting – Brett Conlon

Coaches – Steve Couzner

Thanks to all div 5 players who contributed throughout the season ( 22 in total) :- Rev, Cam, Marso, Steve Couz, Mags, Marty Couz, Frank, Bernie, Langers, Shars, Smurf, Mick, Behr, Soary, Frog, Ryan Marsland, Noel Watson, Sean Conlon, Stacey Gogos, Morty, Andrew Sperling & Wayne Marinoff.

*Ian Reval & Garry Marsland.*

### **Division 7.**

I would like to thank everyone who came out this year and played. We had Morty play his 900<sup>th</sup> game and there is no sign of him slowing down. Steve Saunders playing his 350<sup>th</sup>. Stuart Yorston Won the Div 7 Capps medal after coming 2<sup>nd</sup> for the last two years, well done Stu.

We finished second for the year to play Adelaide in the grand final; it was a close game that we lost 7-2. I would like to thank Keith Mortimore for being assistant coach this year. A big thank you goes out to Judie and Karen for scoring for us this year. Hopefully I see everyone back next year and we can go that one step further.

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### **Awards**

Capps	Stuart Yorston
M.V.P	Garth Lodge
Batting Trophy	Stacey Gogos
Most Improved	Gwillem Klippel Cooper

*Shane Lodge.*

### **Under 18.**

At the start of the season Cam and I weren't even sure we would have a team for the first game of 2010/11. We had an infield just about set with Sori Sawada and Nathan Nicholson as our starting pitchers, Callum Robinson catching, Nathan/Sori at first when not pitching and Kevin Raison and Liam Huppertz as our infielders. Our outfield consisted of one player in Josh Atkinson.

Fortunately for us the Enza and Jo along with the boys put out the word that we were short and a few weeks before the first game Luke Marchioro, Josh Barbo and finally Marc Pellizzer were added to the roster.

With the abbreviated pre-season most of the boys had and only the bare nine players nobody was really expecting us to come near the success of the Grand Final win of 2009/10. In spite of coming up against the top three sides in the competition in the first three games the team came out and through a combination of good pitching and hitting and a never say die attitude took Sturt and West Torrens to the limit losing by one run and led most of the day against East Torrens before losing in the end 6-3.

Although all three games were lost those games gave the team the confidence that they could compete against the best in the competition and they never looked back. By midway through the season they were sitting fifth and were unlucky not to be higher. Sori and Nathan were dominating the pitching and with Liam developing into a handy closer we won all but one of the remaining games before the Christmas break.

Another reason for our success throughout the season was the help of the Under 16 squad who filled in the gaps when players were unavailable due to exams, injuries and various other reasons.

We went into the second half of the season without Sori who had gone back to Japan to be with his family just before the Christmas break but picked up another quality player in Richard Carter who in spite of being a cricketer at heart turned out to be a valuable addition. Nathan Nicholson continued his great season on the mound that saw him selected to represent the State and along with the hitting of Kevin Raison and Callum Robinson the team put in a dominating performance against Sturt in the first game after Christmas. Luke Marchioro and Josh Atkinson cemented their positions in the infield as did Marc Pellizzer at first base whenever Nathan was pitching. Liam Huppertz proved to be a fantastic utility player filling in superbly in both the infield and outfield as well as closing out games for Nathan and Sori when he returned from Japan.

By the end of the regular season we were sitting fourth having barely missed out on third position in the last game.

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Going into finals we played Glenelg in the first week. We had lost two hard fought games to them during the season and knew going in that we were facing a difficult task. Glenelg got out to an early lead behind some great pitching and a couple of errors and in spite of a late comeback we fell just short losing 6-4 with loaded bases in the ninth. Special mention has to go to Sori Sawada and Nathan Nicholson who pitched fantastic games and to Liam Huppertz who went 3 for 4 once again proving what a great big game player he is (Liam won the MVP for the finals series in 2009/10). Callum Robinson, Sori Sawada and Nathan Nicholson all had great days with the bat as well.

Highlights for the season included:

- Sori Sawada who just before he went back to Japan pitched a shutout, no hitter, shutout in three games straight and batted .379 for the season.
- Nathan Nicholson who pitched superbly all year, batted .341 and made the State side.
- Callum Robinson who caught in both Under 18s and Division 4 and threw out close to a dozen runners at second and batted .341.
- Kevin Raison who played shortstop for most of the year and batting .391 hitting in the four slot including his first over the fence home run at Henley and Grange
- Liam Huppertz who played key positions in both the infield and outfield and developed into the "go to guy" in the late innings and also pitched in the Division 1 final against Port Adelaide.
- Luke Marchioro who came back to the Club after a few seasons off and was inspirational with his drive to succeed and never say die attitude.
- Nathan Nicholson, Sori Sawada and Callum Robinson who finished second, third and fourth respectively in the Under 18 medal count.

Trophy winners for season 2010/11 were:

Batting – Kevin Raison

Best Team Man – Callum Robinson

Most Valuable Player – Nathan Nicholson

Special thanks go to Karen Robinson for scoring all year and to Craig Robinson for helping out when Cam couldn't be there. Thanks also to the parents and supporters who came out every week and helped make this such a great season.

It was an absolute pleasure to coach such outstanding young players this year. Their talent, desire to succeed and love of the game was second to none. With most of the players in this side going up to the seniors next year and the current young group that already makes up the Division 1 squad the next few years are looking very bright indeed.

*Craig Mortimore & Cameron Britcher.*

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### Under 16.

This Year was a mixed bag of results!

Up until Christmas we were a 500% Club with 5 wins & 5 losses, with some close games.

two games were “blow outs” however winning against West Torrens was a highlight.

After Christmas things came together with three wins on the trot but finished with two losses.

We finished the season with 8 wins & 6 losses.

Unfortunately, we bailed out in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the finals losing to Sturt.

As players I thought they all worked hard during the year, working on all parts of the game. Stealing bases, bunting, and plenty of hitting. Defensively we also worked hard on the out fielders, working relays also bunt defence with 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> plays.

Pitching Staff was Rhys Owen, Matt Durlinger, Jesse Toepfer & Sam Williams.

***A special mention is the way Rhys pitches, especially after Christmas – an outstanding effort, which showed through, for Rhys winning the S.A.B.L under 16 Div 1 Best & Fairest. Well done to Rhys.***

Jess Toepfer controlled the field and showed good leadership with the playing group. He also batted well throughout the Year.

Well done to all players for an enjoyable year working with you.

#### **Trophy Winners:**

**Batting:** Jess Toepfer.

**Coaches Award:** Sam Williams.

**M.V.P:** Rhys Owen.

**U16 Div 1 S.A.B.L Best & Fairest:** Rhys Owen.

**U16 National Championships for Territories:** Jesse Toepfer & Rhys Owen.

I would like to thank the Parents & Carers for dropping of the kids for training & the game days.

Many thanks again to Jo Owen for scoring during the season.

To Derek Milne and Terry Fitzgerald for their assistance with training and game days during the season. Thank you very much.

Six 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 the hard work to run the Woodville Baseball Club.

*Lawrie Moore.*

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### **Under 14.**

This season we were lucky enough to have 3 coaches, which makes coaching a lot easier and more enjoyable. On behalf of the players and parents I would like to thank both Wayne Dienhoff and Phil Hirschausen for their efforts throughout the year. I think we worked well as a team. Phil is the skills specialist, Wayne is the motivator who keeps picking the kids up and I do a bit of the organising.

At the start of the year we had some goals:

- It goes without saying we want the kids to have fun. Coaches say that, every year, but it is an imperative factor in youth sport.
- I think most youth players would say though that the game, in fact any game, is more fun when you are winning. So we certainly had a goal of being competitive, so that the kids got a feeling of achievement and worth.
- We wanted the kids to experience playing in finals and we thought that we'd have to win 50% of our games to get there.
- But probably more than anything we wanted the kids to develop their skills and perhaps even more importantly their knowledge of the game. This is what will most aid their baseball competence and confidence and hopefully this will translate to them playing for the Club for many years.

So did we achieve these goals?

- We saw the players having fun a lot of the time. But naturally there were times when this didn't appear to be so much the case – this was a pretty competitive bunch, and competitive characters beat themselves up from time to time.
- In regards to seeing the skills and knowledge of the game develop – well as the year went on we saw things that made us say, "Hey they're getting this". While there were quite a few examples, one play that springs to mind was a 9 to 3 to 2 to get an out at the plate in our last game of the year. This is not an easy play at under 14 level. It's a cut off play from right field, through the 1<sup>st</sup> baseman, to the catcher. We practice it every week, but it is hard to get it right, particularly under game pressure, and we did it perfectly.
- We definitely reached our competitive target winning 8 out of 15 games and finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> spot with 4<sup>th</sup> best runs for and against percentage. We went on to win our first final before bowing out to the minor premiers.

Our playing group:

We had 11 players. Not a big group, but they were very dedicated to attending training and games. We had 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> year players and 7, 1<sup>st</sup> year players of whom 3 were still eligible for under 12s. So I definitely thank those guys for playing higher than their age group.

Josh Loechel-Baker (our MVP) and Troy Nicholson (Runner-up MVP) both made the state team that came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Perth, and both had great tournaments. Troy came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Josh came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Under 14 medal count.

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We welcomed Jordy Grose, who transferred from Port Adelaide, who together with Ryan Dienhoff performed strongly as the other 2 of our 4 senior players.

One of our guys was a girl. Kyra Hirschausen (our Most Improved Player) had her 1<sup>st</sup> year of playing baseball after many years of watching her dad. We welcome Kyra to the sport. While talking about “most improved” it would be remiss not to recognise Tom Davey who, like Kyra, improved out of sight this season.

Emanuel Hirschausen (our Best Team Man) was a pleasure to coach and Nathan Behrendt, who missed a few games with a broken toe, gave their all week in and week out.

Alex Dienhoff, Heath McCluskey and Sam McKay (our Max Behrendt Encouragement Award nominee), 3 great mates off the field, are all so competitive. Still being eligible to play under 12s they showed they will be a force to come in years to come.

I would like to congratulate all of our players on their efforts, their sportsmanship and their behaviour.

Some thank yous:

- My wife Jane for scoring every week. It a job no one wants to do, but it's a vital part of the game.
- To the parents for supporting their kids – it does mean a lot. Thanks for your time and support of the team and the coaches.
- To the ground crew and facilities team – we have the best ground in the league and you guys do a fantastic job week in and week out. Their workload is huge.
- To the board – particularly Enza, Jo and Shane – for your ongoing support.
- To all those that work in the canteen and the bar etc etc.

So, in signing off, I thank everyone who helped, I hope that the kids and parents enjoyed the year and will be back next year and I wish all the players the best for the coming season.

*Shane Nicholson.*

*Little League.*

We had a good season with over half of the team playing Under 12s for the first time.

All kids had a turn in every position to aid their development and knowledge of the game.

We finished the minor rounds in 4<sup>th</sup> position with the kids gaining valuable finals experience.

Thanks to all the parents for their valuable assistance and special thanks to my Coaching assistants Andrew Lodge and Frank Letamendia.

*Steve Saunders.*

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### **Tee-Ball.**

Once again we had an enjoyable season, numbers remained about the same but with the formation of a Junior Sub Committee we hope to increase numbers in the new season. It was pleasing to see our family fun nights and presentation night were well attended by the tee-ball people.

I wish the kids who are going up to little league the best, this year there is a crop of very talented sports people and I look forward to seeing you perform.

The League has plans for all Clubs to become involved in a Tee-Ball All-Star League which will have us marry up with three other Clubs for a series of round robin games with each Club hosting a round. This will force Clubs to coach an elite team of tee-ballers which in turn will have more knowledgeable and confident players entering the little league so the standard will lift.

Again I thank the Committee for their support, the Canteen and Bar workers for their tireless efforts and Adam for his continued help.

*Graham Newbound.*

### **Junior Senators.**

The Woodville Junior Senators programme continued into its 10<sup>th</sup> year in 2010. We had approximately 12 to 16 participants ranging from U12's through to U14's. This year's winter programme was held at our batting tunnels, which provided us with 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 the Coach's and in particular Shane Nicholson, Phil Hirschausen & Lawrie Moore. I would like to thank the other Coaches who willingly gave up their time to help with the groups' skills development.

The winter programme is an important facet in promoting and building our junior ranks. This programme has become a leader in junior development, with other Clubs now conducting similar programmes. Our programme provides our young playing group a solid foundation to build & reinforce skill development. We need to continue to encourage our players to aspire to playing at the highest level, however the aim of our programme is also to promote teamwork, fun and lifelong friendships through the game of baseball. I would like to thank everybody who has supported the junior programme in the past and the hopefully in the future. I would like to thank the Board for their ongoing support as well as Shane Lodge & Dave Owen for organising the gear.

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. When I look at our current division 1 team it is great to see a number of past participants now playing A grade and as well as some involved with the Adelaide Bite.

I would like to thank all those who over the past 10 years have helped make this programme happen. In particular I wish to thank Lawrie Moore who has been committed to this program over the whole time and we could not have done it without him. I have decided after 10 years it is time to pass on the running & coordination of the Junior Senators to Shane lodge. I wish Shane the best in the future with the junior program. I would like to thank all the players & parents who

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have supported the programme in the past and also in the future. Finally I am very proud of what has been achieved with the Junior Senators program.

*Grant Behrendt.*

### **SEASON 2010-2011 TROPHY WINNERS WOODVILLE BASEBALL CLUB**

#### **DIVISION 1**

Keith Mortimore Perpetual MVP	<b>Joshua Tols</b>
Batting Award	<b>Ben Lodge</b>
Players Award	<b>Ben Lodge</b>
Golden Glove	<b>Brodie Wyatt</b>

#### **DIVISION 2**

Les Behrendt Perpetual MVP	<b>Todd Height</b>
Batting Award	<b>Darren Annear</b>
Coaches Award	<b>Liam Huppatz</b>

#### **DIVISION 3**

Mark Peters Perpetual MVP	<b>Phillip Hirschausen</b>
Batting Award	<b>Phillip Hirschausen</b>
Coaches Award	<b>Michael Doyle</b>

#### **DIVISION 4**

Perpetual MVP	<b>Kim Bridger</b>
Best Team Man	<b>Rhys Owen</b>
Golden Glove	<b>Callum Robinson</b>

#### **DIVISION 5**

MVP	<b>Ian Reval</b>
Batting Award	<b>Brett Conlon</b>
Coaches Award	<b>Stephen Couzner</b>

#### **DIVISION 7**

MVP	<b>Garth Lodge</b>
Batting Award	<b>Stacy Gogos</b>
Most Improved	<b>Gwylim Klippel-Cooper</b>

#### **UNDER 18**

Adam Lodge Perpetual MVP	<b>Nathan Nicholson</b>
Batting Award	<b>Kevin Raison</b>
Best Team Man	<b>Callum Robinson</b>

#### **UNDER 16**

Mt. Gambier MVP	<b>Rhys Owen</b>
Batting award	<b>Jesse Toepfer</b>
Coaches Award	<b>Sam Williams</b>

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### UNDER 14

Don Klaebe Perpetual MVP	Joshua Loechel-Baker
MVP Runner-Up	Troy Nicholson
Coaches Award	Emmanuel Hirschausen
<b>Most Improved</b>	<b>Kyra Hirschausen</b>

### LITTLE LEAGUE U12's

Ian Marsland Perpetual – Batting Award	Joseph Papps
Batting Award	Zac Esca
Best team man	Zac Winkler

### GAME MILESTONES

200 Games	Jye Height
200 Games	Kim Bridger
200 Games	Nathan Nicholson
300 Games	Brett Conlon
900 Games	Keith Mortimore

ARTHUR SEWELL AWARD	Jane Nicholson
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MARK BIGGINS AWARD	Phillip Hirschausen/Adam Newbound
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KLAEBE CLUB AWARD	Pat Beatty
	Marie Mortimore

TONY HARRIS MOST PROMISING JUNIOR	Rhys Owen
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MAX BEHRENDT JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	Matt Durlinger
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## SEASON 2010-2011 TROPHY WINNERS BASEBALL SA

ALL-STAR TEAM	Josh Tols Relieving Pitcher
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CAPPS MEDALLIST Division 7	Stuart Yorston
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UNDER 16 BEST & FAIREST	Rhys Owen Len C. Poole Medal
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### State Representatives and Australian Representatives

Under 14	Troy Nicholson Joshua Loechel-Baker
Under 16	Rhys Owen (Territories) Jesse Toepfer (Territories)
Under 18	Nathan Nicholson Jackson Lodge
Under 23	James Henty Mat Smith Adam Newbound Greg Mosel
Adelaide Bite	Mat Smith Jackson Lodge Wilson Lee
Schoolboys	Sori Sawada Liam Huppatz
College	Chris Doyle Troy Weinert
Signed Players	Dylan Child (Pirates) Wilson Lee (Pirates) Jackson Lodge (Pirates)
State Coaches	U14 James Henty (Assistant)

### FINALS STANDINGS SEASON 2010-2011

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	DRAW	MINOR ROUND	FINALS
Div 1	13	10	1	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lost Elimination Final
Div 2	10	6	2	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lost Elimination Final
Div 3	11	7	0	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lost Preliminary Final
Div 4	5	11	2	7 <sup>th</sup>	Did Not Qualify
Div 5	15	2	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	Premiers
Div 7	11	4	1	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lost Grand Final
Under 18	8	6	1	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lost Elimination Final
Under 16	8	7	0	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lost Elimination Final
Under 14	8	7	0	5 <sup>th</sup>	Lost Semi Final
Little League	7	7	0	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lost Elimination Final

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